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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

God's Law exposes the sins we would rather excuse. Today's Gospel reveals Jesus as David's Son and David's Lord, who fulfilled that Law and bore its judgment for us. As Revelation displays God's glory in holy judgment, we find forgiveness and peace in Christ through His Word and Sacraments.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, open our ears to Your Word and lead us to confess the sins we have excused or hidden. Comfort us with Your forgiveness and strengthen our faith in Your finished work, that we may gladly hear You and serve our neighbors in love. Amen.*

HYMN: #769 *"Glory Be to God, the Father"*

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. [Refrain]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conq'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

INVOCATION
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION
Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to the true God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of His glory. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Cong: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."
Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Cong: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM (Psalm 130:1-5)
Pastor: Out of the depths I have called to you, O LORD.
Cong: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the sound of my cry for mercy.
Pastor: If you, LORD, kept a record of guilt, O Lord, who could stand?
Cong: But with you there is pardon, so you are feared.
Pastor: I wait for the LORD. My soul waits,
Cong: And in his word I have put my hope.

Cong:
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And with your spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, You have revealed in Your holy Word the righteousness that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ. Preserve Your Church in the pure teaching of the Gospel that by it our consciences might be from the slavery of trusting

in our own works but only in the redemption that is ours in Christ, our Savior. Keep us steadfast in Your truth, that we may serve our neighbors in love and confess Your saving name without fear; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 46

(EHV) God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble. (2) That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea. (3) Its waters roar and foam. The mountains quake when it rises. (4) There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most High. (5) God is in her. She will not fall. God will help her at daybreak. (6) Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall. God raises his voice. The earth melts. (7) The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is a fortress for us. (8) Come, look at the works of the LORD. What a wasteland he has made of the earth! (9) He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear. He burns the carts with fire. (10) "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth." (11) The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

(EHV) So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. (32) You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (33) "We are Abraham's descendants," they answered, "and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, 'You will be set free'?" (34) Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. (35) But a slave

does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. (36) So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #774 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon,
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'er-taken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant One
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almgithy dLord
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They chall not over-pow'r us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged – the deed is done.
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain,
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And dow what they will – hate, steal, hurt, or kill –
Though all may be gone,

Our victory is won.
The Kingdom's ours forever.

THE SERMON: Revelation 1:14-17
(EHV) I have an obligation both to Greeks and non-Greeks, to the wise and to the foolish. (15) That is why I am eager to proclaim the gospel also to you who are in Rome. (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

Why "Lutheran?"

THE OFFERTORY

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 to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #255 **"O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"**

O God, our Lord, Thy holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place it was by grace
Restored in fullest measure.

For this today our thanks we say
And gladly glorify Thee.
They mercy show and grace bestow
On all who still deny Thee.

Salvation free by faith in Thee,
That is Thy Gospel's preaching;
The heart and core of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure and heart secure
Love Thee, Lord, and our neighbor.

Thou, Lord, alone this work hast done
By Thy free grace and favor.
All who believe will grace receive
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though he Foe would over throw
Thy Word with grim endeavor,
All he hath wrought must come to naught, -
Thy Word will stand forever.

My Lord art Though, and for me now
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Thy precious blood, my highest good,
Hath blotted out my errors.
My thanks to Thee; Thou wilt to me
Fulfill Thy promise ever
And mercy give while here I live
And heav'nly bliss forever.
Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.
Cong: It is good and right to do so.

Pastor It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His perfect obedience and His innocent suffering and death has redeemed us from sin and eternal condemnation. Through Your holy Word You have revealed to us the righteousness which is ours through faith in Him, and in this blessed Sacrament He gives us His true body and blood for the remission of our sins. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we give thanks to You and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Cong:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'nly hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:
Cong: Our Father, who art in heaven…
Pastor: We are assembled here in Your name, O Lord, to receive the holy Testament of Your Son. We therefore lift up our hearts to You, heavenly Father, to pray the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and has given us the comforting promise that it shall be heard.

Cong: Hallowed be Thy name…

Pastor: Dear Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth and grant us grace so that Your holy name be kept holy by us and all the world through the pure and righteous teaching of Your Word and the fervent love of our lives. Graciously turn us from all false doctrine and evil living by which Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

Cong: Thy Kingdom come…

Pastor: May Your Kingdom come and be enlarged, that all transgressors, the sin-darkened, and those in the bonds of Satan's kingdom be brought to a knowledge of the true faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the number of Christians be increased.

Cong: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven…

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit to do Your will and allow it to be done, both in life and in death, in good things and in evil, ever breaking, offering, and slaying our own wills.

Cong: Give us this day our daily bread…

Pastor: We also ask that You would give us our daily bread, preserve us from avarice and gluttony, relying only upon You to grant us a sufficiency of all good things.

Cong: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us…

Pastor: Daily and richly forgive us all debts as we also forgive our debtors so that our heart may have a calm and joyful conscience before You and no sin may frighten us nor make us afraid.

Cong: And lead us not into temptation…

Pastor: While You indeed tempt no one to sin, help us by Your Spirit to subdue the sinful flesh, despise the world and its ways, and overcome the devil with all his wiles.

Cong: But deliver us from evil…

Finally, heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil, bodily and spiritually, both in time and in eternity.

Cong*: (sung)* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same nigh He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as your drink it, in remembrance of Me."
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Cong: Amen.

Cong:

O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
Cong: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR ON VACATION: Pastor & Candra will be departing tomorrow morning for one last week of vacation. Pastor will also be preaching for the Mission Festival at St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD next Sunday. God willing, we will return on Tuesday, November 10. If you need to get in touch with the pastor while he is away, you may call or text his email at 470-214-3401. You may also email him at pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com. Leonard will be filling in for Pastor Gantt in next Sunday's worship service. There will be no Bible Class next Sunday.

FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS: Due to increased government scrutiny and restrictions on Christian activities and the recent arrest and deportation of several foreign Christians in Nepal, the 2027 Mission Helper Trip has been postponed until further notice. This decision was made with the advice and counsel of HCLC-Nepal church leaders to protect their ongoing Gospel ministry from government interference. Please keep our Nepali brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers. While no international Mission Helper Trips are planned for 2027, stateside TVBS opportunities will be available. A Mission Helper Trip to Mexico is also being planned as a trial run for future opportunities. Future trips, such as Bangladesh and the Philippines are also being considered as the Lord opens doors.

DAILY DEVOTIONS VIA E-MAIL: The daily devotion e-mail list started by the Michigan pastors back in 2004 was unavailable for a time recently due to a server change. The list is now operational again. The new shortlink for subscriptions and other list management is:

x.gd/devotions

The old subscription page (redeemerclc.info) no longer works. Please update the link and sign up for these edifying one minute devotions.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <>

Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has returned the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has accepted the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 02 – November 07, 2026

Mon Matthew 18:23-35 Peter has asked how often he should forgive his brother's sins against him (v21-22). Jesus shows by a parable that forgiveness is absolutely essential in the kingdom of heaven.

Tues Philippians 1:3-11 The apostle prays for the Philippian believers with thanksgiving and joy because of their fellowship in the gospel. May their love continue to grow, along with their knowledge and insight.

Wed Deuteronomy 7:9-11 Moses reminds us that God is always faithful to His covenant of grace and mercy. This is what moves us to love Him and walk in His ways throughout our earthly life.

Thurs Psalm 31:9-16 David calls to the LORD in distress and sorrow (v9), grief and groaning (v10), guilt and disgrace (v11). In all of these and more, he looks to God's merciful deliverance (v15) and gracious smile (v16).

Fri Psalm 119:169-176 Our psalm closes: give me understanding (v169) and merciful deliverance (v170). Thank You for teaching me Your word (v171). "I have strayed" like a sheep. Seek me, O LORD. (V176)

Sat Ephesians 4:30-32 The apostle Paul reminds us again that being led by the Spirit of God means being filled with a love that is kind, compassionate, and forgiving toward one another, as Christ is toward us.