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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of Your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 11 Safely through Another Week

1. Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today;
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest.

2. Mercies multiplied each hour Thro' the week our praise demand;
Guarded by almighty pow'r, Fed and guided by His hand,
How ungrateful we have been In repaying love with sin!

3. While we pray for pardoning grace Thro' the dear Redeemer's name,
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day in Thee!

4. As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near;
May Thy glory meet our eyes While we in Thy name appear!
Here afford us, Lord, a taste Of our everlasting feast.

5. May Thy Gospel's joyful sound Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
Make the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints.
Thus may all our Sabbaths prove Till we join the Church above.

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10

"I watched till thrones were put in place,

And the Ancient of Days was seated;

His garment *was* white as snow,

And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool.

His throne *was* a fiery flame,

Its wheels a burning fire;

¹⁰ A fiery stream issued

And came forth from before Him.

A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated,
And the books were opened. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to *You*?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 611 (1,3,5,7) The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

1. The day is surely drawing near
When God’s Son the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As Judge of all appointed.

All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teacheth.

3. A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each hath done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling;
And every heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In tho'ts and words and actions.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin was smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From every evil! Amen.

THE SERMON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Theme: Prepared for Christ's Sudden Coming.

- I. The Day of the Lord Comes as a Thief in the Night
- II. Watch for that Day of the Lord
- III. The Day of the Lord Is Our Day of Salvation

SERMON TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a

thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 608 Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

1. Let thoughtless thousands choose the road
That leads the soul away from God;
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine,
To live and die entirely Thine.

2. On Christ, by faith, I fain would live,
From Him my life, my all, receive,
To Him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve Him alone with all my pow'rs.

3. Christ is my everlasting All;
To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my every want supply
In time and thro' eternity.

4. Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

5. Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain;
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn: 53:1, 2, 6 Abide, Oh Dearest Jesus

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. We will continue a special video mission evangelism series prepared by the CLC's Committee on Domestic Fields following the service. We will meet in the fellowship hall spreading out with families at individual tables to maintain social distancing. The presentation will be about 45 minutes. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Matthew 25:1-13.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26: Thanksgiving Day! Worship at 9:30 a.m.

December 2, 9, 16 Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 p.m. (There will NOT be soup and sandwich suppers before these services this year.)

December 20 Children's Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m.

December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Nov. 1 worship – 15 Bible Class -- 11; Sunday school - 0

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials	
Offerings Received	\$795.00	Lincoln Cole	
Needed for Year:	\$53,750.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$20.00
Received for Year:	\$47,964.00		

November Church Cleaning - Hellickson

VOLUNTEER FAMILY? Since we cannot under the present COVID 19 restriction have our traditional congregational fellowship with church decorating, we are asking if there would be a family that would decorate the Christmas before the Dec. 5 and then remove the tree decorations after the season is over on or about the 10th of January. Please consider this and let the pastor know if you would be willing to do one or both of these activities.