



## LAST JUDGMENT

*9:00 & 11:15 am      November 8, 2020*



# ROCK OF AGES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Welcome to our guests!**

- We pray that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Our mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing. Volunteers are sanitizing the shared touch points between services.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit [wels.net](http://wels.net)





# The Common Service

*The Common Service is based on the historic liturgy of the Christian Church.*

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## Greeting

## Hymn

Delay Not Delay Not  
*Christian Worship 337*

♪ **Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!**  
**The waters of life are now flowing for you.**  
**No price is demanded; the Savior is here.**  
**Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.**

**2. Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,**  
**For mercy still lingers and calls you today.**  
**Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;**  
**Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.**

**3. Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,**  
**Long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight**  
**And leave you in darkness to finish your race,**  
**To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.**

**4. Delay not! Delay not! The hour is at hand;**  
**The earth will dissolve, and the heavens will fade.**  
**The dead, small and great, in the Judgment must stand --**  
**What pow'r, then, O sinner, can lend you its aid?**

**5. Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse**  
**The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?**  
**A fountain is opened -- how can you refuse?**  
**Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.**

# The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Confession of Sins

You who are loved by 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.

**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.**

# Announcement of Forgiveness

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# Response of Praise

The King Will Come At Ages End  
*Christian Worship Sup. 731*

♪ **The King will come at age's end,  
The trumpets trill, the heavens rend,  
Unveiling new Jerusalem. Alleluia!**

**2. The book of life will name its names,  
Each bought by cross's bitter pain,  
Each inked in blood and sealed in flame. Alleluia!**

**3. All-glorious on his gleaming throne,  
The King will claim his saints, his own,  
And with them dwell and make a home. Alleluia!**

**4. And nights of tears, though late and long,  
Will disappear in splendid dawn,  
And deeps of death will all be gone. Alleluia!**

**5. Amen, amen! Lord Jesus, come!  
My Savior fair, come bear me home.  
For you are King of kings alone! Alleluia!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# **THE WORD**

## **First Lesson**

Daniel 7:9-10

*The judgment of all is coming*

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. <sup>10</sup>A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90

*Christian Worship  
Congregation sings the refrain*

## ♪ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born,  
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,  
from eternity to eternity you are God.

## ♪ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

<sup>3</sup>You grind people to dust,  
and you say, "Return, children of Adam."  
<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like a day,  
like yesterday that has gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away like a flood.  
They are like sleep in the morning,  
like grass which changes quickly.

<sup>6</sup>In the morning it sprouts and grows.  
By evening it is cut down, and it withers.

<sup>7</sup>Surely, we are consumed by your anger,  
and by your wrath we are terrified.

<sup>8</sup>You have laid out our guilty deeds in front of you.  
Our hidden sins are revealed in the light of your face.

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your fury.  
We finish our years like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The days of our lives add up to seventy years,  
or eighty years if we are strong.

Yet the best of them are trouble and sorrow,  
for they disappear quickly, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup>Who can understand the power of your anger?  
But your fury is consistent with the fear that is owed to you.

## ♪ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

<sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days in such a way  
that we bring a heart of wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Turn, O LORD! How long!



Change your mind toward your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy,  
so that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

<sup>16</sup>Let your deeds be seen by your servants  
and your majesty by their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the kindness of the Lord our God rest upon us.  
Establish the work of our hands for us.

Yes, establish the work of our hands.

♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

## Second Lesson

Romans 2:2-11

*We cannot escape God's judgment by thinking we are better than others*

And we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. <sup>3</sup>Are you thinking that you will escape God's judgment, you who judge those who do such things and then do the same things yourself? <sup>4</sup>Or do you have so little regard for his rich kindness, his restraint, and his patience, that you ignore the fact that the purpose of God's kindness is to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>As a result of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God will reveal his righteous judgment.

<sup>6</sup>God "will repay each person according to what he has done"—<sup>7</sup>eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good, <sup>8</sup>but furious anger to those who out of selfish ambition are disobeying what is true and obeying what is wrong. <sup>9</sup>There will be trouble and distress for the soul of every person who does what is evil—for the Jew first and for the Greek—<sup>10</sup>but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good—for the Jew first and for the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God does not show favoritism.

## Verse of the Day

(Matthew 24:42)

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 24:1-46

*Those who rely on their own works will be condemned to hell*

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup>I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

<sup>40</sup>"The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.'

<sup>44</sup>"Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?'

<sup>45</sup>"At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' <sup>46</sup>And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius**



**Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Hymn of the Day**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
*Christian Worship 441*

♪ **O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home,**

**2. Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.**

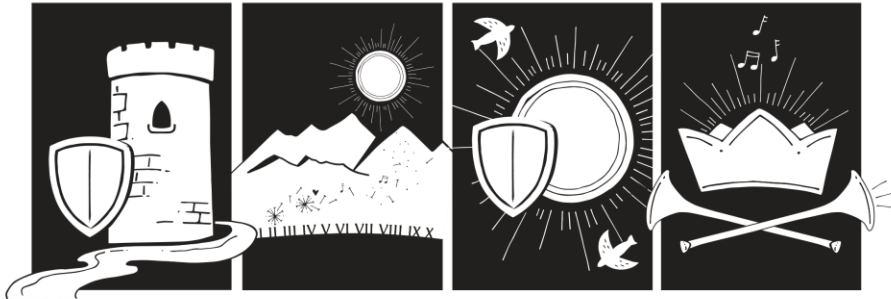
**3. Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.**

**4. A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.**

**6. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!**

# PSALMS



FOR THE SEASON OF END TIMES

Nov 1            **Reformation** – Psalm 46

Nov 8            **Last Judgment** – Psalm 90

Nov 15          **Saints Triumphant** – Psalm 84

Nov 22          **Christ the King** – Psalm 47

## Offerings Gathered

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

*Today you may place your offering on the table by the entryway as you enter or exit.*

## Prayer of the Church

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one

another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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 SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God, *Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



## Distribution

*Rock of Ages Lutheran practices close communion. We kindly ask that only members of Rock of Ages Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament. If you have questions about becoming a member and joining in this sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship. Thank you for respecting our teachings and practices.*

*After the distribution please stand to sing:*

## Song of Simeon

*Luke 2:29-32*

Musical notation for the Song of Simeon, consisting of four staves. The melody is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace accord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - - - ra - el." The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes on each staff.

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace accord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - - - ra - el.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**And his mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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 peace.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

I'm But a Stranger Here  
*Christian Worship 417:1,2,4*

♪ **My 1 I'm but a stranger here;  
Heav'n is my home.  
Earth is a desert drear;  
Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on ev'ry hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland;  
Heav'n is my home.**

**2. What though the tempest rage,  
Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pilgrimage;  
Heav'n is my home.  
And time's wild, wintry blast  
Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last;  
Heav'n is my home.**

**4. Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.  
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my Fatherland; Heav'n is my home.**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Remember with Prayer**

- Kim, daughter of Mary Strong; that God would help bring her a good recovery after her sudden unexplained collapse on October 26.
- Della Kary; that God would give relief from pain and healing for her knee.
- Thanks to God for the safe delivery of a baby boy for Meriel, friend of Mario Ascoli; that God continues to bless the family.
- Our nation; that God would preserve order and peace for us all during these politically charged times and bless those elected to each office.
- Veterans in our nation; thanks to God for all those who have served in our armed forces to protect our nation; that they remain honored and appreciated by those they served.

### **Attendance**

10/28 Confirmation Class: 2  
11/01 Sunday Worship: 54  
11/01 Sunday Bible Class: 24

**Received in October** \$11,754.32

### **Serving This Week**

Flowers, Communion Setup: Grace Popelier  
Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ  
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel  
Ushers: Del Kary (11:15)



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## **CALENDAR**

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### **Sunday, November 8** *Last Judgment*

9:00am Service with Lord's Supper  
10:05am Bible Study  
11:15am Service with Lord's Supper

### **Wednesday, November 11** *Veterans Day*

2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

### **Thursday, November 12**

9:00am Pastors' Circuit Meeting

### **Sunday, November 15** *Saints Triumphant*

9:00am Service  
10:05am Bible Study  
11:15am Service

### **Monday, November 16**

6:00pm Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 18**

12:30pm Mary & Martha  
2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class  
6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

### **Thursday, November 19**

9:00am Midweek Bible Class  
10:00am Starting Point Class

### **Sunday, November 22** *Crist the King*

9:00 & 11:15am Service with Lord's Supper  
10:05am Bible Study

### **Wednesday, November 25**

2:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

### **Thursday, November 26** *Thanksgiving*

9:00am Thanksgiving Worship

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