

Second To Last Sunday Of The Church Year
November 14, 2021
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



The Order of Matins - ELH page 109

1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin

Pastor Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Absolution

Pastor The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #23 “Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now”

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
And let Thy Holy Spirit bow
All hearts in love and fear today
To hear the truth and keep Thy way.

2 Open our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our hearts in true devotion raise,
Our faith increase, our minds enlight
That we may know Thy name aright

3 Until we join the host that cry
"Holy art Thou, O Lord most High!"
And 'mid the light of that blest place
Shall gaze upon Thee face to face.

4 Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

4. Opening Versicles

Pastor O Lord, open my lips.

¶ Congregation And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

¶ Congregation Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

5. The Invitatory and Venite

Pastor Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

¶ Congregation For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.

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, forevermore. Amen.

6. Hymn #467 “In God, My Faithful God”

1 In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Though many woes o'ertake me;
Yet He will not forsake me.
His love it is doth send them
And, when 'tis best, will end them.

2 My sins assail me sore,
But I despair no more.
I build on Christ who loves me;
From this Rock nothing moves me.
To Him I all surrender,
To Him, my soul's Defender.

3 If death my portion be,
Then death is gain to me
And Christ my Life forever,
From whom death cannot sever.
Come when it may, He'll shield me,
To Him I wholly yield me.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
Thou once didst die to save us
Because Thou fain wouldest have us
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.

5 "So be it," then I say
With all my heart each day.
We, too, dear Lord, adore Thee;
We sing for joy before Thee.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise Thee yonder.

7. Psalm 111 Spoken responsively by whole verse.

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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, forevermore. Amen.

8. Old Testament Lesson Daniel 7:9-10

⁹ "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

9. The Epistle Hebrews 12:1-2, 13:20-21

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand

of the throne of God. ^{13:20} Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

10. The Gospel *Mark 13:24-31*

²⁴ "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us!

Congregation Thanks be to You, O Lord!

11. Sermon Hymn #534 "The World Is Very Evil" (verses 1-4,14)

1 The world is very evil,
The times are waxing late;
Be sober and keep vigil,
The Judge is at the gate;
The Judge that comes in mercy,
The Judge that comes with might,
To terminate the evil,
To diadem the right.

2 Arise, arise, good Christian,
Let right to wrong succeed;
Let penitential sorrow
To heav'nly gladness lead
To light that hath no evening,
That knows no moon nor sun,
The light so new and golden,
The light that is but one.

3 Brief life is here our portion;
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there.
O happy retribution:
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners
A mansion with the blest!

4 And now we light the battle,
But then shall wear the crown
Of full and everlasting
And passionless renown;
And now we watch and struggle,
And now we live in hope,
And Zion in her anguish
With Babylon must cope.

14 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

12. Sermon – “Run The Race” *Hebrews 12:1-2,13:20-21*

13. The Offering

14. Prayer

15. **Te Deum Laudamus** pg. 114

¶ **Congregation** We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth worships You, the Father ev-er last-ing.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there-in;
To You cherubim and seraphim con-tin-u-al-ly do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glo-ry.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.
The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does ac-know-ledge You:
The father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and on-ly Son;
also the Holy Spirit, the Com-for-ter.
You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa-ther.
When You took upon Yourself to de-liv-er man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir-gin.
When You had overcome the sharp-ness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev-ers.
You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fath-er.
We believe that You will come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray You, help Your ser-vants,
whom You have redeemed with Your pre-cious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory ev-er-last-ing.
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her-i-tage.
Govern them and lift them up for-ev-er.
Day by day we magni-fy You.
And we worship Your name now and ev-er-more.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up-on us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You I have trusted; let me never be con-found-ed.

16. Prayers

The Kyrie Sung by All

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

The Lord's Prayer Sung by All

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 Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

17. Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

18. Benediction Hymn #536 "O Son Of God We Wait For Thee"

1 O Son of God, we wait for Thee,
We long for Thine appearing;
We know Thou sittest on the throne,
And we Thy Name are bearing.
Who trusts in Thee,
May joyful be,
And see Thee, Lord, descending
To bring us bliss unending.

2 We wait for Thee, 'mid toil and pain,
In weariness and sighing;
But glad that Thou our guilt hast borne,
And canceled it by dying.
Hence, cheerfully
May we with Thee
Take up our cross and bear it,
Till we relief inherit.

3 We wait for Thee; here Thou hast won
Our hearts to hope and duty;
But while our spirits feel Thee near,
Our eyes would see Thy beauty;
We fain would be
At rest with Thee
In peace and joy supernal,
In glorious life eternal.

4 We wait for Thee; sure Thou wilt come,
The time is swiftly nearing;
In this we also now rejoice,
And long for Thine appearing.
Oh, bliss 'twill be
When Thee we see,
Homeward Thy people bringing,
With transport and with singing!

Announcements

Bazaar Flyers - The Bazaar is next Saturday!! There are flyers for the bazaar on the welcome desk. Please take a few and share them with friends and neighbors.

Meditations Available – The new meditations are available on the welcome desk.

Women's Bible Study – There is still time to join the Heritage Women's Monday Night Bible Class as we study *Genesis: God's Gracious Dealings with Mankind in the Original World*. We meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Fellowship Hall. In person and virtual options are available. For more information, please contact Ruth Braun rb1950@gmail.com 651-457-9379/612-237-1064

Confirmation Class – Confirmation class for 7th & 8th grade students is on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.

Men's Bible Study – The Men's Bible study class is on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship - Fellowship will be starting up again. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you would like to sign up.

Choir - Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Seminary Christmas - Again this year, we, as a congregation, will be bringing gifts to the seminary students and their families. Wow! All the Post-Its have been taken. Please put your gifts in the old kitchen. Gift cards can be put in the office or mailbox #9. If you have any questions, please talk to Rhonda Eisenbeis. Gifts are due December 3.

Bazaar Sign-Up Sheets - Please check the volunteer board for opportunities to help with the bazaar. Help is needed making cookies and other baked goods, volunteering to help on the day of the bazaar and with set-up and clean-up.

Cookie & Lefse Pre-Orders - Check the Heritage Website or Facebook page for a Google form for Cookie & Lefse pre-orders. All pre-orders are due by Saturday, November 13th.



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