Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023





Communion Statement We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

^{**} Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

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Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.

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24th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

November 12, 2023

Divine Service IV

Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the pew and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

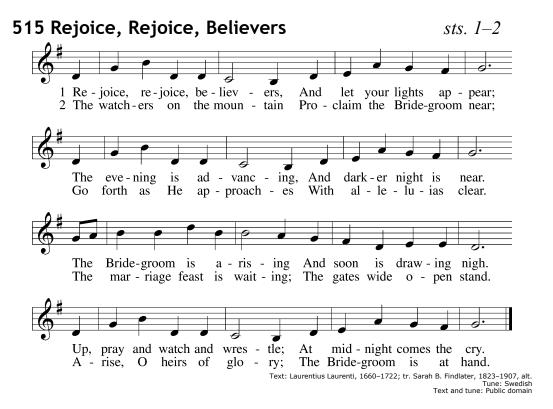
Welcome and Announcements

Veteran's Day Video Tribute

Salutation

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from where you sit.



Please stand as you are able

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and has raised Him from death to everlasting life. For His sake He forgives you all your sins. 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Responsive Psalm 70

- **P** ¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
- © O LORD, make haste to help me!
- Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
- Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!
- P ³ Let them turn back because of their shame
- those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
- P ⁴ May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
- May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P ⁵But I am poor and needy;
- C hasten to me, O God!
- P You are my help and my deliverer;
- **☑** O LORD, do not delay!

Gloria Patri LSB 186

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.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray.

 Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson:

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

- ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
- ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

- ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
- ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



Verse LSB 205





Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel:

Matthew 25:1-13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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,

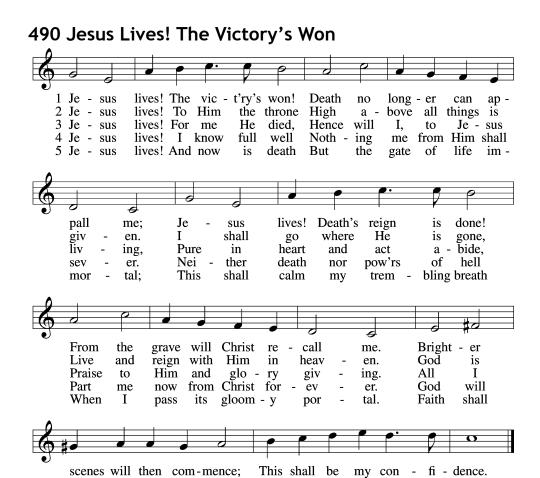
who spoke by the prophets.

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.

Please be seated



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Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
"Be an Encourager of the Faithful"

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Pastor David Hensler

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Offering Verse:

Psalm 70:4

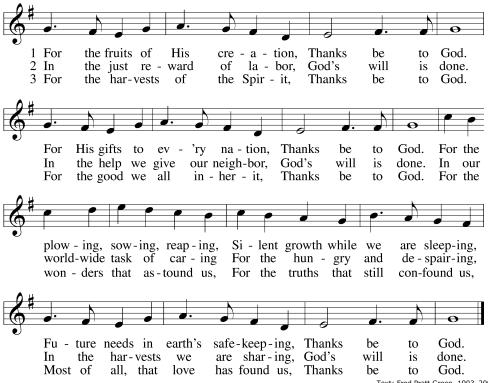
⁴May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Please stand as you are able



894 For the Fruits of His Creation





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Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C Amen.

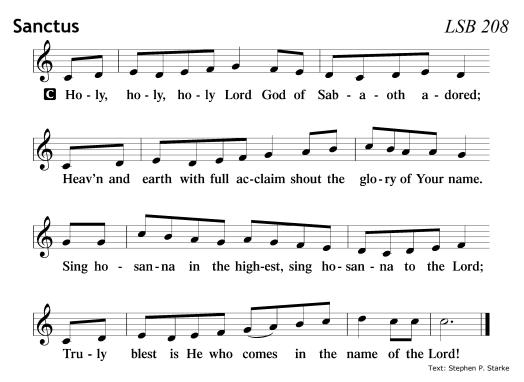
Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "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, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Please be seated

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Right Column

The true body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

Table Dismissal

P Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

516 Wake, Awake, for the Night is Flying

A Lamb of God Favorite



514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Sung to the tune from #684 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,

"Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!

- 2 There shall we see in glory
 Our dear Redeemer's face;
 The long-awaited story
 Of heav'nly joy takes place:
 The patriarchs shall meet us,
 The prophets' holy band;
 Apostles, martyrs greet us
 In that celestial land.
- 3 There God shall from all evil
 Forever make us free,
 From sin and from the devil,
 From all adversity,
 From sickness, pain, and sadness,
 From troubles, cares, and fears,
 And grant us heav'nly gladness
 And wipe away our tears.
- 4 In that fair home shall never
 Be silent music's voice;
 With hearts and lips forever
 We shall in God rejoice,
 While angel hosts are raising
 With saints from great to least
 A mighty hymn for praising
 The Giver of the feast.

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

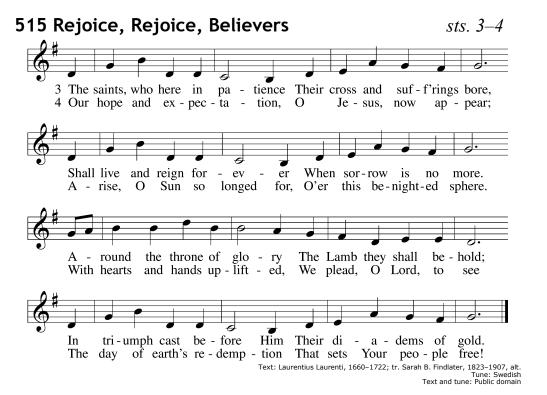
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.



Sharing of the Peace

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- And also with you
- P The love and the Peace of Christ Jesus, Your Savior, has been poured out upon you richly and abundantly this day. In the same manner as He has shared with you, pour out these gifts upon those around you who need to hear the Gospel from your lips and by the work of your hands. In doing so we serve in the world as His Church.

Closing Peace

- P Go in peace, serve the Lord
- Thanks be to God

Sermon Notes					

Fellowship Time

All who are with us this morning are cordially invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following our worship services this morning. Refreshments will be served for those wishing to stay. This is a good time to get to know one another - plan to stay if you can.



Scrip Orders Taken Today, Sunday November 12, 2023 See Linda Weston or Faith Moss

Out to Lunch Bunch

Will be going to

The Draft Sport's Bar & Grill in Swartz Creek on Wednesday,

November 15, 2023 at 12:30 pm

Game/Euchre Night Monday November 20, 2023 5:30 pm





Narcan Training Workshop

All Girl Scouts Adults, Seniors, Ambassadors, and friends (aged 14 years and older) are invited.



Sunday, November 19, 2023 Cost: FREE

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Lamb of God Lutheran Church 2051 Maple Rd, Flint, MI 48507

Learn what you can do to save a life due to an overdose. This training includes detailed instructions, how to use Narcan, and a certificate. You will also receive a <u>free</u> Narcan kit for your glovebox or home.

The facilitator at this event is a certified Narcan instructor from Odyssey House of Flint. Call Sherry at **810-964-7535** to register for session

This is a GSSEM-Approved event.

