



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS
YOU HAVE CROSSED OVER TO LIFE**

9:30am November 7, 2021



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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





Service of the Word

This service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Greeting

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Christian Worship 563

All hymn numbers today are for the blue hymnal

Invocation

(Matthew 18:20, 28:19)

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

Amen.

Confession & Absolution

(John 20:23; 1 John 1:9)

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

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

Response of Praise

Blessing Honor, Glory

♪ **Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb;
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down
For he is risen Seated upon the throne!
He is the Lamb of God.**

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 Reading

Malachi 4:1-3

The Day of the Lord will bring complete judgment.

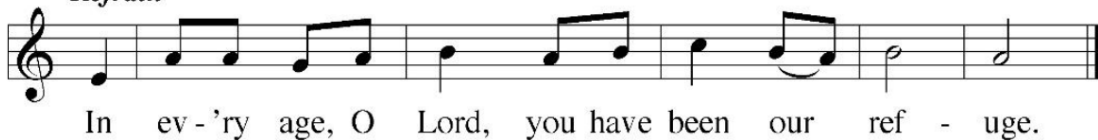
Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings. You will go out and jump around like calves from the stall. ³You will trample the wicked. They will surely be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action, says the LORD of Armies.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90

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Refrain



Psalm tone



Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night. ♪ **Refrain**

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength;
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ♪ **Refrain**

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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 Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once for all to take away sin.

For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Verse of the Day

(Matthew 24:42)

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

Gospel

John 5:19-24

Honor the Son; trust the Son; have life with the Son.

Jesus answered them directly, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. ²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes.

²²"In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life.

Hymn of the Day

There is a Higher Throne

Christian Worship 885

Sermon

John 5:19-24

YOU HAVE CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE

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. Offerings can be placed 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

(Christian Worship Set. II)

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and we live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on ...*(special prayer requests)*]
Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
Life the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Built on the Rock
Christian Worship 856

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.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Christian Worship 672

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Remember with Prayer

- Linda Jilk's sister; that God comforts and sustains her through health struggles.
- Mary Strong, Gary and Carrol Wendt who all have a respiratory illness; that God provides a quick and complete healing for them.
- Dorothy Stickles; that God continues to provide healing for her broken neck.
- Shirley & Ken, friends of the Solomons; that God comforts them at the loss of their niece and provides healing for Shirley's sister who sustained injuries from a fall; that God bless them all with a confident faith in Christ.
- Donna Lanphear; that God blesses her at her new home and new church home, Christ Alone Lutheran Church (WELS) in Dardenne Prairie, MO. Her new address is posted for you on her church mailslot.
- *Share your requests and thanksgiving.*

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Attendance

10/28 Midweek Bible Study: 10

10/28 Youth Catechism Class: 3

10/31 Sunday Service: 55

10/31 Children's Bible Study: 5

10/31 Youth & Adult Bible Study: 26

Serving This Week

Flowers, Communion Setup: Sherry Friestad

Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ.

Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel

Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

Save the Dates -Christmas Caroling

Dec.15th caroling 2:00pm to approx. 3:30pm

Dec.17th caroling from 1:00 to approx. 3:00pm & meeting for cookies and apple cider afterwards at the Barthel house.

CALENDAR

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Sunday, November 7

9:30am Service

10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Wednesday, November 10

Martin Luther's birthday

5:00pm Youth Catechism

Thursday, November 11

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

10:00am Choir

Sunday, November 14

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper

10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Monday, November 15

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

12:30pm Mary & Martha

Thursday, November 18

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

10:00am Choir

5:00pm Youth Catechism

Sunday, November 21

9:30am Service

10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Thursday, November 25

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship

Friday, November 26

1:00pm Church Christmas Decoration

Sunday, November 28 *Advent 1*

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper

10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Save the Date -Ladies Christmas Lunch

Ladies of the congregation Mary Martha group will have a Ladies Potluck Lunch Dec 15th @12:30pm. We will visit and sing Christmas carols. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for casserole, salad, or desert. No games, no gifts.



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