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WELCOME: *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

As we come to the close of the Church Year, our Lord calls us to watch for His coming and to look forward to the joy of the new heavens and the new earth. Whatever opposition His Church faces while we wait, even from those who claim to speak in His name, the Lamb will conquer. Jesus, who died to forgive our sins and rose again, will raise us on the Last Day and welcome us into the joy of being with Him forever.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

HYMN: #613 **Jerusalem the Golden**

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await us there,
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,

The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That faithful hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.
Amen.

INVOCATION

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

Cong: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Cong: If we walk is in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and His truth is not in us.

Cong: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Then let us confess our sins to God in prayer and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Cong: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray, of Your bountiful mercy, be merciful unto use. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.
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.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 98 (select verses)
Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
Cong: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
Pastor: The LORD has made his salvation known.
Cong: He has revealed his righteousness to the eyes of the nations.
Pastor: He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.
Cong: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Break out in joyful song!

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You have raised Your Son from the dead and given Him authority over all things. Keep us watchful for His coming through sincere repentance and genuine faith so that, even when opposition to the Gospel arises within the world and the visible Church we may rest without fear in the forgiveness won by His blood and by Your grace enter with Him into the everlasting joy of the new heavens and the new earth. Hear us 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: Isaiah 65:14-25
(EHV) Watch! My servants will shout because of the joy in their heart, but you will cry out because of the pain in your heart, and because of a broken spirit you will wail. (15) You will leave your name for my chosen ones to use as a curse, and the LORD God will put you to death, but he will call his servants by another name, (16) so that anyone on earth who blesses himself will bless himself by the God of Amen, and anyone on the earth who swears will swear by the God of Amen! For the past troubles will be forgotten. Yes, they are certainly hidden from my eyes. (17) Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered.

They will not come to mind. (18) Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating. Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy. (19) I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again, nor will the sound of crying. (20) There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days, or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days, for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man, and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed. (21) Then they will build houses and live in them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. (22) They will not build a house and have another person live in it. They will not plant and have another person eat the crop, for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands. (23) They will not labor only to receive nothing, and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster, for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD, and their descendants will be with them. (24) Then even before they call, I will answer. While they are still speaking, I will hear. (25) The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and lions will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent will eat dust as its food. They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, says the LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

(EHV) “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (2) Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. (3) When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; (4) but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. (5) While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. (6) But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out

to meet him!' (7) Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. (8) The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' (9) But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' (10) But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. (11) Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' (12) But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' (13) Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostolic Creed*

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 will 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. Amen.

HYMN: #609 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices

And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall."

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.
Amen.

THE SERMON: Revelation 17:11-14

(EHV) “The beast that existed and is no more is the eighth king (who is one of the seven) and is going to go to destruction. (12)

The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but along with the beast they will receive authority like kings for one hour. (13) They share one purpose and they will give their power and authority to the beast. (14) They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them, because he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Those who are with him are the called, the elect, and the believing."

The Lamb Will Conquer

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.

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #656 Behold A Host Arrayed in White

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
With palms they stand. Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
Lo, these are they of glorious fame
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
Their voices they in worship raise,

Their anthems swell where God doth dwell,
Mid angels' songs of praise.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they must appear!
Those martyrs stand a priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft, in troubled days gone by,
In anguish they would weep and sigh.
At home above the God of Love
For aye their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,
The paschal banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board
Himself is Host and Guest.

Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,
All hail! Now safe and blest for aye;
And praise the Lord, who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
Ye did the joys of earth disdain,
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing
Salvation's glad refrain.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
Yea, make it myriad voices strong.
Eternally shall praise to Thee,
God, and the Lamb belong.
Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

ANOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL/ELDERS MEETING: The elders will meet briefly following today's service.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: We will have a special Thanksgiving Eve service this Wednesday November 25 beginning at 7:00 PM.

LADIES' MEETING: Pastor Gantt would like to meet briefly with the ladies of Faith following the service this morning to determine a day and time to have a monthly "Ladies' Aid" meeting.

VOTERS' MEETING: Pastor would also like to discuss with the men of the congregation a day and time for a monthly "Men's Meeting." We will meet briefly following the church service next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Next Sunday, November 29, begins the Advent season. In place of Bible Class, we will gather at 9:00 AM that Sunday to put up the Christmas decorations. Any decorating that still needs to be finished will be handled following the service.

FOOD DRIVE: Pastor Gantt will be taking the food donations to our local food pantry on December 10th. This means that there are still almost three weeks for any who would like to contribute items for those who are need.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Bruce Naumann, who serves as the CLC's full-time missionary to East Africa, has received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 23 – November 28, 2026

Mon Matthew 24:15-28 Jesus' talking about the destruction of Jerusalem's temple (v2ff), which took place in 70 A.D., also reminds us of Christ's return to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.

Tues 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The apostle assures believers that the faithful who are in the grave at the time of Christ's return will certainly not miss out on the glories of their Savior's second coming.

Wed Isaiah 49:12-17 The LORD comforts His people (v13) with the promise that He will never forget them, but will show mercy to His afflicted ones, and gather them from the four corners of the earth (v12, v17).

Thurs Psalm 18:20-24 The Messiah alone can claim His own righteousness before God, but as He has become "the Lord our righteousness" (Jer.23:6), both David and all believers can expect grace upon grace.

Fri Psalm 18:30-36 The LORD equips His servant for triumph. And the servant recognizes that the LORD is the source of his strength and protection, his pure word and way, his shield of salvation (vv35-36).

Sat Psalm 116:1-6 Even in time of gravest peril, even standing before the LORD's judgment throne, He has heard our cry for mercy, He has saved our life! Truly our God is compassionate and gracious in Christ.