



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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



WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.



The Common Service

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

Greeting

Hymn

On Galilee's High Mountain
Christian Worship 557

The Invocation

(Matthew 18:20, 28:19)

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

Amen.

Confession of Sins

(1 John 1:9)

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

(John 20:23)

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

We Will Glorify

♪ **We will glorify the King of kings We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords Who is the great I am**

**He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe All praise to Him we give**

**Oh, hallelujah to the King of kings Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords Who is the great I am**

Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

Sinful pride and ambition will lead to destruction.

But when he had grown powerful, the pride in his heart led to his destruction. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God. He entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. ¹⁷Azariah the priest went in after him. He was followed by eighty priests of the Lord, brave men. ¹⁸They confronted King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, because you have been unfaithful. This action will not result in any praise for you from the Lord God."

¹⁹Uzziah became angry. He had a censer for burning incense in his hand. When he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests, beside the altar of incense in the House of the Lord. ²⁰When Azariah, the head priest, and all the other priests looked at him, they immediately realized he had leprosy on his forehead. They rushed him out of there. He himself also was in a hurry to leave because the Lord had struck him.

²¹King Uzziah remained a leper until the day of his death. He lived in a quarantined house because he was a leper. He was excluded from the House of the Lord.

Jotham his son was in charge of the palace of the king and administered justice for the people of the land.

²²The rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, were recorded by Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet. ²³Uzziah rested with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the burial field that belonged to the kings, because they said, "He is a leper." His son Jotham ruled as king in his place.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

My soul finds rest in God alone;*
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;*
my hope comes from him. ♪ **Refrain**

Though your riches increase,*
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**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. ♪ **Refrain****

Second Lesson

1 Co 9:7-12, 19-23

Godly ambition puts others first and brings joy and life.

What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat some of its fruit? Or who takes care of a flock and does not drink milk from the flock? ⁸Am I saying this just from a human point of view? Doesn't the law also say this? ⁹Yes, it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain." Is God really concerned about oxen, ¹⁰or does he say this entirely for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in hope of getting a share. ¹¹If we sowed spiritual seed for your good, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you? ¹²If others have some right to make this claim on you, don't we even more? But we did not use this right. Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ.

¹⁹In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²²To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

Children's Message

Verse of the Day

(Ephesians 2:10a)

Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

Worldly ambition is the opposite from godly ambition

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?" ³⁹"We can," they replied. Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. ⁴⁰But to sit at my right or at

my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”⁴¹When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John.⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.⁴³But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant,⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all.⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Hymn of the Day

We All Are One In Mission
Christian Worship 566

Sermon

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

CHRIST'S AMBITION IS OUR AMBITION

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.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

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.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in 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

Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:25-26)



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 (John 1:29)

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

Welcome guests! We kindly ask that before joining in the Lord's Supper you express full agreement 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!

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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Christian Worship 592

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- *Printed early; share your requests and thanksgiving.*

Sunday Bible Class

Come join our group as we go through the fundamental teachings of Christianity. 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

Rock of Ages Choir

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

Host Family

We are looking for a host family June-July 2022 for our summer student teacher.

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, October 24

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper
10:30am Voters' Meeting

Thursday, October 28

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

Sunday, October 31 Reformation

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

Wednesday, November 3

9:00am Elders Meeting

Thursday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 10

Martin Luther's birthday

Offerings & Attendance: *printed early, will be shared next week.*



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