

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday, November 24, 2019



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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DIVINE SERVICE: Setting One

HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies"LSB 807

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8

P: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

C: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

P: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

C: May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



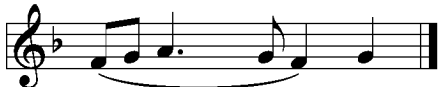
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³ “Your words have been hard against Me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’ ¹⁴ You have said, It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” ¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed His name. ¹⁷ “They shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

²⁷ And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!" ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when

You come into Your kingdom.” ⁴³ And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord is King”LW 179

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!**

**Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv’n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!**

**He sits at God’s right hand Till all His foes submit
And bow to His command And fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!**

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SERMON

APOSTLES CREED


**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends

of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" **LSB 610**

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (11/24/19-12/1/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

Tuesday: Board of Elders, 6:00pm

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Service, 6:30pm

Thursday: **NO THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Saturday: Christmas Decorating, 9:00am

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending November 17, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$4505.00; Blessings: \$15.96

Attendance: Thursday: 21; Sunday: 111

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS on November 27.

NEW MEMBER POTLUCK HAS BEEN MOVED to Sunday, January 19th. Look for more information closer to that date.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on Saturday, November 30. We begin at 9:00am. The more, the merrier!

Our study of **MATTHEW'S GOSPEL** resumes this Sunday, November 24, during the education hour.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm. No worship on Thursday, November 28.

Join the Ladies Guild for the **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK** on Tuesday, December 3, beginning at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Refreshments and dessert will be provided. The Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High singers will be entertaining us. Please sign up by December 1. (The sign-up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board.)

THE GIVING TREE this year will provide gifts to relatives of the Beidls who lost everything in a recent fire. Gift tags and instructions will be available in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LUTHERAN WITNESS subscriptions are once again available for order. The cost of the annual subscription (11 issues) will be \$22.56. If you are interested in receiving a subscription for 2020, please contact the Church Secretary with your name and mailing address by no later than December 15, 2019. Subscriptions begin in March.

Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Lutheran Women in Mission is reaching out to a world in need of the Gospel through mission grants. You have the opportunity to help reach others with the saving Word of Jesus.

On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, **Giving Tuesday**, December 3, you may donate toward the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Grants by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be doubled on that day, thanks to the commitment of two generous donors. You can HELP by sharing on Giving Tuesday.

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.)

The North WI District Board of Directors is taking the educational debt of our church workers very seriously. Over the past few months they have researched the needs of our NWD workers, reviewed the tools and programs implemented by other districts, and created a worker debt fund. In coordination with the December 3rd Giving Tuesday campaign used across the country, including multiple Synodical ministries, the staff has prepared a #GivingTuesday site for worker debt, with an opportunity to give online. We are striving to raise ten \$500 gifts for NWD worker debt. Please pray for our campaign to bring awareness and financial support for NWD workers. If you know someone with a heart for reducing worker debt, please share this link <https://grouprev.com/nwdworkerdebt>

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“May we thank the Lord always for valuing our lives enough to save them. For there is nothing greater to be thankful for today than a Father who spared not even the life of His Son to save ours. And trusting in this most precious work of Christ, we will arrive home again to share in a life that never ends.” *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*