

The Second to Last Sunday Of The Church Year
November 19, 2023
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



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1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #585 “How Blessed Is The Little Flock”

(Please stand for the last verse)

1 How blessed is the little flock Whom Jesus calls His own!
He is their Savior and their Rock, They trust in Him alone.
They walk by faith and hope and love, But they shall dwell with Him above
When hope and faith shall pass away And love shall last for aye.

2 Lord Jesus, take me by the hand And lead me – I am Thine!
I stand among Thy chosen band Whose lamps so brightly shine.
In peace and joy I now may rest, For this I know, my Savior blest,
That I will live, by grace restored, Forever with my Lord.

3 Lord, may I daily, hourly strive In heav’nly grace to grow,
To Thee and to Thy glory live, Dead to all else below.
Lord, teach my heart Thy love to sing; In faith my humble praise I bring,
With all I am and have, to Thee In thanks eternally.

3. The Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor 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. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have 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.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Congregation Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") Psalm 105:1-7

Pastor ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! ⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♪ **Congregation** 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.

7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♪ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Latin, "Glory in the highest to God")

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

9. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

10. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your last judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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.

11. Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 25:30-32, 26:1-6*

³⁰ “You, therefore, shall prophesy against them all these words, and say to them:
“The LORD will roar from on high, and from his holy habitation utter his voice; he will roar mightily against his fold, and shout, like those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹ The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against the nations; he is entering into judgment with all flesh, and the wicked he will put to the sword, declares the LORD.’ ³² “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, disaster is going forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth! ^{26:1} In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ² “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³ It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴ You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵ and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

12. The Epistle *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

13. The Gradual Hymn #583 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.

14. The Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46* Please stand

Pastor The Holy Gospel for today is written in the...

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by 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 welcomed me, 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 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the

least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal 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 welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 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, 'Truly, I say to you, 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 eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

15. The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

Congregation 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

16. Chief Hymn #532 "Jesus Christ My Sure Defense" (verses 1-3,10)

1 Jesus Christ, my sure Defense
And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear? How could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

3 Nay, too closely am I bound
Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never.
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

10 O that ye would set your hearts
High above all earthy pleasures.
Take instead what He imparts
Who hath giv'n you lasting treasures.
There your heart's affections give
Where ye shall forever live.

17. Sermon – “Enter, Beloved Of My Father” *Matthew 26:31-46*

18. Heritage Choir - The Offertory Verse “Create In Me”

19. Offering

20. Confirmation of Andy Henkemeyer (8:00 service)

21. Prayer of the Church

The Service Of Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

22. The Preface (p. 72)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

♪ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

23. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”) (p.76)

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

24. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)

Pastor 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.

♪ **Congregation** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

25. The Words of Institution (p.79)

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

26. The Pax Domini (Latin, “The Peace of the Lord”)

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

27. The Agnus Dei (Latin, “Lamb of God”)

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

28. The Distribution

29. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, “Now Dismiss Us”) (p.81)

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

30. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

31. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

32. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

33. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen

34. Closing Hymn #592 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Announcements

Moving Help – We will be moving things today after the late service in preparation for the floor project in the old fellowship hall and old narthex/office areas. Thank you to the volunteers who are planning to help or have shared moving dollies with us to make the process go smoothly.

Thank you! – Thank you to everyone who made the 48th annual Bazaar a success!

Thanksgiving Eve Service – This Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

Pie Social – The Outreach Board is hosting a Pie Social following the Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on Wednesday, November 22nd. Plan to stay after the service and enjoy some fellowship time and if you would like to bring a pie to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board.

Seminary Gifts - Again this year, we, as a congregation, will be bringing gifts to the seminary students and their families. There is a poster with post-its hanging in the narthex. Gift cards are available for purchase through Katie Henricks (Raise Right/Script) and can be put in the office or mailbox #9. If you have any questions, please talk to Rhonda Eisenbeis. Gifts are due December 3.

Call Process – In keeping with the timeline for introducing grades K-2 to our school, the council has sent our call form to the synod. We expect a call list in 2 weeks and plan to have a call meeting on December 3.

If members of the congregation have recommendations for the call list, please submit those names to the school board (schoolboard@heritagelutheran.org) by November 26. The council asks that before you submit a name(s) that:

1. The candidate is a member of ELS/WELS.
2. The candidate is qualified to teach grades K-2.
3. You speak to the candidate to assure that he/she is willing to be on the call list.

The council asks for our prayers as they continue to do the work of educating the Lambs at Heritage. Thank you.

Lunch Bunch Volunteers – We are looking for volunteers to help with Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays and Fridays. This would be the second person helping out and eating lunch with our wonderful preschoolers.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday Evening Bible Class is studying Ecclesiastes. The group meets at church at 6:30 pm, but they also utilize Google Meet if you are unable to attend in person. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

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

Meditations – The new meditations are available on the welcome stand.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. New members are always welcome!

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

