Last Sunday of the Church Year November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service



Keep watch ... 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.

Mark 13:35

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

* Please turn off cellphones*

Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our

'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" — if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Divine Service – Setting Three November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 184

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

We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ★
Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew* 28:19b; [18:20]

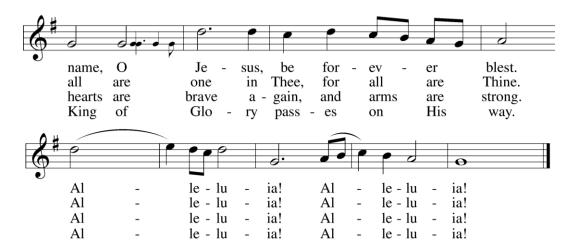
C Amen.

Opening Hymn

LSB 677 sts. 1, 4-5, 7

"For All the Saints"





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- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 184
- 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. *Hebrews* 10:22
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

 LSB 292
- C Amen.

- P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

 LSB 293
- C Yes.
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.
- In this your confession, *LSB 185* 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.

 John 20:19-23

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 186

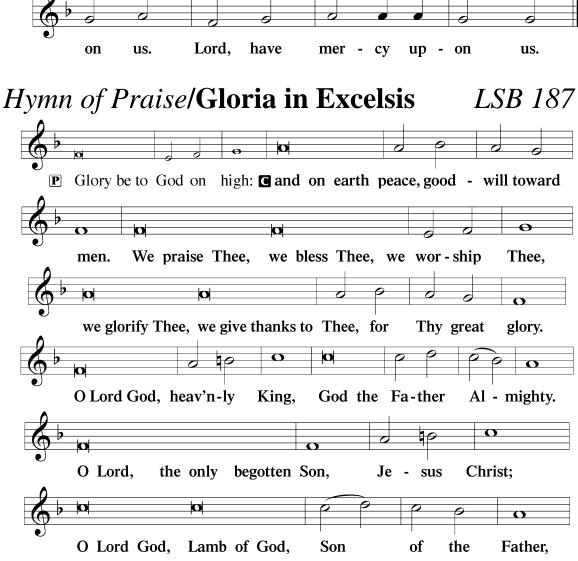
 Introit Ps. 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b

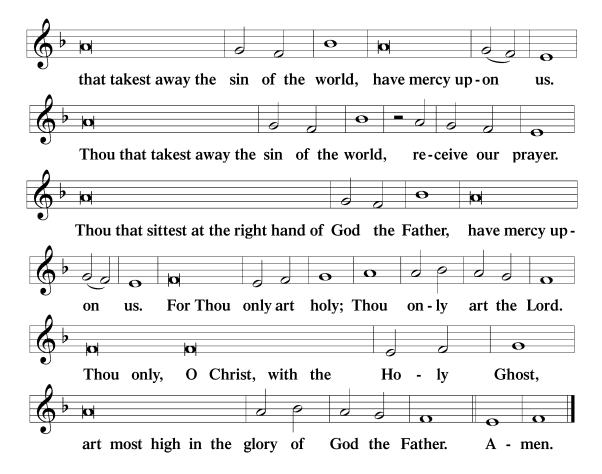
 P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
- © O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

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









Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

- **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 "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.

5 My 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.

6 Lift 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.

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

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

A C These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

4 ... Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the

Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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

Stand



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St.

Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



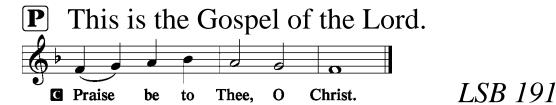
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24 "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

- 26 "At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
- 28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 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.

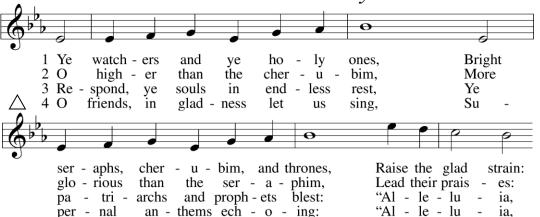
35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

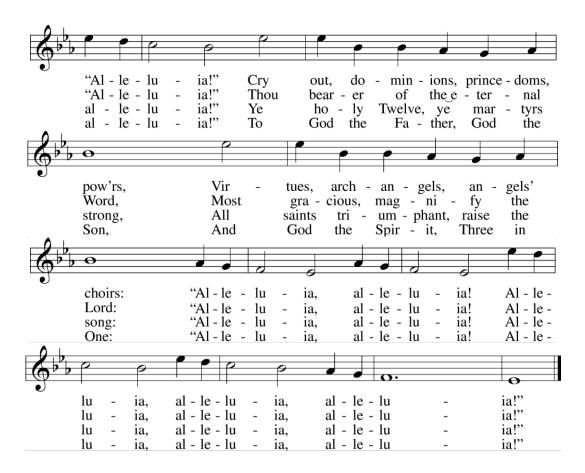


Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 670 sts. 1-4

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"





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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "God's Perspective on the End of the World or

They're All Gonna Die Like Flies!"

Stand

Nicene Creed LSB 191

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ♥ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!



Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

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

Brief silence

P Heavenly Father, You have said Your salvation will last forever and Your righteousness will never fail. In these irreverent and latter days, set the hearts of Your baptized children on Your everlasting grace and unfailing mercy, and help us to be a people who truly wait with anticipation for the glorious appearing of Christ the King. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Kind and merciful One, Your Son came into the world to bear witness to the truth and reveal Your desire for all people everywhere to come to the saving knowledge of Your love. Open the mouths of all believers in Your Word, and enable us to

speak truly and boldly of Jesus and how He has loved us and freed us from our sins by His blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Omnipotent One, Your Son is truly the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Remember in Your mercy our president, Congress, judiciary, and all who bear office in our land. Give them wisdom to know what is right, courage to follow it and integrity to do so in honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ancient of Days, You know the secret of our hearts. Give to us genuine repentance and faith, that we may live ever mindful of Your Day of Judgment, knowing that You alone keep us from stumbling and present us blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In the midst of heaven and earth that pass away, we beg You, Father, to strengthen by the Words that will never pass away all who are in any affliction or trouble, heartache or pain, especially those on our prayer list and cards. Remove from them all fear, and help them to look forward to their full and final healing at the appearing of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith, and bring us to share with them in the splendors of the new heaven and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

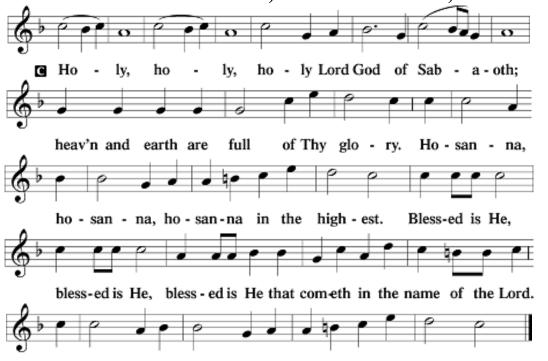
C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 194
 Preface
- **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 to the Lord our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.
- It is truly good, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

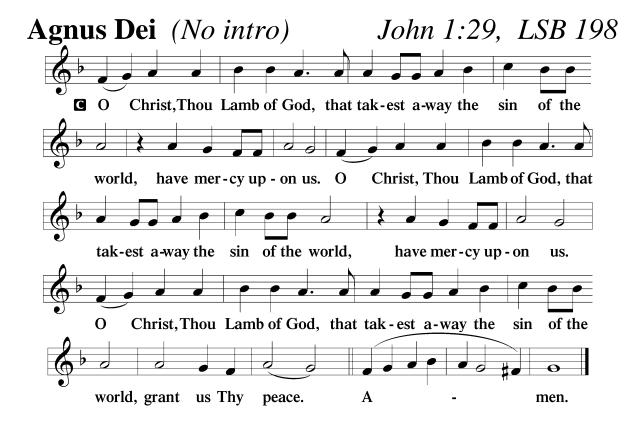
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ▶ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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

John 20:19, LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"





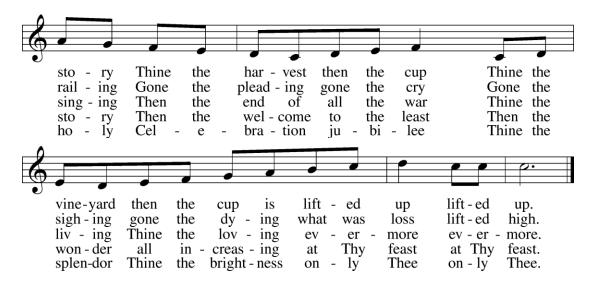
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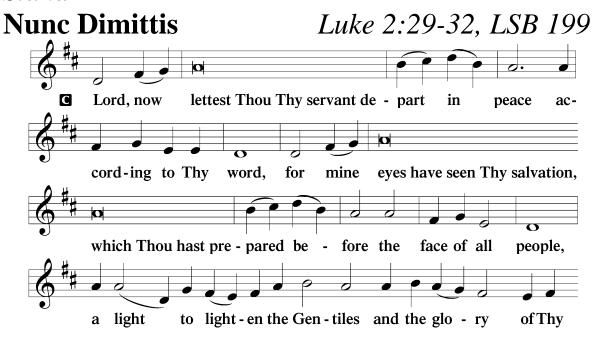
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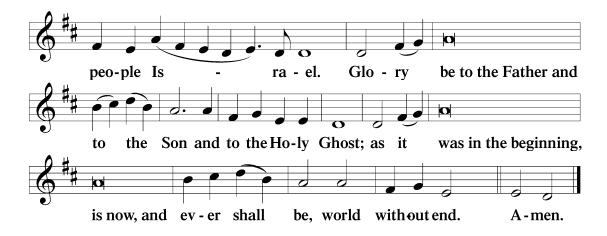




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Stand





Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1, LSB 201

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202

P 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 \(\mathbb{A}\) give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 514 sts. 1-4

(to the tune of LSB 906)

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"



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