



"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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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 474

I'm But a Stranger Here

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: **Lord God, Heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He comes, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearance; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 — Isaiah 65:17-25

“See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.
I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

“Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;

the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;

the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

The Epistle — 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 20:27-38

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

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 552

Forever with the Lord

THE SERMON

Same Event...Two Responses

Revelation 1:4b-8

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 534, vv. 7-11,14

The World Is Very Evil

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 353

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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.

Organist: Darek Hartwig



ANNOUNCEMENTS



No birthdays this week.

LAST WEEK

Last Sunday 33 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,596 of which \$120 was for Missions and \$200 for the parsonage.

BIBLE CLASS

In place of our regular Bible Class, your vacancy pastor will continue (end) a slide presentation on the life of Martin Luther which was begun two weeks ago. All are welcome to attend.

BACK TO BASICS

The Back to Basics class continues Tuesday at the Vennevoll Clubhouse, starting at 7:00 p.m. The topic this week will deal with ministry and confession, etc. Extra printed lessons are available for past weeks if you missed any. Join us!

THANKSGIVING

We will celebrate the National Holiday of Thanksgiving with a special Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. It should seem more than obvious that if the people of the world think that have reason to "give thanks", then certainly, we, who are children of God most certainly do. Mark the date and time on your calendars.

INSTALLATION

The Installation of Pastor Trent Saari as your next full-time pastor will take place on Dec 15 at 3:00 p.m.. Since Installations of Pastors in a parish are rather rare, we hope all of you will want to be present to give Pastor Saari a warm welcome. The 9:30 a.m. Service will be held as usual.

OWLS

The OWLS chapter will have its November gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Johnson Creek (Farmington) on November 19 at 1:30 PM. Mr Sean Young, Director of WELS Missions Operations, will bring us the latest exciting news about "Our Hmong Seminary in Hanoi, Vietnam." As you may know, the Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in this communist country. Here is a wonderful opportunity for us older folks to grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Immanuel is located from Johnson Creek a few miles east of State Hwy 26 on County Road B. Bring a friend with you. All are welcome.



You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers... members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Charlotte Nelson, Lois Pieper (recently fell and broke her leg), Judy Zemke, Betty Gulseth, Inez Hougan, Norman & Eloise Thede, and Al Kroll. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

JUST A THOUGHT

"It is better to walk alone than to follow someone going in the wrong direction."