November 3, 2024

Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation

566 By Grace I'm Saved

 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught? No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

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- By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
 His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
- By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

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This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Silence for prayers of confession.)

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praisesung to	: Crown Him with Many Crowns
Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!	2
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!	
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,	
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.	

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin, life and salvation. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your generous forgiveness of us, we may forgive those who have sinned against us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament

You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored! Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!

The Gospel

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 18:21-35

Nehemiah 9:17

Object Lesson

The Hymn of the Day

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(Sung to #707 Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways)

- "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
 But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
- How can Your pardon reach and bless
 The unforgiving heart
 That broods on wrongs and will not let
 Old bitterness depart?
- In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
 What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!
- Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Prayers [If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus And for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayer)

Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

The 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.

Our offerings help to support:

The Our Center

We give you but your own In any gift we bring; All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king. May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty. You alone are holy, worthy and righteous. God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

Amen.

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The Agnus Deisung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away— Our faith increase, Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall, Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

[If your body does not tolerate alcohol, the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]

The Distribution Hymns

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

- Just as I am, without one plea 1 But that Thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am and waiting not 2 To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
 Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
- When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
- His oath, His covenant and blood
 Support me in the raging flood;
 When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain
- ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle......sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness! All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess. Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Final Hymn

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
 Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
 Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

- Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
 With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
 Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
 From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
 For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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Server Schedule

	11/3	11/10	11/17
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Edwin	Gordon	Mike
Reader	Karen	Bob	Amy
PowerPoint	Wanda	Lisa	Phil
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Greg	Amy	Greg
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Erik	Herold	Bill
Reader	Kathy	Rosemary	Cole
PowerPoint	Cole	Vicki	Erik
Audio/Visuals	Hayden/Donovan	Erik/Conor	Hayden/Donovan
Counters	John Di/Wayne	Mick/James	Adria/Michelle
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Williams/Koob	Nancy D	Royce/Paula
Altar Flowers	Magyar	Stamp	Reitz

Today's altar flowers are given Amy and Dan Magyar, in honor of their anniversary.

Birthdays this Week

- 11/05 Inge Reitz
- 11/05 Robert Ose
- 11/09 Amelia Stamp
- 11/09 Arlette Kilian

Anniversaries this Week

11/05 Amy & Dan Magyar