

The earth will  
wear out like  
a garment...

But my  
salvation  
will remain  
**forever.**

Isaiah 51:6



**CHRIST IS KING FOREVER**

*9:30am November 21, 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](http://wels.net)



**WELS**

Christ's Love, Our Calling.



# Morning Praise

*Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.*

---

## Hymn

**Crown Him With Many Crowns**

*Christian Worship 511*

## Confession & Absolution

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,  
**we lie and do not live by the truth.**

If we claim to be without sin,  
**we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.** *1 John 1:5-8*

**Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

*Silence for personal examination and confession.*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. *1 John 1:9*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Hasten to save me, O God.

**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit let us worship him.

## Psalm 95

Come, Let Us Worship And Bow Down -*Venite*



Come, let us wor-ship and— bow down, let us



kneel before the Lord, our God, our Mak - er.



Come, let us wor-ship and— bow down, let us



kneel before the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For



He \_\_\_\_\_ is our God, and



we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the



sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His hand, just the



sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His hand.

# First Lesson

Isaiah 51:4-6

*This earth will not last, but God's salvation is eternal.*

Pay attention to me, O my people. My nation, listen to me! For the law will go out from me, and I will establish my justice as a light to the peoples. My righteousness is near. My salvation goes forth, and my arms will bring justice to the peoples. The seacoasts will wait for me. They will have confidence in my arm.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens. Look closely at the earth beneath, because the heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like gnats. But my salvation will remain forever, and my righteousness will never be abolished.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 47

*Christian Worship Supplement*

## *Refrain*

God has gone up with a shout, the  
Lord with the sound of the trum - pet.

## *Psalm Tone*

Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,  
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;  
God is seated on his holy throne. ♪ **Refrain**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**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

Jude 20-25

*Through Christ we will be presented faultless before the throne of God.*

But you, dear friends, continue to build yourselves up in your most holy faith as you keep praying in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>Keep yourselves in God's love as you continue to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, which results in eternal life. <sup>22</sup>Show mercy to those who are wavering. <sup>23</sup>Save others by snatching them out of the fire. Show mercy to still others with fear, hating even the clothing that is stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless in the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now, and to all eternity. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jesus is King

♪ **Jesus is king and I will extol him,  
Give him the glory, and honor his name.  
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.**

# Gospel

Mark 13:26-37

*Keep watch, our King is coming soon.*

Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup>At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

<sup>28</sup>“Learn from this illustration of the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also when you see these things happening, you will know that he is near—at the doors! <sup>30</sup>Amen I tell you: This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. <sup>36</sup>If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!”

## Seasonal Response

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

## Hymn of the Day

The King of Glory Comes

*Christian Worship 548*

## Sermon

Isaiah 51:4-6

THE EARTH WILL WEAR OUT;  
CHRIST'S KINGDOM WILL ENDURE FOREVER

# Confession of Faith

We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory 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.**

## **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 church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You are invited to place your offering on the table by the entryway on your way in or as you exit.*

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Prayer for Peace

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through

the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Blessing**

*2 Cor. 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**There is a Higher Throne**

*Christian Worship 885*

### **Acknowledgments**

Order of Service: Christian Worship: Morning Praise Text: © 1993, Northwestern Publishing House

Cover photo: image: © Giuseppe Mond, unsplash. Text edit by Tom Barthel

Scripture taken from The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version®, EHV®, © 2019 Wartburg Project, Inc. All rights reserved.

The following service items are printed under CCLI #2524351 or Onelicense.net #A 716430 all rights reserved, used by permission. All other printed music is public domain.

“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down” Dave Doherty © 2002 Holland Davis & © 1980 Maranatha Praise, Inc.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Remember with Prayer**

- Cindy Hoff who is struggling with respiratory illness; that God gives speedy healing.
- *Share your requests and thanksgiving.*

**Received in October** \$15,415.32

**Received in November** \$7,216.32 *(to date)*

## **Attendance**

11/04 Midweek Bible Study: 10  
11/07 Sunday Service: 48  
11/07 Children's Bible Study: 5  
11/07 Youth & Adult Bible Study: 26  
11/11 Midweek Bible Study: 9  
11/11 Youth Catechism: 3  
11/14 Sunday Service: 49  
11/14 Children's Bible Study: 5  
11/14 Youth & Adult Bible Study: 23

## **Serving This Week**

Flowers, Communion Setup: Della Kary, Lydia Barthel  
Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ.  
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel  
Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

## **Save the Dates -Christmas Caroling**

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm -meet at church.  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm & meeting for cookies and apple cider afterwards at the Barthel house.  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm with just one or two stops.

## **Christian Worship 2021 Hymnal**

The blue hymnals with the silver chi-rho symbol (the Greek monogram for "Christ") are the 2021 hymnals produced by our synod. Thanks to an anonymous donation we now have 75 copies. If you would like to help us purchase more you can mark your special gift "Hymnals, Library Fund." They are \$24 each. 75 more hymnals would allow us to attain having at least 8 copies per pew.

# **CALENDAR**

[rockofages-payson.com/calendar](http://rockofages-payson.com/calendar)

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> @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.

**For free books** on apologetics by Lutheran Science Journal visit [www.LutheranScience.org/FreeBooks](http://www.LutheranScience.org/FreeBooks)



204 W. Airport Rd. Payson, AZ 85541 • Office: 928-474-2098 • [pastorbarthel@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbarthel@gmail.com)  
Pastor Tom Barthel • Mobile: 928-612-8463