LAST SUNDAY
IN THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
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Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

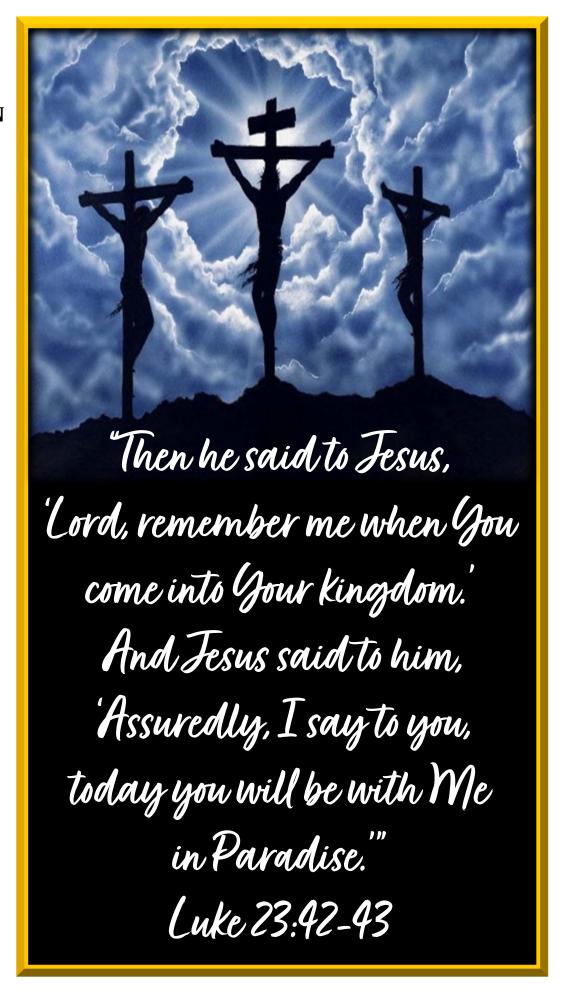
10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord Jesus Christ, by the blood of Your cross You have delivered me from the domain of darkness into Your kingdom of light. Strengthen me to find my identity, not in the things of this world, but in all You have done for me; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

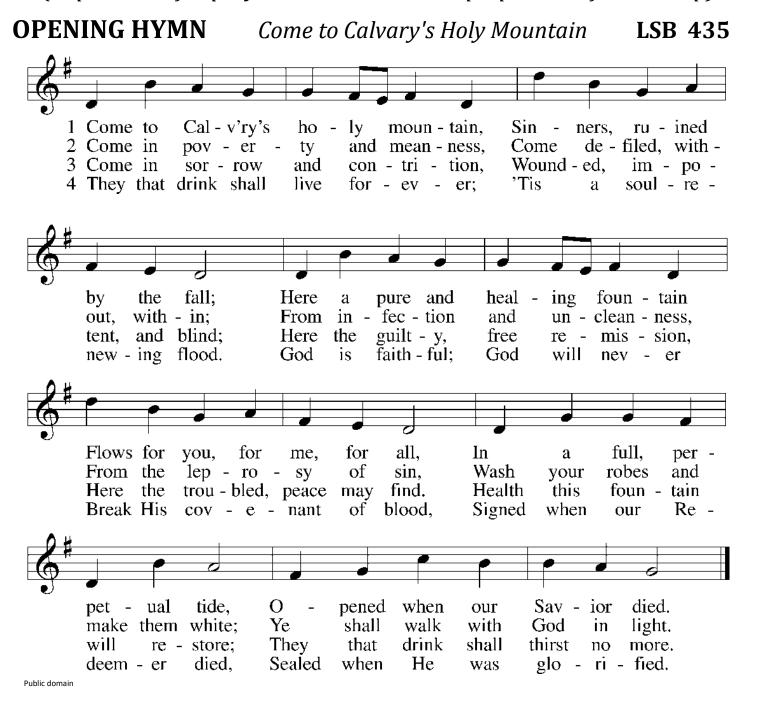
AS WE GATHER - "For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:19–20). On the cross, Jesus died for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus comforted one of the criminals crucified with Him. On the cross, Jesus interceded even for those who crucified Him. On the cross, Jesus makes peace by His blood.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR WELCOME

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)



Please stand

INVOCATION

- 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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- 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. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

P Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

- C Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord!
- P Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.
- C The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; 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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

6

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen. C

Please sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:13-18

(God's treasured possession)

13 "Your words have been harsh against Me," says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'

14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the Lord of hosts? 15 So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' " 16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them: So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

- This is the Word of the Lord. P
- **C**. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

- P The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.
- C God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- P Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- \mathbf{C} Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.
- P There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
- God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall \mathbf{C} [CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE] 7

help her, just at the break of dawn.

- P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
- C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- P Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolations in the earth.
- C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.
- P Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
- C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13–20

(Christ makes peace by the blood of His cross.)

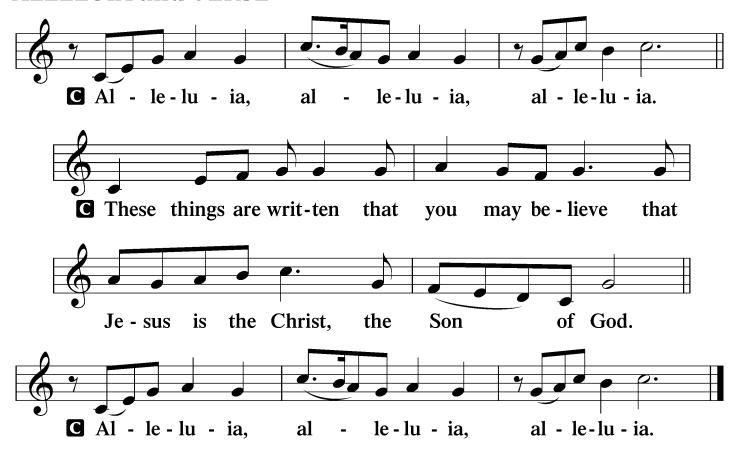
13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

(Jesus is crucified.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which 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 in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?" 32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do

not know what they do."

And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, re-member me when You come into Your kingdom."

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508; vs. 1-5



- 1 The day is sure ly draw-ing near When Je sus, God's a-noint ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o pened then to all, A rec ord tru ly tell ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car-nal plea-sures,



judge whom God all His pow - er shall ap - pear In Asbe - neath the ground Shall from who rest their sleep a -What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. wak - en. dwell - ing, trea - sures!

Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on who live will in that hour, But all By God's alev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And And all be. With shame and trem-bling they will stand And



flames shall ray - age earth might - y, bound-less pow'r, known as they have been judg - e's stern com - mand As Scrip - ture long has warned us. Be changed at His com-mand - ing. In thoughts and words and ac - tions. To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me: There is no condemnation!

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SERMON

"Facing the End"

(Luke 23:27-43)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508 vs. 6-7



- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) [using ASL (American Sign Language)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan. Surround us with Your truth and light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, we live in a world torn apart by war and violence. All human-made peace is only temporary, but You have made eternal peace by the blood of Your cross. Encourage us by Your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, we bring before You all who are struggling with infertility. Remind them that their identity is only in You and Your goodness and fruitfulness. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Give them the courage to ask for help. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people may see Your light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

C be our strong defender.

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

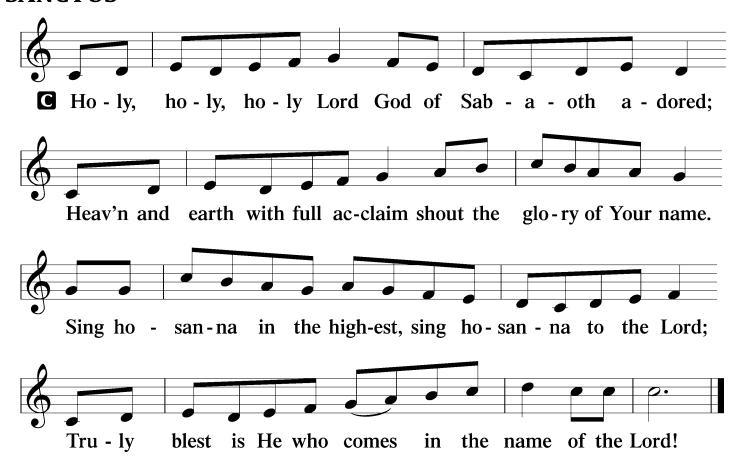
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten 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.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

All 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

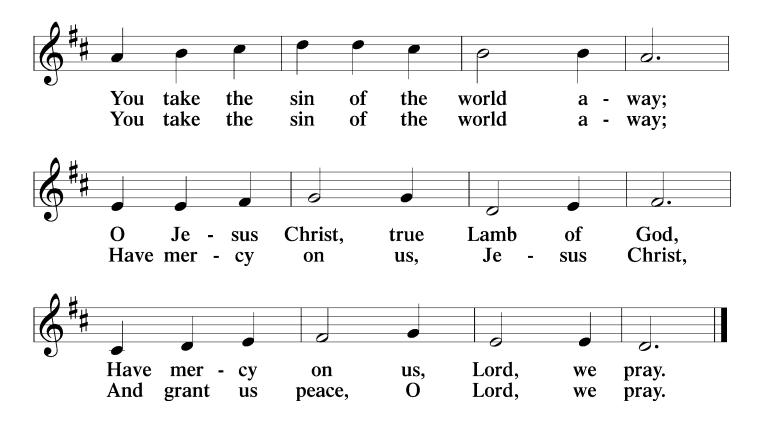
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when 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."

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI





Please sit

SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

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NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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 in 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 Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying LSB 516



- ing," 1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly -2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing,
- And all her heart with 3 Now let the heav'ns a - dore all Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; is spring - ing; joy sing be - fore Thee "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" She wakes, she ris - es from her With harp and cym-bals' clear - est tone.

The watch-men on



Mid-night hears the wel-come voic es And the thrill-ing her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in For Of one pearl each shin - ing por Where, join-ing with the tal.



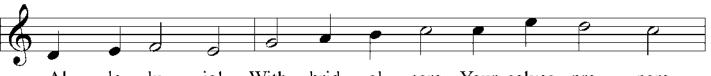
re - joic - es: cry truth vic - to - rious; choir im - mor - tal.

"Oh, where are ye, vir gins wise? ye is ris'n, her light Her star is come. gath - er round Thy We ra diant throne.

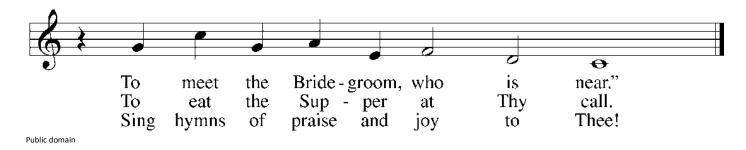


The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Thou Bless - ed One, Now come, No has seen the light. eye

Your lamps with glad - ness take! Je - sus, God's own Son, Lord No has heard the might ear



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al Your-selves pre care pare Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall Thy glo - ry; There - fore will E - ter - nal Of we ly



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for October to December 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: 1 John 3:16

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.



Reminder

Church Council
Budget/Nominating Meeting
Tuesday, November 29,2022
7:30 p.m.

Sermon Notes:				

Advent Midweek Sermon Series:

"Redeeming the Time in These Last Days"

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

Please join us. We'd love to taste your favorite soup.

Please sign up to share your soup!

6:00 p.m. Service

(Pastor Goetz will lead the services and preach.)

November 30th

As Children of Light, Redeeming the Time Among the Brethren Ephesians 5:8-21

December 7th

As Seasoned with Salt, Redeeming the Time to Those Outside the Faith Colossians 4:2-6

December 14th

As Equipped Men and Women of God, in Perilous Times 2 Timothy 3:1-17

December 21st

As Those Testifying for the coming Christ 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christmas Eve Service, December 24th @ 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service, December 31st @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Plate: Plate: Plate: Plate: Envelopies: Null be available Memorial: In the Total: Bible Class: \$.00

First Sunday in Advent Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14
Matthew 21:1-11 or
Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	:
	November Sunday Servants	
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	Last Sunday in the Church Year	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	First Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am