



## **As We Gather     25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost   Nov. 10, 2024**

As the liturgical year is coming to its end, God our Father gives us great encouragement that our salvation and deliverance from sin and sorrow is complete because of the forgiveness won for us by the blood of Jesus, the one and only sacrifice for your sin and the source of daily cleansing, faith, hope, confidence, and love. This faith is certain and full of hope even if your current circumstances would have you think otherwise. As God provided for the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17), so was the widow's offering (Mark 12) an expression of confident faith in God's promised salvation. No clearer picture can be given of the certainty of hope in Christ our Savior than in the letter to the Hebrews as it tells of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that not only forgives but takes away all sin and supplies us with newness of life by His life-giving body and blood all our days!

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. Thank You.**

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

#### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN #901 “Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty”**

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 9:15*

- P** I was glad when they said to me,  
**C** “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
**P** Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,  
**C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Hebrews 9:22, 26b*

- P** Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.  
**C** Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.

- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**WORD**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 107:1–2, 41–42; antiphon: v. 8*

- P** Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
**C** for His wondrous works to the children of men!

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**  
**P** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
**C** **whom He has redeemed from trouble.**  
**P** He raises up the needy out of affliction  
**C** **and makes their families like flocks.**  
**P** The upright see it and are glad,  
**C** **and all wickedness shuts its mouth.**  
**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 them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
**C** **for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

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## KYRIE

**P** For the peace that comes from knowing the grace of God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I am, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace in realizing that we have been freed from slavery in sin to look toward the promised land of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace and assurance that God calls us to work for Him and promises to accompany us to accomplish His will, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING    1 Kings 17:8–16**

“Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING    Hebrews 9:24–28**

“For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **VERSE**

**P** Alleluia! You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

**C** Alleluia!

## **HOLY GOSPEL                      Mark 12:38–44**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“In his teaching Jesus said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

## **SERMON “Living and Giving in Uncertainty” Mark 12:38-44**

## **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**

- P** Lord God, our confidence and hope of life everlasting, graciously hear our prayer for Your whole church everywhere in the world, especially for those who hold steadfast to Your Word and promises. Sustain all faithful pastors with Your grace that they may deliver Your Word of salvation to all. Keep all Your people in peace and unity of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, O God. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY #806 “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now, let the weak say “ I am strong”, let the poor say “I am rich”,**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now, let the weak say “ I am strong”, let the poor say “I am rich”,**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.**

## SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

## PROPER PREFACE

**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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 *LSB 178*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” by Martin Nystrom, Gerrit Gustafson

- P** (*sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”
- C** (*sung*) “So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed Your blood  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed your blood.”

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## 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.

## PAX DOMINI

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

## AGNUS DEI *LSB 180*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**#801 How Great Thou Art    #950 Splendor and Honor**  
**#623 Lord, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray    #752 Be Still, My Soul**  
**#782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, we give You thanks for giving us a participation in Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and Your gift of eternal life. Help us to live with a clear conscience and confidence in Your eternal promises; for Your live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given in Thanks to God

**Reader Today: Kathy Hammar**

**Last Week's Attendance: Worship 91    Bible Study 23**

**PRAYER LIST: Judy Duncker, rehab; Jim Sims, hospital; Noah O'Neill, for encouragement and continued healing in recovery.**

**THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat and lunch. It was very successful. We appreciate you!! Brandy Sula, Director**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sun. Nov. 10 11:15 am Semi-Annual Cong. Meeting**  
Mon. Nov. 11 10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
Mon. Nov. 11 1:00 pm Men's Bible Study  
Wed. Nov. 13 10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
Thur. Nov. 14 10:30 am Support Group  
Thur. Nov. 14 10:30 am Jesus Time  
Thur. Nov. 14 3:00 pm Choir  
**Sun. Nov. 17 8:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Fellowship.**

### IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

The goal this year is to share God's love with 250 children through gift-filled shoeboxes. There are two ways to fill a shoebox. You can pack a traditional shoebox with quality toys, school supplies and personal care items and bring it to the church no later than **Sunday, Nov. 17. OR,** for \$25 you can build a shoebox online via link <https://sampur.se/3XSyJUg>. Questions? Call Carol Van Lente 208-252-1558

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be finishing up our Bible Study on November 11<sup>th</sup>. For any ladies who are currently in our study or would like to jump in when we start the new one, this information is for you. It will be an **8 week session called Myth or Faith, (Clearing up misconceptions about Christianity)**. The misconceptions will be about: God, Salvation, The Bible, Belief, The Church, The Sacraments, Worship & Prayer, the World. I have 25 books. **Please call or text me in the next 2 weeks. Christine Constien 815-409-2035.**

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.

### BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 17 Mary Ellen Ethington    Nov. 19 Deb Thomason    Nov. 20 Zachary Seamann  
Nov. 23 Kathryn Kinoshita    Nov. 25 Kay McPhail

### ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 18 Mike & Darlene Carpenter    Nov.25 Harold & CC Sersland

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