



STANDING

in the Gap

October 24, 2021

10:30 Service

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning! It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

NAME TAGS When visiting, please fill out a name tag so we will know who you are and can welcome you. Name tags are located at the podium as you enter the church.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN Children's Bulletins can be obtained from an usher if you have little ones with restless hands.

CONNECTION CARD When the offering is being collected, all are asked to fill in the Connection Card which is in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip so that we may better serve you and send you more information.

RESTROOMS AND WATER FOUNTAINS Restrooms are located off both the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children three years or younger and is located in the back of the church (Luther Hall) from 9:00 – 11:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes for children age 3 through 6th grade are held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Kid's Connect is held during the 10:30 a.m. service following the children's message.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED! Coffee fellowship every Sunday 9:00 – 10:30 in the Breezeway. Come have a donut and enjoy fellowship with one another!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS Large print bulletins and hymnals are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex.) Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION Please see the communion statement in this bulletin. The Common Cup and Individual Cups are both available. White grape juice is found at the center of the Individual Cups for those having that medical need. If you choose the Individual cup when communing at the altar, please hold on to it until the chalice has passed. Please advise an usher if you need to commune in your pew.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership in a Lutheran church, you can transfer your membership to Our Savior by contacting the church office. We will gladly contact your previous church for your transfer. You may also join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and "New Member Classes" are scheduled in the fall and spring. For any assistance or information, please call the church office 954.473.6888.

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“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”



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As We Gather

Please take a minute to fill in your Connection Card.

Divine Service – 10:30

Prelude (*Bells rung to begin service*)

Announcements

(*P=pastor, L=liturgist, C=congregation, R=reader, A=cantor*)

Please stand

Opening Praise Music “Blessed Be Your Name”

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| Verse 1 | Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name |
| Verse 2 | Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name |
| Pre-Chorus | Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say |
| Chorus | Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name |
| Verse 3 | Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name |
| Verse 4 | Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name |
| Bridge | You give and take away You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name |

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We begin by singing to
God about all He has
done for us.

We invoke God's presence by repeating the name in which we were baptized
1 John 1:8-9

We call this prayer a “collect” because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

The **Service of the Word** centers in the lessons, prayers and sung praises which surround the reading of God's Word.

Invocation

- L** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- L** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- L** Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word *Please stand*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Let us pray.
- L** Almighty God, You fill in the gap and stand in the breach. Let the Body of Christ be our bastion against all harm, that we would be kept safe eternally through Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever
- C** **Amen.**

The first lesson is typically taken from a book in the Old Testament.

Please be seated

L “Stop-gap,” is a term defined as a temporary way of dealing with a problem or satisfying a need. It was first used in the 1680s to describe something that plugs a leak or a breach in military defenses. The lessons this morning are about one who stands in the gap, who guards the people from destruction and who holds back the enemy—a good shepherd who serves as a gate for the sheep. And now the readings...

First Reading—Ezekiel 22:30-31 “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. ³¹ So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

106:1, 7, 21-23, 47

L Praise the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C **his love endures forever.**
L When our ancestors were in Egypt,
C **they gave no thought to your miracles;**
L They forgot the God who saved them,
C **who had done great things in Egypt,**
L miracles in the land of Ham
C **and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**
L So he said he would destroy them—
C **had not Moses, his chosen one,**
L stood in the breach before him
C **to keep his wrath from destroying them.**
L Save us, Lord our God,
C **and gather us from the nations,**
L that we may give thanks to your holy name
C **and glory in your praise.**
A **Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The second or epistle lesson is generally from Apostles' letters.

Second Reading—2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

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

Please stand

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter, verses 7-13
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Therefore, Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So, when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

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

The Apostles' Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith in Our Creator saying the Creed...

C **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 **Apostles' Creed**, which first appears in writing in the 3rd Century A.D., states the beliefs and teaching that God gave the apostles in the Bible.

In the Apostles' Creed we speak together our faith together as the Church, confessing it to God, to one another and to the world.

Children released to Kids Connect/Please be seated

L Please be seated. The children may now depart for Kids Connect.

Special Music "The Stand"

*You stood before creation Eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion My soul now to stand
You stood before my failure And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders My soul now to stand
So what can I say And what can I do
But offer this heart O God Completely to You
So I'll walk upon salvation Your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare Your promise My soul now to stand
So I'll stand With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all I'll stand
My soul Lord to You surrendered All I am is Yours*

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Sermon Canyons: Standing in the Gap Ezekiel 22:30-31

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs...
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray...
- C** Amen.

Representing God's
people, the
pastor/liturgist leads
our prayers.
1 Timothy 2:1-4,8

This is the family prayer Jesus taught us.
Matthew 6:9-13

These are the very words of Jesus at The Last Supper. By these words Jesus still sets apart bread and wine to be His own Body and Blood.

Jesus bids us His peace as we come to His table.

John the Baptizer called Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." We sing John's words to Jesus as He comes to us now in His Body and Blood.
John 1:29

Holy Communion implies a unity of faith. It requires us to examine our lives and reflect on what this Sacrament is and we receive there. It expects that those who commune together confess the same faith and are united in the same Church.

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **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 Our Lord (*Pastor*)

Peace of God

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Distribution

Please stand

Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.
C **Amen.**

The Divine Service is almost over. Here *our* service begins as we carry God's good news with us out the doors of this building and into the world.

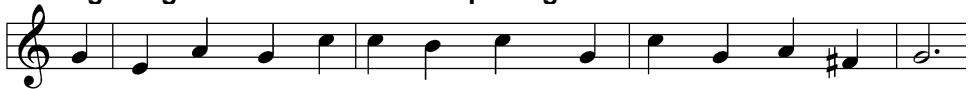
Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in faith toward you and in 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.

C Amen.

Benediction (Pastor)

Closing Song "O God Our Help in Ages Past"



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

We enter to receive
God's Word and
Sacraments, to pray
and praise... we leave
to serve
and witness.

"Serving Christ-Serving Others- Changing Lives"

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY.....

Altar Guild: Denise Kuntz and Lynda Kyse 8:00
Marc Benda and Andrea Orta 10:30
Greeters: Junko Durante 8:00–Jan Withers 10:30
Preacher: Pastor Tony Durante
Liturgist: Michael Gaffley
Cantor: John Waldron 8:00– Ian Johnson 10:30
Lay Reader: Lerryn Latimer 8:00–Desiree Gaffley 10:30
Communion Asst: John Wheeler and Lerryn Latimer 8:00
Craig Chaddock and Desiree Gaffley 10:30
Ushers: David Volz and Mary Martinez 8:00
Bill Burkhardt and Marc Benda 10:30
Sound: Andy Clark
Organist: Carisa Meier
Music Leader: Wayne Rediker (10:30)
Drums: Julio Orta (10:30)
Viola: Ian Johnson (10:30)
Keyboard: Nancy Volz (10:30)
Bass: Duane Srot (10:30)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8 AM & 10:30 AM

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