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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – Green Hymnal WOV – Blue Hymnal

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! (Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING:

Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble,

such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (Read by half verse)

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SECOND READING:

Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:**Mark 13:1-13**

¹As {Jesus} came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON:**“HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE”****HYMN OF THE DAY:** “My Lord, What a Morning”**WOV 627****STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, strengthen, sustain and guide your Church, to proclaim your love and demonstrate the power of your Holy

Spirit. Make the church bold and courageous in the face of ridicule and persecution in the world. Use us all to lead the world to know you, the author and giver of life, both now and forever.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Generous God, you have given us all that we have, use, and enjoy in this life. Let us be grateful for your bounty. Give us a clarity of vision according to your will and a firm sense of the church's mission to the world. Form us into people with generous hearts, so through our faithful participation in God's mission the kingdom of heaven may be extended and all may be invited.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for those who are ill. We especially pray for ...] Bring healing strength to their illness and bring mercy so they may know you love them. Surround them with your very presence and let them know of your love for them.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of life, we give thanks for all those who have faithfully served this country in the military or in public service. As we remember all Veterans, we ask for your healing power in their lives as many have seen and experienced dreadful situations in the line of duty. Grant them peace and mercy as you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

Pledges to the altar

Blessing of Shoeboxes

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday,11/6: 13

Last Sunday, 11/7: 41

BIRTHDAYS

Donna J. Koehnke 11/13

Tim Wittwer 11/14

Charmaine Massey 11/19

Meet & Greet

Please plan to meet with our perspective new Pastor on Wednesday, November 17th:

12:00 pm for a light lunch (Soup & cold meat sandwiches).
Please bring a dish to pass.

6:00 pm for Italian Beef sandwiches. Please bring a dish to pass.
(No crafting this night so we can listen intently to the Pastor.)

RSVP to Dianna the time and how many will be attending.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 21st right after service for the purpose of:

1. Ratification of the amendment of the NALC Constitution
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call, God willing

THANKSGIVING EVE

The Methodist Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm. Pastor Phil Gronbach will be participating. Let's get together with fellow Christians to give Thanks to God.

Sunday 11/14: Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Shoeboxes & Newsletter items are due today.

Monday 11/15: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am

Turkey Meal boxes to be picked up, 12-2pm.

Tuesday 11/16: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Dist. 12-2 pm.

Wednesday 11/17:

COME & MEET our perspective NEW PASTOR!!

Meal with our Pastor at 12pm or 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Dianna, what time you will be coming and how many, so we have enough food.

Thursday 11/18: Wittenberg Door – Pastor's Fellowship at 10am – 3pm.

Confirmation Class via zoom, 3:30pm OR

In-person, 5:30pm

Saturday 11/20: Communion Service with pledges to the altar, 5:30pm.

Kids Yoga, 10am - 12pm with Kara Schabacker

Sunday 11/21: Communion Service with pledges to the altar and Sunday School to follow, 9am.

Congregational Meeting immediately following.

Please stay to help take fall decorations down.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Carolyn Suhr had emergency colon surgery recently. She is at St. Anthony hospital.
- Norma Benson is looking to be home soon.
- Nancy Bakanas for relief of horrible back pain.
- Trudy Loomis is getting stronger everyday.
- Walter Mercado weighs over 5 lbs.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Justin Mielke for answers to his recent health problems.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum and Abby (Pahnke) Bohn.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Pray for our church and its activities, as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians and other Afghanis suffering violence of the Taliban.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

CRAFT NIGHT

The next night for making a craft for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, will be on Friday, December 3 at 6pm. We will make tic tac toe bags with the colored buttons. This and future crafts will be for the 2022 boxes.