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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 ☞

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN 49

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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 be 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.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C: **I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

READINGS

Christian Worship 3-Year Series — Year C

The Old Testament — Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

The Epistle — Colossians 1:13-20

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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 55

Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE SERMON

He Cared Enough...To Send a "Branch".

Jeremiah 23:1-6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**C: 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.**

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Guests and visitors, please read the information on the bulletin insert for important information about our communion practice.

THE PREFACE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: [sing, p. 50] **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

C: [sing, p. 50] **We lift up our hearts unto the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

C: [sing, p. 50] **It is good and right so to do.**

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: **The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

C: **The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins;" namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: **Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, "for you" require truly believing hearts.**

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)

C: [sing p. 55] **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: 325

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with our Savior's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. We pray that You would strengthen us through this Sacrament in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: [sing p. 56] **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. 57] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 278

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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Organist: Darek Hartwig



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jonathan Rein
Don Jacobson

LAST WEEK

Last Sunday 30 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,581 of which \$160 was for missions, and included \$400 from Thrivent.

BIBLE CLASS

After several weeks of not having Bible Class (for good reasons) we will resume our study of the Book of Acts. We are near the end of the book, and hope to finish this study by the time your vacancy pastor leaves.

BACK TO BASICS

The final Back To Basics class will be held this Tuesday at 7:00 at the Vennevoll Club House. The subject matter will deal with prayer/Lord's Prayer. There is a lot of confusion about prayer. Who can pray, to whom do we pray, etc. What is the difference between a material prayer and a spiritual one? Why is that important when you pray? We hope many of you will be able to attend this final class.

THANKSGIVING

We will celebrate the national Holiday of Thanksgiving with a special Service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.. It should go without saying that children of God will just want to say "Thank You" to a God who has so richly blessed, especially with the gift of Jesus and the salvation that he has won for us.

NEW PASTOR

Here are the plans, as of now, regarding your new Pastor, Trent Saari. He will preach his final sermon in Washington on Dec. 1st. His belongings will be packed and moved on Dec. 2nd. These belongings will arrive here on Monday Dec. 9th. During this time he plans to spend a few days with his parents who live in Rhinelander, Wis. He will be Installed here on Dec. 15th in a special 3:00 p.m. Worship Service which will be followed by a luncheon/meal. Of course, some of these things could change.

ADVENT

Looking ahead, we will observe the Season of Advent with 3 Wednesday evening services.. Dec. 4, 11, and 18. We will start with a meal at 6:00 p.m. The Worship Service will begin at 7:00. It will be a short Service consisting of Scripture readings (with commentary), and songs. Please take note of these special services.

PRAYERS

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

"Meditation – You have the right to be silent."