

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 22, 2020 ~ 8:30am

Welcome to God's house! Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We're so glad you came!

Face coverings can help limit the spread of coronavirus. Out of love for your neighbor, worshippers are encouraged to wear a mask during the service except when receiving the Lord's Supper. We invite you to sing boldly through your mask! Of course, we understand some may be unable to tolerate face coverings for medical reasons. Also, young children should not wear a mask.

Wait for the usher. To help maintain physical distancing, the usher will dismiss worshippers starting from the last pew. Please wait to leave until the usher invites you to exit your pew.

After the services. As you depart, the pastors will greet you in the narthex. Please proceed either outdoors or past the mailboxes to Bible study classes.

Check-In. We'd love to know that you joined us for worship today as a member or a guest. Please check-in on our website www.christsavior.org/check-in.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS

The focus for the third week of our stewardship emphasis is "Generous and Ready to Share." Love is what motivated God to give, and, because of His love, He didn't give leftovers; He gave His best. He gave us what we needed — His own Son. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Through faith, we begin to understand God's tremendous love for us, and we are compelled to share with others the love of God that fills our hearts. The more fully we understand how richly God has blessed us, the deeper will be our love and gratitude to Him and the greater will be our desire to respond in generous giving of all that we have to offer — not just our monetary gifts but our time, efforts, and abilities as well.

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Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Jennifer Kirk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

1. **We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**
2. **We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
3. **With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

EXHORTATION

- 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.
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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP LITANY

- P** Heavenly Father, in the beginning You created heaven and earth, and You saw that it was good.
C **Lord, thank You for the privilege of being stewards of all Your creation. Help us to act as managers and not owners. Open our eyes and minds to see that You own all things, control all things, and sustain all things.**
P Dear God, by Your grace, You transform our stewardship from specific acts into a lifestyle of stewardship. With new hearts, we are eager to do good works that please and honor You.
C **Lord, grant us wisdom, strength, and conviction to live each day faithfully as stewards of Your blessings.**

(continued)

- P** Lord God, in our lifestyle of stewardship, we commit our lives, gifts, and resources to serving You and fulfilling Your will for our lives.
- C** **Lord, help us to use all that we are and have in ways that give You honor and glory.**
- P** Dear Lord, as Your Holy Spirit works in us through Word and Sacraments, You teach us to become givers rather than takers. You change us into people who understand stewardship to be a joy rather than a duty.
- C** **Help us to be Faithful Stewards of God's gifts.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:6–15

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts. ¹³Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You 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? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:1–7

¹Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, ²for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction. ⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

"Lord of All Good"

LSB 786

1. **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**
2. **We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze
Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.**
- △ 3. **Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. . .

Following each prayer petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C **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.**

BENEDICTION

P 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LSB 660

1. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**
2. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.**
3. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**
4. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



<u>Regular Offerings as of</u>	<u>11/15/2020</u>
Budgeted Weekly Offerings	\$24,340.02
Offerings Received	\$15,168.53
Weekly Deficit	<u>-\$9,171.49</u>
Offerings Budgeted to Date	\$1,119,640.88
Offerings Received to Date	\$1,087,169.44
Budget Deficit	<u>-\$32,471.44</u>
Actual Expenses less Reserves*	<u>\$1,004,218.98</u>
Offerings Received Less Expenses to Date	<u>\$82,950.46</u>

<u>Special Offerings Received</u>	<u>11/15/2020</u>
Family of God	\$355.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$2.00
Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$175.00
Miscellaneous Honorarium	\$100.00
Missions	\$210.00
POBLO	\$100.00
Sunday School	\$1.00
Together <u>In</u> Missions - Ferry's	\$10.00
Total Dedicated Funds Contributions	<u>\$1,053.00</u>

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Brian, Justin and Megan Steckroth, in loving memory of wife & mother, Dawn.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: Pastor Davenport

Liturgist: Pastor Eden

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Elder: Gary Thomas

Acolyte: Spencer Troike

Lector: Jim Edwards

Greeters: Dave and Shirley Speirs

Ushers: Team 11; Fred Klemm, Captain