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

The focus of our service today is in celebration of our Lutheran heritage especially as it relates to our calling to be witnesses of God's salvation to the world. We have every reason to be unapologetically Lutheran in the proclamation of the Gospel. We do so by clinging to grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #266

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.
Thy mercy show and grace bestow
On all who still deny Thee.**

**Salvation free by faith in Thee,
That is the Gospel's preaching,
The heart and core of Bible lore
In all the 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 hath done
By Thy free grace and favor.
All who believe will grace receive
Though Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the Foe would overthrow
Thy Word with grim endeavor
All he hath wrought must come to naught –
Thy Word will stand forever.**

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

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 our God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners. 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 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, that You would 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.

Pastor: The Lord, our God, be with us, as He was with our fathers.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Cong: 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.

**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: O God, our gracious Lord, enlighten our minds and hearts by the Holy Spirit that as Your Son has promised, we may be led into all truth and thereby obtain those promises which You have made through Him, promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation, for where there is forgiveness of sins there is also life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit—one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 52:1-10

(ESV) Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. (2) Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. (3) For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (4) For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. (5) Now therefore what have I here," declares the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and

continually all the day my name is despised. (6) Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am." (7) How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (8) The voice of your watchmen--they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (9) Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. (10) The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:8-22

(ESV) Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. (9) Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. (10) For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; (11) let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. (12) For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." (13) Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? (14) But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, (15) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, (16) having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good

behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (17) For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. (18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (19) in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, (20) because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. (21) Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (22) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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: #384

“Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion”

**Oh, how great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might be saved eternally!**

**Thy great love for this hath striven
That we may from sin be free
And forever live with Thee;
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given
In His grace an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.**

**And for this our souls' salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word.
He imparteth consolation,
Granteth us the gift of faith
That we fear nor hell nor death.**

Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me--

**Truth doth evermore abide--
Then in Thee I will confide.
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.**

**I will praise Thy great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might bring endless praise to Thee.
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Matthew 28:18-20

(ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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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: #294

“O Word of God Incarnate”

**O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky--
We praise Thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from her dear Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.**

**It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass
That over life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.**

Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old!
Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face!
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 so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial for us, in all places and in all circumstances, to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, because through the instruction given to the Apostles and Evangelists by the Holy Spirit, You have ruled and protected Your holy Church and have kept it in the one true faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabbaoth,
Heav'n 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.**

*Pastor: 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.*

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

**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.**

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, we in the Lutheran Church believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His disciples' faith, this sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its 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.

SIMEON'S SONG FOR A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

**O Lord, now You are letting Your servant
Depart in peace according to Your Word.**

**For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of all people.**

**A Light to lighten the Gentiles
And the Glory of Your people, Israel.
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.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We welcome all who are present with us today. We are glad to share the message of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus' name to all people. If you are a guest, please sign our guest register on the stand in the sanctuary and indicate a time when the pastor might visit with you.

BIBLE CLASS ON WEDNESDAY: We will be resuming our Wednesday morning Bible Class this coming Wednesday. We have been working our way through Jesus' parables. This week's lesson will be about the parable of the sheep that has fallen into a pit. If you have opportunity, consider joining us. Class begins at 9:30 AM.

UNREST IN TANZANIA: Missionary Bruce Naumann who is living in Tanzania reports that the unrest in that nation has not resulted so far to any violence to himself or any of our brothers and sisters in Christ that he is aware of. He does report that their internet is down and that he and his wife

have been “laying low” for a couple of days, but was hopeful to return to teaching at the seminary. He requests prayers on behalf of all there that the Gospel witness might still be proclaimed according to God’s desire to save all people.

SEWER LINE REPLACED: The replacement of the sewer line to the parsonage has taken place. Things are a bit of a mess in the back yard, but according to the contract, everything should be put back in good order soon.

CALL NEWS: Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel, Jr. has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. Professor Mark Weis has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 03 - November 08, 2025

Mon 2 Chronicles 34:29-33 The Lord brings about a reformation through King Josiah. During a Temple repair project, the Book of the Covenant is found. Josiah has it read and all the people pledge to follow it.

Tues Psalm 46 This is the basis for the reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God." Surely it is God Himself who upholds His people and gives them strength to stand firm when everything else is shaking.

Wed Luke 15:25-32 When the older son learns of the celebration held for his repentant brother's return, he is angry (v28) and points to his many years of service (v29) as a better reason for joyful celebration.

Thurs Revelation 2:1-7 The Lord's message to the church in Ephesus commends them for their opposition to evil, but reproves them for their lack of love toward repentant brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fri 2 Kings 2:1-12 Elisha's pledge to stay with Elijah is tested several times as Elijah nears his final day upon earth. Elisha requests his mentor's spirit as his inheritance, and God grants it as he bids farewell.

Sat Proverbs 6:6-11 Just because the Lord provides our every need does not mean that we should leave unused the strength and abilities He has given us. Even the animals whom God feeds also gather provisions.