
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOV. 21, 2021



WELCOME

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (LSB #803)

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Changing bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**
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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS: (From Psalm 130)

Pastor: Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days.

People: Let me know how fleeting is my life.

Pastor: You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before You.

People: Each man's life is but a breath.

Pastor: But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You.

People: Save me from all my transgressions;

Pastor: Do not make me the scorn of fools.

People: Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ.

People: In Him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise to serve Him.

Pastor: In Christ Jesus our Lord,

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

SONG: "In Christ Alone" (Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

**End...No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

EPISTLE READING Jude 20-25

²⁴To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

CONFESSING THE TRUTHS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH:

Pastor: What do the Scriptures teach about Christ’s second coming?

People: Christ will return visibly and with great glory on the last day.

Pastor: “Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. (*Rev. 1:7*)

People: Christ will return to judge the world, not to set up an earthly government.

Pastor: Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” (*John 18:36*) “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, he will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (*Mt 25:31-32*)

People: Christ will return on a specific day known by God alone.

Pastor: “You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.” (*Mt 24:44*)

People: Before Christ returns, there will be increasing turmoil and distress for the church and the world.

Pastor: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.” (*Mt 24:7*) “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.” (*1 Tim 4:1*)

People: The return of Christ is a source of hope and joy for the Christian.

Pastor: “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (*Lk 21:28*)

People: “We wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (*Titus 2:13*)

Pastor: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’”

People: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” (*Rev 22:20*)

HYMN: “Christ be my Leader” (LSB #861)

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for Jesus is there.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can, touch my salvation; with Jesus I reign.**
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SERMON: Mark 13:32-37 “Are You Keeping Watch?”

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: “Amazing Grace” (LSB #744)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE *our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ’s body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord’s table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Instrumental Music)

BLESSING: (Adapted from 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Pastor: And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade,

People: Kept in heaven for us.

Pastor: Who through faith are shielded by God's power,

People: Until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Amen.

HYMN: "Onward Christian Soldiers" (LSB #662)

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

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BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Adult Bible Class:

Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.

Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.

Location: Church fellowship hall.

Topic: Both classes are the same. We are currently finishing up our look at the book of Revelation.



Holiday Service Schedule:

Dec 1st, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Dec 8th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Dec 15th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Advent Service Theme: "What Do Angels Do?"

Each week we'll be looking at the role angels play in God's plans and in our life as believers in Christ.

Dec 24th, 4pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Dec 25th, 9:30am. Christmas Day Service with Communion

A graphic with a teal background and white snowflakes. The text "warm their feet" is in a cursive font, and "SOCK DRIVE" is in large, bold, white capital letters.

warm their feet
SOCK DRIVE

2021 Annual Sharing and Caring Hands Sock Drive

Fall has arrived quickly and so has the time to gather socks again for Mary at Sharing and Caring Hands to support her Thanksgiving tradition of washing the feet of the homeless.

By your donation you are participating in this humble act of love and kindness. As in previous years we are collecting packages of new Mens, Womens, and Kid's NEW athletic socks for this effort.

A collection bin is located in the narthex. We need to have the socks donated by Monday 11/22/21 so they can be delivered Wednesday 11/24/21.

Blessings on your fall season as you bless others with your donation! With gratitude,

Scott and Denise Ramsdale

³² “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

1. What don't we know about Jesus' return at the end of the age?

2. The Savior Jesus is both _____

3. How can Jesus say he doesn't know the time of the end?

4. Why are we in danger as we await Jesus' return?

5. What spiritual things can happen as we wait for Jesus?

6. Why does Jesus call us to keep watch?

7. What does Jesus mean by telling us to keep watch?

8. What should happen if we are serious about keeping watch over ourselves spiritually?

9. How might we keep watch over ourselves spiritually?

10. Why is the Holy Spirit given to dwell in us as believers in Christ?

11. How does the Holy Spirit preserve us in faith?

12. When do we hinder the Holy Spirit?

13. What motivates us to continue to keep watch over ourselves spiritually?