



“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes.” Rom1:16

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A Warm Welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us this morning.

Prepare for Worship: Psalm 33 Hymnal pg. 131

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see Your great goodness and sing your praise. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive and rejoice in your forgiveness and salvation. Strengthen us to live as your true children all our days until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

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



A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 758 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction speak within these walls today.

3 Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

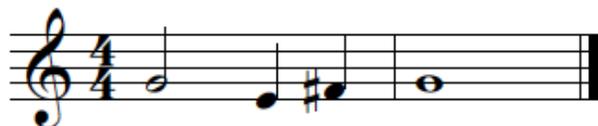
Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray, Oh Lord, by your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you would be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.



A - men.

Glory to God:

Glo - ry — be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spi - rit; — As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and al - ways will be
for - ev - er - more. A - men.

P: With our sins forgiven, we also have access to the throne of grace to seek God's mercy in all areas of life.

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Prayers or Mercy: May God show mercy to Waldemar and Rosemarie in their weakness. And to Karrie who will have surgery tomorrow and Kenneth Nyman who is recovering from heart surgery.

P: The Lord be with you,

And al - so with you

Scripture Lessons: Acts 14:8-18

8 In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed 10 and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: 15 “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. 16 In the past, he let all nations go their own way. 17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” 18 Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . .

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Response of Praise:

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands:

C: Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

P: Say unto God, How awesome are Your works:

C: Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies submit themselves unto You.

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: The Lord has sent redemption unto His people. Hallelujah!

P: It was necessary for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead:

C: And thus to enter into His glory. Hallelujah!

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.



Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: 201 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heaven and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence!

Sermon: Psalm 23:4-6

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.”

Theme:

Perfect Peace

I. As We Walk Through Valley of the Shadow of Death.

II. In the Presence of My Enemies

III. Forever

Hymn: 784 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

6 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 12 new a right spir - it with - in me _____ Cast me not a -
 way from your pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -
 hold me with your spir - it free. _____ Cre - ate in me a clean
 heart, O ___ God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. _____

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 648 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.



Scripture Treasure to Remember
Isaiah 26:3

*“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Study after the service.

Monday - Board of Doctrine meeting 12:30 to 3:30.

Tuesday - Catechism Class at 4:00.

Thursday - Shut in Visit at 1:30.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15.

Second Quarter Voter's Meeting

Our second quarter voter's meeting which was scheduled for today has been postponed to next Sunday after the service. If anyone has any items for the voters to consider, please speak with one of the voters or with the pastor before that time.

“Daily Rest” Devotional

The subscriptions are due for the *Daily Rest*. The cost is \$15. USD which is about \$20. Canadian. Sign up today for another year.

CLC Call News

Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA.

Peace Thru Christ 50th Anniversary

Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI (Madison area) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 19, 2022.

Mission Prayer Needs

Myanmar – Esther, an orphan supported through Kinship, has been suffering from an unknown illness affecting kidney functions. Pray that our Lord may restore Esther’s health.

Life continues to be difficult for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar as the military junta continues to rule with brutality. Many protestors have been imprisoned, killed, or are missing. The military continues to make it difficult for Christians to gather for worship and prayer. Most government offices and services remain closed, along with banks and financial institutions. Food and daily necessities are scarce, and prices have increased. We are thankful that the Lord has provided an opportunity to send funds to Myanmar again so that we may help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. Pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times.