
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2021

Confession and Absolution

Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

1 *Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

2 *Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.*

3 *Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.*

△ 4 *To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.*

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.
- C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!**
- P** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- C** **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.**
- P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- C** **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!**

**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.**

**We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** *Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Pre-Kindergarten

Give Thanks

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

- ⁴ “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Pre-Kindergarten 4 yr-olds (Handbells)

We Gather Together

Epistle

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit;
²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia

LSB 190

- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Sit Hymn

O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Choir

Count Your Blessings

Offering—*Collected at each entrance.*

Stand Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Church, that God would give us grace to serve Him with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the troubled in mind and spirit, that God would give them strength to cast every care on Him and give them quietness of heart through a firm trust in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the lonely, that God would place them into the family of His Church to find peace in Christ and fulfillment through loving service to their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the leaders of our nation, that they may walk in the way of justice and truth, using the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the hungry, that they would be filled with good things; for the poor and unemployed, that they may find gainful employment; for the sick, [*especially* _____] that they may be healed; for those who mourn, [*especially* _____] that they may be comforted; and for those who travel, that God would watch over them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For each communicant, that with a repentant heart and faith they would be worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, not to their judgment but for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for all who have departed this life in faith, [*especially* _____] that as we see the signs of our Lord's second coming, we would not lose heart, but remain faithful unto death and receive the crown of life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

1 *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.*

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

2 *Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

3 *Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!*

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Sit Distribution Hymn

Praise Be to Christ

LSB 538

- Praise be to Christ in whom we see
The image of the Father shown,
The firstborn Son revealed and known,
The truth and grace of deity;
Through whom creation came to birth,
Whose fingers set the stars in place,
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,
The furthest bounds of time and space.*
- Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway
And will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began
And when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head,
Redemption's price and source and theme,
Alive, the firstborn from the dead,
To reign as all-in-all supreme.*

- Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.*

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Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Eileen Clements	Wayne Mueller
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Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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Mission Prayer

Give thanks as you pray:

- Thank God that He is the God who saves. Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.
- Thank God that His name is trustworthy. Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 11/21	Daniel 2:1-23; Revelations 18:1-24
Monday, 11/22	Daniel 2:24-49; Revelations 19:1-21
Tuesday, 11/23	Daniel 3:1-30; Revelations 20:1-15
Wednesday, 11/24.....	Daniel 4:1-37; Revelations 21:1-8
Thursday, 11/25	Daniel 5:1-30; Revelations 21:9-27
Friday, 11/26.....	Daniel 6:1-28; Revelations 22:1-21
Saturday, 11/27	Isaiah 1:1-28; 1 Peter 1:1-12

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday school @ 9:50 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room

Adult Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Handicapped Accessible Service—December 9th @ 10:00 a.m.

****A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and YouTube. ****

Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Advent Service—Wednesdays (beginning 12/1) @ 7:00 p.m.

Grief Share—Surviving the Holidays, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

Help Needed—Christmas Decorating Committee

The Christmas Decorating Committee will begin decorating the church at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 28th. All help is welcomed and encouraged, the more, the merrier.

New! 2022 Weekly Envelopes

As of January 1, 2022, you will not receive, or need to pick up, a box of envelopes. The mailman will be delivering your envelopes directly to your home for each quarter. Your giving envelope packets for January - March 2022 should arrive around the middle of December.



Your name/names will be on each envelope, the weekly date, and the assigned 2022 identifying number (for our posting). Do not use your old envelope number after December 31, 2021. Envelopes for Special Holiday Services, Lenten, Advent, District/Synod, and Building Fund will be included in your quarterly packet.

Please use your envelopes as much as possible. It makes it easier to track your gifts for financial accounting. Also, each packet will include a brief note, event ad, or letter from St. Mark's Church or School. It is an opportunity for your Church to keep in touch with you with a reminder of special events or needs and save a little postage.

Questions? Contact Ruth Waeltz (618) 317-2678 or the church office (618) 965-3192.

COME JOIN KIDS PRAISE AND WORSHIP AT ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Who can attend? Anyone age 3 on up

Where will it be held? In the church meeting room on Sundays

What time? 9:45ish-10:30ish

What will we be doing? A wide variety of upbeat ways to learn about the love of God for us as God's Children. We will have a snack time while we listen to uplifting music and dance, arts supporting our studies, cooking experiences, boom sticks, hand bells, we will sing in church, and many other exciting surprises along the way!

Come Join the Fun and Learn about God our Creator and Protector!

If you would like to be a volunteer for any Sundays or help provide snacks, please contact Delana Luebke at 618-443-8353



Advent Preservice Meals

The Board of Missions will be providing a meal before the Advent services December 1, 8, & 15 in Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. The meals will consist of a variety of fresh hot pizzas and salad. Come for a meal out and fellowship prior to the service.

Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

Keep the Faith One Verse at a Time

Grace...

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” ~Ephesians 2:8-9

God has graciously forgiven and saved us from ourselves. It is very important to show that same grace and forgiveness to everyone around us including the young people in our lives. This can only happen with the help and power of the Holy Spirit guiding us.

The following is an excerpt from *7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry*-

“Grace creates an environment where questions are not feared, attacked, or ignored. As young people struggle they need a community of believers who show support, address concerns head on, and remind them of the God who sent His Son for them. It keeps their answers and identity focused on Christ rather than on sports, social media, or other distractions.” LCMS Youth Ministry Office, (2019)

Please pray: Dear Jesus, Teach us how to freely give grace to those around us, especially our young people!
Amen

It’s Angel Tree Time!

Our Angel Tree project is under way and the ornaments are available for you to choose from. Each ornament has a wish list for each “Angel”. The deadline to turn in all gifts with their tag attached is December 3rd.

When you pick an ornament from the tree, please note that you must register the ornaments by writing your name and phone number beside the corresponding number on your ornament, on the register sheets. Before you leave, be sure to take an instruction sheet with you so you’ll have all the information you need at home to help you through this project. And THANKS for participating!

Youth Group Scrip Orders

Scrip is a program where you are able to buy gift cards for your own personal shopping and/or for your loved ones and the Youth Group receives a percentage back from each card you order. Order forms (lime green paper) are located in this week's bulletin and at each entrance to the church and can be dropped with payment in the offering basket or at the church office at any time. Once the order is placed, we will have the gift cards within two weeks.

St. Mark's School Notes

Our 1st grade with the help of Mrs. Judy Sarwark will lead chapel on Wednesday, November 24. Weather permitting chapel will be at the church.

There will be 1:35 pm early dismissal on Wednesday, November 24. No after school bus service but there will be latchkey available.

St. Mark's will not have school Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for our Thanksgiving break. The faculty, staff, and students wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" Psalm 107:1*

Do not forget that picture day is Tuesday, November 30! No forms are necessary! If your PreK child does not attend on Tuesdays, please bring them at 8:30 am to have their picture taken. Iconik is the new company this year and we are excited to be working with them!

St. Mark's Coop Sports

Mon., Nov 29 – B BB vs St. Mary's, Chester – 5:30 pm (C,B,A)

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Happy Thanksgiving!

Plan to Give a Priceless Gift: We will be hosting our fall blood drive on Dec. 1, from 2:00-6:00pm. You can sign up for an appointment now by using the Red Cross website or the Red Cross blood donor app.

Stonies Sausage: FFA members are selling a variety of flavors of Stonies Sausage sticks. Talk to a member to purchase.

School Visitors: To comply with new regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you. The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.