



9:30am October 10, 2021



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ancient Faith for Today's World

Welcome! May you be filled with peace and joy from Jesus who lived, died, and rose again to be your Savior. He is forever our living Rock of Ages.

Our Mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.

Our Message centers around the forgiveness, freedom, and fellowship we have in Jesus.

Membership: We are part of a church family and together we reach out with the amazing gospel message. We'd love to have you join with us in our mission!

Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.

Large Print service folders and **hearing assistance** devices are available.

Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.

We Support the world-wide gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





Divine Service II

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Christian Worship 260

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Absolution

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Response of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14 (tune CW 376)

♪ **All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

**4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 2:18-24

Marriage was establish by God at the beginning as a life-long union between one man and one woman.

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹Out of the soil the Lord God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the Lord God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²²The Lord God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

²³The man said, "Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139

Life is a beautiful gift from God from conception to old age.

¹³For you created my inner organs.

You wove me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows that very well.

¹⁵My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my unfinished body. In your book all of them were written.
Days were determined, before any of them existed.

¹⁷Your thoughts to me are so precious, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Instructions for healthy Christian homes motivated by the gospel

Submit to one another in reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh." ³²This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: ³"that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth." ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Christian Worship 411

Verse of the Day

(Hebrews 2:12)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

God's gift of marriage is a life-long union of one man and one woman and Christian parents ought to highly regard their responsibilities.

When the Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³He replied, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts.

⁶But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰In the house his disciples asked him about this again. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Love is the Gracious Gift
Christian Worship 505

Sermon

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

*LET EACH HIS LESSON LEARN WITH CARE,
AND ALL THE HOUSEHOLD WELL SHALL FARE.*

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.

Offering

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 (WELS). Today's offering can be placed on the entry table as you enter or exit.

Prayer of the Church

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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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he comes.

Preface

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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Tune: CW 557)

♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

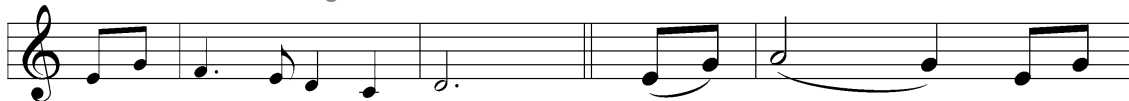
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink 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

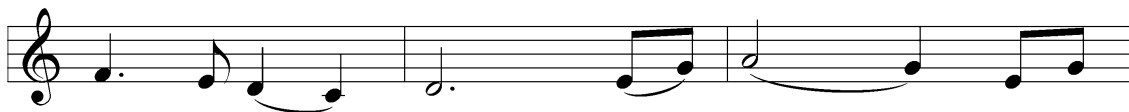
(Jesus is God's Lamb [Agnus Dei], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.)



O Christ, Lamb of



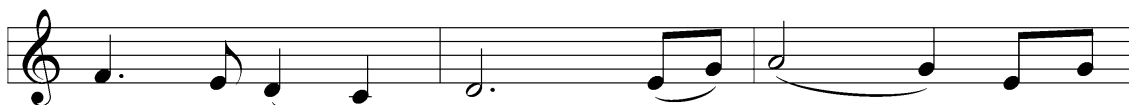
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Distribution

Welcome guests! We kindly ask that before joining in the Lord's Supper you express full unity with us in the faith through membership here or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

We'd love to share more with you about our ministry. Talk to our pastor today. Thank you for respecting our beliefs!

After the distribution please stand to sing

Hymn *Nunc Dimittis*

Sung to the tune of CW 368

♪ **O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**

**2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Christian Worship 494

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Become An Advocate for Survivors of Domestic Abuse

Every survivor of domestic abuse faces a unique set of challenges that impact their road to healing. Pastors, friends, and family can be a resource for a survivor. And so can an Advocate. As an Advocate, you'll join the survivor's team. You will walk alongside them. You will be another shoulder to lean on, another ear to listen. Another friend to point them toward the true and lasting healing found in Jesus. Talk to pastor Barthel today if you are interested in serving to help survivors of domestic abuse. He will connect you with the training needed. <https://kingdomworkers.com/volunteer/service-opportunities/become-an-advocate-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

Coyote Night (8th Grade Visit Night)

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 4:00-6:00

Eighth grade students are invited to join us for a sneak peek of Arizona Lutheran Academy, interact with ALA teachers, and meet other future Coyotes. The goal is to provide a fun, interactive, and relaxed ALA experience beyond the school day. See more information and register at ALAcoyotes.org/CN

Kingdom Workers

This group works with churches in fellowship with the WELS and 23 other church bodies around the world in fellowship with us. They provide training and tools for local churches to reach out with the gospel. Learn more about their ministry and how to become a sustaining supporter at kingdomworkers.com.

WELS & ELS Singles Group

"If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 500 members from around the world with ages ranging from 18-65+. We are an active group sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us." facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Verda, a friend of the congregation who is facing health struggles; that God give strength and healing.
- Dorothy Stickles; that God continues to bless her with healing from her broken neck injury.
- Tatum, granddaughter of Tom and Sandy Spiegelberg; that God gives her strength and peace in her struggle against chronic pain.

Sunday Bible Class

Come join our group as we go through the fundamental teachings of Christianity. This course will give you a good introduction or review of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome from absolute non-Bible readers to life-long Christians. Sundays 10:30 am.

Midweek Bible Class

Join our group as we begin a new study on 1 & 2nd Thessalonians. See the calendar for dates.

Serving This Week

Flowers, Communion Setup: Pat Solomon
Music: Keyboard & strings, Lydia & Peter Barthel.
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel
Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

Spread the Word

Want to share today's message? You can find the sermon text, audio, and video at rockofages-payson.com/sermons

Rock of Ages Choir

Please contact pastor if you might be interested in serving as part of a choir group at Rock of Ages.

Host Family

Want Please contact pastor if you might be interested in serving as a host family June-July 2022 for our summer student teacher.

CALENDAR

rockofages-payson.com/calendar

Sunday, October 10

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper
10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Monday, October 11

6:00pm Council Meeting

Thursday, October 14

9:00am Midweek Bible Class
5:00pm Youth Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 17

9:30am Service
10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

October 18-20

WELS Arizona-California Pastors Conf.

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Attendance

9/30 Midweek Bible Study: 8
9/30 Youth Catechism Class: 3
10/03 Sunday Service: 47
10/03 Youth & Adult Bible Study: 25

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