

WELCOME TO GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 22, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Our Winter 2023 teaching series, "Esther, God's Influencer," continues with part two. There are often quiet seasons in life without big "tests" or trials, but it is the character we live at these times that prepares us for the big challenges. Join us as Pastor Jerry McNamara explores the actions of Esther and her uncle Mordecai, and how we, too might live out our faith. We will also welcome new members to the Gethsemane family!

LSB 822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

sts. 1–3

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory.
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that
blessèd flood,
And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.

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

C Amen.

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.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

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.

LSB 822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

st. 4

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;

Blest be His name forever!

With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises evermore

For all His grace and favor!

Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 2:19–23 NIV

¹⁹ When the virgins were assembled a second time, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate. ²⁰ But Esther had kept secret her family background and

nationality just as Mordecai had told her to do, for she continued to follow Mordecai's instructions as she had done when he was bringing her up. ²¹ During the time Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, became angry and conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. ²² But Mordecai found out about the plot and told Queen Esther, who in turn reported it to the king, giving credit to Mordecai. ²³ And when the report was investigated and found to be true, the two officials were impaled on poles. All this was recorded in the book of the annals in the presence of the king.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 6:7–10 NIV

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:32–36 NIV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[JESUS SAID] ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

ANCIENT WORDS

- 1 Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart
- 2 Words of life words of hope Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home

Ref: Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart

- 3 Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ

- 1 Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart

Ref: Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart
[REPEAT REFRAIN] O let the ancient words impart

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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.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: LSB 781 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN sts. 1–2, 5–6

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO FAMILY

CHORUS:

**Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
To share your life with us
As we grow in love
And may we always be to you
What God would have us be
A fam'ly always there
To be strong and to lean on**

May we learn to love each other
More with each new day
May words of love be on our lips
In ev'rything we say
May the Spirit melt our hearts
And teach us how to pray
That we might be a true family

CHORUS

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**Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
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As we grow in love
And may we always be to you
What God would have us be
A fam'ly always there
To be strong and to lean on
To be strong and to lean on
To be strong and to lean on**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER

C **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.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

LSB 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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LSB 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,

Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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.
C Amen.

LSB 643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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