



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, 24 November A+D 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

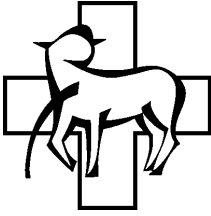
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

**They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
be- | fore you.***

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain

or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,

and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

and dust shall be the serpent’s food.

They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain,”

says the LORD.

GRADUAL*Psalm 45:14–15*

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

**With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.**

EPISTLE*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

*Stand***ALLELUIA and VERSE***LSB 190; Revelation 21:2*

Alleluia. I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of hea- | ven from God,*
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alle- | luia.

HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 25:1-13*

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

APOSTLES' CREED*LSB 192**Sit***HYMN OF THE DAY***“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” LSB 516***SERMON***“Oh, Where Are Ye, Ye Virgins Wise?” Matthew 25:1-13**Stand***OFFERTORY***LSB 192**Sit*

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE	LSB 194
SANCTUS	LSB 195
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 197
PAX DOMINI	LSB 197
AGNUS DEI	LSB 198

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" LSB 663 (Sun. only)</i>
	<i>"A Multitude Comes from the East and the West" LSB 510 (Sun. only)</i>
	<i>"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" LSB 619 (Sun. only)</i>

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
BENEDICTION	LSB 202
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

OUR THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PUMPKIN PIE SOCIAL will be this Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M. Join us as we gather with thankful hearts around the gifts of Word & Sacrament, followed by pumpkin pie and desserts to get “warmed up” for Thanksgiving the next day! The Pumpkin Pie Social is sponsored by the Our Redeemer Altar Guild.

IT IS WITH DEEP GRATITUDE that I say “Thank You” to the whole congregation for your prayers for my knee replacement surgery and continued healing. Gary and I are also thankful for the Food Train that provide meals to us that first week after surgery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring community. Thank you all. Sincerely, Jane & Gary Lindow

CAN YOU SPONSOR A THANKSGIVING DINNER? We would like to once again provide \$50 Tadych’s Marketplace Foods gift cards to families & households in need. If you are willing to sponsor one or more cards, please turn in \$50 apiece to the church office. Checks can be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with “Thanksgiving Card” on the memo line.

ATTENTION SUPPORTERS OF “THE CURE”: Join us for the Live Life Loud Resources 3rd Annual “Night of Giving” event at Oddfellows Restaurant on Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 or 7:30 P.M. For \$50 you can purchase a ticket to one of the two times and will join us for a social hour, buffet-style dinner, 2024 Year in Review from Founder and Executive Director Heather Ruesch, and a poetry reading from author, poet, and speaker Tanner Olson. Tickets for the Night of Giving can be purchased from either Heather or Pastor. On Monday, “A Night of Hope” will be held at the Braumart Theatre at 7:00 P.M. featuring Tanner Olson, along with music from Matt Doering. Tickets for “A Night of Hope” are \$15. You can purchase tickets for “A Night of Hope” at www.thebraumart.org/events.

OUR REDEEMER YOUTH IS COLLECTING “TOYS FOR TOTS.” We need new, unwrapped toys for local kids in need to be dropped off in the Toys For Tots box in the church entrance. Let's bring a brighter Christmas for our local tots. Thank you for your support!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Last Sunday of the Church Year: Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind’s bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<u>Week of 11/24</u>			
Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed Bob Roska	Debbie Sleik
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl	Debbie Sleik
<u>Week of 12/1</u>			
Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Reed Scott Schoenborn	Maridol Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (24)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (25)		
Tuesday (26)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (27)	7:00 P.M.	Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service
	8:00 P.M.	Pumpkin Pie Social
Thursday (28)		<i>Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed</i>
Friday (29)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (30)	9:00 A.M.	Christmas Decorating
Sunday (1)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$22,122.64	\$173,131.68
Expenses:	\$18,344.09	\$201,840.18
Difference:	+\$3,778.55	-\$28,708.50

This report represents raw monthly and year-to-date receipt/expense data ("money-in"/"money-out"), including expenses for which funds were reserved from memorials and designated gifts.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Nov. 17 th 10:00 A.M.	82	68
Weds., Nov. 20 th , 7:00 P.M.	9	8
Total	91	76