

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Peace from the Cross  
November 19 & 20, 2022

### AS WE GATHER

“For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:19–20). On the cross, Jesus died for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus comforted one of the criminals crucified with Him. On the cross, Jesus interceded even for those who crucified Him. On the cross, Jesus makes peace by His blood.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY MOMENTS

**Women's Conference: Heather Sanchez & Natalie Romano**  
**Together in Mission: Pastor Chuck Ferry (Sunday only)**

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,  
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,  
for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:4-5

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heavens above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Though darkness surrounds us,

**People: Christ shines His light upon us.**

Pastor: Though our world is full of war and violence,

**People: Christ is our peace.**

Pastor: Though our relationships might be strained and broken,

**People: Christ brings reconciliation and redemption.**

Pastor: Though at times we fail to remember Jesus,

**People: He always remembers us.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have sinned against you in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.

**People: Amen. In Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you reign among us by the preaching of your cross. Forgive your people their offenses that we, being governed by your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into your eternal paradise; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 3:13–18* (God's treasured possession)

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” <sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 1:13–20* (Christ makes peace by the blood of His cross.)

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 Choir**

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 23:27–43* (Jesus is crucified.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup> But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

## CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine; (x3)

Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine (x3)

Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

It will point the way to heaven, I'm going to let it shine (x3)

Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

## SERMON HYMN #606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## SERMON "Peace and Paradise Given in Christ's Cross" Luke 23:27-43

(Rise)

### NICENE CREED

**People: 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.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray to our God and Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, as we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life that is everlasting.

*Silence for time of personal prayer and petition*

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, live forever! You have made peace for us by the blood of your cross. You have pleaded with the Father for our pardon, and through you all things are reconciled to God, that we may stand righteous in our Lord on the last day.

**People:** **By your Spirit, lead us to never-ending joy and thanksgiving that you have redeemed us by your Passion from wrath and condemnation.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into your kingdom. In you we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Guard your congregation and your ministers, preserve your Word among us, and bless all missionaries, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family.

**People:** **Rule over your Church with the forgiveness of sins and work all things together for her good, until at last we rise with you.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, by your atoning death we are spared as sons and esteemed as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord.

**People:** **Grant all your people to esteem your name, serve you faithfully, and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name, until all is revealed at the Last Day.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, let the earth fear you and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of you, for you alone are King of kings and Lord of lords.

**People:** **Preserve those who fear you and serve you in the midst of this fallen world, and establish the leaders of the nations in wisdom, that they might rule humbly and justly.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, have mercy and deliver us from evil! Remember us in your grace and deliver the troubled, the sick and the dying, and preserve them in your kingdom forever. We pray especially for John, Shirley, Noah, Debra, Tom, Jill, Paulette, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Brian, Cathy, Vern, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah.

**People:** **Grant them patience in their suffering, endurance through days of affliction, and above all, fill them with hope and peace in your salvation.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, you are the source of all life. We rejoice with the Osell family as Rachel celebrates her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, even as we give thanks for the annual girls basketball tournament.

**People:** **Bless us to rejoice in all the good gifts that come from your hand.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, you saved us, humbly laying down your life as the Chosen One! Your body was given for us and your blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People:** **In this your most holy Supper, do not let us weep in remembrance of you but, move us to joyfully taste of your grace and be strengthened to life everlasting.**

**Pastor:** O Christ, our King, in your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with you. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see you crowned with glory; for you are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### HYMN #628 "Your Table I Approach"

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.  
  
Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
a contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.  
  
Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.  
  
Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.  
  
O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.  
  
Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### HYMN #761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

### HYMN #763 "When Peace, Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you sent your Son make peace by the blood of His cross. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness and peace, strengthen us to live lives of peace here on earth; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN #917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Preacher

Liturgist

Lector

Organist

Special Music 5:00

Pastor Harold Bender

Pastor Josh Grotelueschen

John Gieschen, Grant Gundersen, Don Horn

Olivia Kukor

St Paul's Choir

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## Special Midweek Services

### Thanksgiving with communion –

November 23 @ 6pm and November 24 @ 9am

### Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, November 30 @ 10am and 6pm – "This is My Son - Cain"

Wednesday, December 7 @ 10am and 6pm - "This is My Son - Ishmael"

Wednesday, December 14 @ 10am and 6pm - "This is My Son - Absalom"

Advent Suppers will be served before the evening service starting at 4:45pm

November 30 - Sloppy Joes

December 7 – Chili with toppings

December 14 – Baked Spaghetti