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Note: Sung responses will have musical notes 🎵 next to them.
All other responses will be spoken.

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 146 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

<https://www.sslwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free

With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(TLH, p. 5)

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.


C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**


THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (TLH, p. 6)

C  ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (TLH, p. 7)

 ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice In our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (TLH, p. 7)

**♪ Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

- P** We pray:

Almighty God and Savior, You have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us watchful for the coming of Your Son that we may sit with Him and all Your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** **Amen.**

Choir Hymn of Praise: A Thanksgiving Prayer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

Hebrews 10:11-18(NKJV)

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," ¹⁷ then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." ¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"

P Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!

C Hallelujah!

P The Gospel reading is from John 5:25-29.

C Glory be to You, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 5:25-29 (NKJV)

²⁵ "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ "and come forth -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

P Here ends our Gospel reading.

C Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (TLH, p. 12)

- ☐ 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen . _**

Hymn of the Day: He is Coming! O, How Precious *(Sung to tune TLH 54)*

1. He is coming! O, how precious!
Till earth's shadows flee away,
How this hope should soothe and cheer us
As we tread our pilgrim way
Through the desert
To the land of endless day!
2. Yes, we know that He is coming,
For 'tis promised in His Word;
How our hearts should then be longing
For our faithful, loving Lord!
Ever watching
That His footsteps may be heard.

3. O the joy of that glad morning
When we see Him face to face,
In His beautiful adorning,
Love in every feature trace,
See His glory
Know the fullness of His grace.

4. He will share His triumph glorious
With His well-beloved bride;
Over every foe victorious,
She will then with Him abide,
With His presence
Be forever satisfied.

5. Angels listen to the story
Of our dear Redeemer's love;
Then shall He have all the glory,
All the praise from choirs above,
And forever
We His loving-kindness prove.

THE SERMON

Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Sermon Theme: A Prophecy of the Last Times

1. A time of great trouble for Christians
2. A time of protection and deliverance for Christians
3. A time for the resurrection and judgment
4. An eternal existence of glory for Christians

THE OFFERTORY

(TLH, p. 12-13)

***♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

(† If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway. †)

Sermon Hymn: 509 *Christ is Surely Coming*

LSB 509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Brill - iant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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THE GENERAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G  **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

LSB 510



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
11/24/24 **11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal**
Nov.25-29 **SSLS Thanksgiving Break**
Thursday **10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service (11/28/24)**
Next Sunday **10:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service**
12/1/24 **11:00 a.m. Voter's Call Meeting**
 11:15 a.m. Children Christmas Eve Practice & Church Decorating

Thanksgiving Break SSLS will not be conducting classes from November 25-29, as our school will have their Thanksgiving Break during this week.

Thanksgiving Day Service This Thursday at 10:00 a.m. we have opportunity to gather in the House of God to give praise and thanks for all the many blessings our loving and merciful God has showered upon us over the past year.

Call Response The following letter was received from Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
After much prayerful consideration, I have concluded that our Lord desires me to remain shepherding his flock at Messiah Lutheran at this time. So, I am returning your call. My heart goes out to all of you in California, and I will diligently pray to the Lord of the harvest to send a shepherd to you soon. We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. Be encouraged in this truth, and encourage each other as you patiently wait for our Lord's will, and his return.

Confident in the care of our King,
Pastor Caleb Schaller

Voter's Call Meeting Since Pastor Schaller returned our call to him, President Slattengren is scheduling a voter's meeting for next Sunday, following the worship service for the purpose of issuing another pastoral call.

Church Decorating will take place following the voter's meeting. If any would care to bring snacks to share on this festive occasion, they are welcome to do so.

Roofing Work The roofers were able to complete their work of reroofing on the church/school building this past Wednesday. Thanks be to God!

CLC Financial Report - October 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 4 Months	Balance 10/31/2024
General Fund	0	310,892	410,440	437,660	(99,548)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	633,765	547,063	574,700	86,702
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	12,961	53,954		69,986
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	228,857	0		1,789,139
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	64,003	42,113		142,674
Kinship	169,884	50,786	51,021		169,649
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	218,366	51,789		2,850,785
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	26,333	67,251		76,399
EduK8 Fund	47,692	12,005	0		59,697
Reserve Fund	79,964	76,837	0		156,801
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$690,148	\$266,128		\$5,315,130

General Fund – In the month of October we spent about \$6,000 more than we received in contributions. This increased the deficit in the fund to just short of \$100,000. Compared to a year ago, contributions through October are down about \$44,000 and the deficit was about \$36,000.

ILC Operations – Revenue is up about \$46,000 over the same period as last year and disbursements down about \$10,000.

ILC Building Projects – Contributions were about \$110,000 this month. However, this was offset some by market losses in the investments which occurred for the first time in several months.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue actually decreased as the losses in the market value of the investments was greater than other revenues.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

