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they will not be convinced
even if someone rises from the dead.

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☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☞

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 201

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained

servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;

O thank Him for His Goodness!

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

C: **O Lord, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may, in all things, direct and rule our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS

Christian Worship 3-Year Series — Year C

The Old Testament — Amos 6:1-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!
Go to Kalneh and look at it;
go from there to great Hamath,
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?
Is their land larger than yours?
You put off the day of disaster
and bring near a reign of terror.
You lie on beds adorned with ivory

and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.
You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.
You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

The Epistle – 1 Timothy 6:6-16

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where

he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] **Amen.**

HYMN 199

Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations

THE SERMON

Witness

Luke 16:27-31

HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 202

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

THE COLLECT

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

THE 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 on you with favor and give you His peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 191

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



No birthdays this week.

LAST WEEK

31 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,522 of which \$50 was for Missions.

CALL EXTENDED

Monday night the voters of our Congregation extended a Call to Trent Saari to be the next full-time pastor of our Congregation. Pastor Saari and his wife Adrienne and daughter Hannah presently live in Yelm, Washington. Previous to that, Pastor Saari, (age 43) served in Lake Havasu City, Arizona where he served from 2010 to 2015.

In 2015 he moved to his present charge of serving a Congregation in Yelm and another Congregation in Lakewood, WA. Pastor Saari asks for your prayers as to where he can best serve the Lord...here or in Washington.

BACK TO BASICS

At last weeks meeting of the Back to Basics Class, the people present wanted to have 5 more classes. Hence we will meet this Tuesday (Oct 22 at 7:00 p.m.) at the Vennevoll club house. The topic will center around the words "The Communion of Saints, or the Holy Christian Church." What makes a person holy, who is a member of the Holy Christian Church, is there a difference between the Communion of Saints and the Holy Christian Church? If so, what is the difference? You are invited to come.

CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS

The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble will have a concert at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Friday, October 25th at 7:00p.m. entitled "Reformation and the Three B's". The program will feature the new organ and will include movements from Bach's Cantata "Ein Feste Burg", BWV 80, Mendelssohn's "Reformation

Symphony", Beethoven's "Egmont Overture" and Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Haydn" as well as "Three Becker Psalms" by Schutz, an organ solo and congregational hymn. The concert is free and open to the public. All are invited!

REFORMATION

We will observe Reformation Sunday on Nov. 3rd. Following the Service (in place of Bible Class) your pastor will give a slide presentation of many of the important places associated with the Reformation. I'm sharing this with you now so that you can make plans to attend...and maybe bring some interested people with you.

BETHANY AUXILIARY

The Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, 2633 Church St., Cottage Grove, WI. Our gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a light lunch followed by a presentation by Dennis Behr, Retired Navy Master Chief, who will speak about the Evangelical Lutheran Synod's plans for construction of a military monument on the BLC campus and other veterans' support activities. Jake Krier, Manager of Alumni Relations, will be present to give an update on the college. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome and urged to attend.

POTLUCK

Thank you to everyone that helped with the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. To celebrate the completion of that project and to thank God for the good fall harvest and many blessings that we have, a special potluck lunch has been scheduled for Sunday, November 10 after our worship service.

JUST A THOUGHT

"Heavens riches are tax free."