
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 30, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LSB #656)

**A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He’s by our side upon
the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict’ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Penned by Martin Luther)*

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.

Pastor: How do you know this?

People: From the Ten Commandments; these I have not kept.

Pastor: Are you sorry for your sins?

People: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Pastor: What have you deserved of God by your sins?

People: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

Pastor: Do you also desire to be saved?

People: Yes, such is my desire.



Pastor: In whom, then, do you trust?

People: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

People: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sin.

Pastor: Why ought we remember and proclaim Jesus' death?

People: That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; that we may learn to look with terror at our sins and regard them as great indeed; and that we might find joy and comfort in Jesus alone, and thus be saved through such faith.

Pastor: What was it that moved Jesus to die and make satisfaction for your sins?

People: His great love to His Father and to me and other sinners.

Pastor: As you believe so let it be. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (LSB #816)

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore,
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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PRAYER: (Spoken together)

Enlighten our minds, we pray, O God, by the Spirit who proceeds from you, that we may be led into all truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

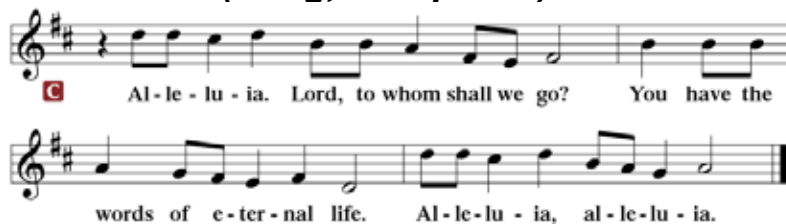
OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

EPISTLE READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. ²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

RESPONSE: (Sung, LSB p. 156)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Apostle's 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.

HYMN: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(LSB #528)*

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis
music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

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SERMON

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.

BLESSING: (Adapted from 2 Corinthians 4)

Pastor: We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord.

People: And ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: May God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

People: Make his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. Amen.

HYMN: "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (LSB #729)

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.**

**I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.**

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“ It’s that time of the year again! The annual Sharing and Caring Hands Sock Drive! Thanks to your partnership since the first sock drive in 2004 over 26000 pairs of athletic socks have been collected. Please consider joining us again this year and place your donated package/s of NEW men’s, women’s or children’s socks in the bin labeled “sock drive” in the narthex by Sunday November 20th . With grateful hearts we thank you for your continued support of this project! We wish all a wonderful and grace filled Thanksgiving season !

God Bless!

Denise and Scott Ramsdale “

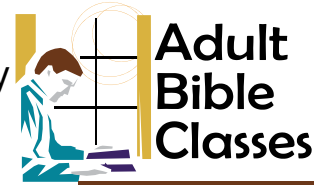


Family Faith Fellowship will be at 10:45-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Our first study unit will be a look at “God’s Tools”, as we discuss Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and the work the Holy Spirit does through these tools to stir and preserve faith in Christ.

Just a reminder, Family Faith Fellowship is NOT just for parents and their children. All are welcome to join us as we grow spiritually stronger as God’s redeemed family.

NO TUESDAY CLASSES November 1

Adult Bible Classes will meet each Sunday at 8:30am, and each Tuesday at 11am, in the fellowship hall will be studying the Gospel of John. This Gospel was inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by the apostle John, specifically to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and come closer to him as the Savior.



H.E.Y. - Holy Emmanuel Youth for 6th to 12th grade

Our activity for November 19 we are going to Skateville to roller skate. We will meet at church at 9:30am to carpool down to Skateville in Burnsville where we will skate for 5+ hours and return to church at 4pm. As you can see this runs through the lunch hour and you may want to consider bringing some cash for the snack bar if you think you might get hungry. Please let Chris Krentz know if you are able to join us.



Little Blessings

is for ages 3-5, pre kindergarten.
Beginning September 18th
10:45-11:30am Sunday Mornings

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please include the following friends and happenings in your personal prayers

For God's Blessing On Their Medical Treatment - Richard St Martin

Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers - Pat Hibben - John Arne - Vera Marko - Jerry & Sharon Bliven - Lorraine McKay - Marion Michalik - Stan Cherveney

Our Local & Global Mission Ministries

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our “Together In Mission”)

-Rev. Bliidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our “Care Barrels”)

Local & Global Concerns

-For a spirit of unity and Godliness among the leadership of The United States of America and President Biden

Birthday's This Week

04-Nov Blake Leavens

05-Nov Dick St Martin

Anniversary's This Week

30-Oct Robert & Ella Chellew 57



One Voice for Public Policy - The Coming Election: What's at Stake?

Friends in Christ,

With less than four weeks until the election, we can all anticipate a steady diet of political ads trying to draw our attention toward some issues and away from others, depending, of course, on what politicians judge to be most advantageous to their cause. Given that dynamic, I'd like to offer brief reflections on a few specific issues Christian voters should pay special attention to as they prepare to cast their vote. The Church, of course, has no particular expertise, and takes no stand, on a majority of issues that are dealt with in the political sphere. But, it does speak to some, including those dealing with life issues (abortion and physician assisted suicide), marriage/family, religious liberty, and parental rights. The Church speaks to these issues because Scripture speaks to them in clear and unambiguous ways.

As it stands now, the following are some of those specific issues that will be directly impacted by the outcome of November's election.

On the federal level:

1) Concerning the Redefinition of Marriage – Though, sadly, the Courts have previously redefined marriage to include same-sex couples and are now actively contemplating the legalization of polyamory (marriages of more than two persons), these changes have not all been incorporated into federal statute, that is, through legislative action. Depending on the outcome of November's election, the effort to embed these unbiblical changes into federal law will either be squelched or propelled forward (largely through the deceptively named "Respect for Marriage Act"). Therefore, I urge you to know where the candidates stand on this specific piece of legislation and to withhold support from those who would advocate for it, especially those candidates running for the U. S. House of Representatives.

On the State level:

2) There is currently an effort to radically change the Minnesota State Standards that govern teacher licensure. If these proposed changes are finalized in their current form, every teacher wishing to be licensed by the State will be pressured to incorporate various disturbing concepts in their teaching. These concepts fall under the general

heading of Critical Race Theory ... though that specific terminology may not be used in these standards. These various elements are not appropriate for K-12 classrooms as they are clearly forms of political indoctrination and, in some cases, reflect anti-Christian doctrines. If you are unfamiliar with these proposed changes, I would direct you to the 2022 Lutheran Voter Information Guide recently released by our District's Public Policy Committee. It can be accessed on the District website or on the website of the Minnesota Child Protection League (<https://cplaction.com>). Again, I would encourage you to inform yourself of where candidates stand on this issue.

3) One of the more disturbing trends of recent years has been the tendency of the State to regard itself as the primary authority in the life of children rather than their parents. This tendency surfaces most frequently in K-12 educational settings. More specifically, the State frequently asserts it has the right to a) dissuade parents from choosing a religiously grounded education for their children by denying them the same funding offered to parents who choose a non-religious education, b) provide forms of pro-abortion advocacy and access without parental knowledge or consent, and c) provide gender transition counseling to students without parental knowledge or consent. The outcome of this election will be crucial in determining whether these and other encroachments on parental rights will be allowed to continue and perhaps intensify.

4) With the recent Dobbs ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court, the issue of abortion has now been largely returned to the states. Unfortunately, in Minnesota this has not meant the end of legal abortions. Quite the opposite, Minnesota is now becoming a "mecca" for those seeking abortions from other states where it is now restricted or banned. It is, therefore, more important than ever to elect legislators and a governor that will stand up for the life of the unborn, who like us, are made in the image and likeness of God.

These, of course, are not the only important matters at stake in this coming election. It is my hope and prayer, however, that you will use whatever opportunities God gives you to lift up these particular issues in your congregation, as well as among your friends and acquaintances. It has, of course, become cliché' to say this may be one of the most consequential elections ever. But, in view of the truly radical new views being actively and coercively promoted in recent years, I believe this is, indeed, just such a crucial election. God grant each of us will not only cast our vote in a God-pleasing way, but we might also serve as His instrument to influence others in a way that will bring honor and glory to God and serve the needs of our neighbor.

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