

God's Word Reforms Hearts to Receive God's Grace

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OPENING HYMN #201

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Stand for final verse)



INVOCATION

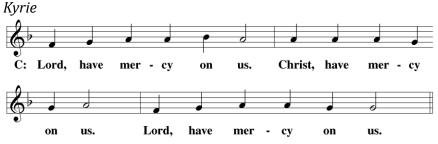
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord Have Mercy

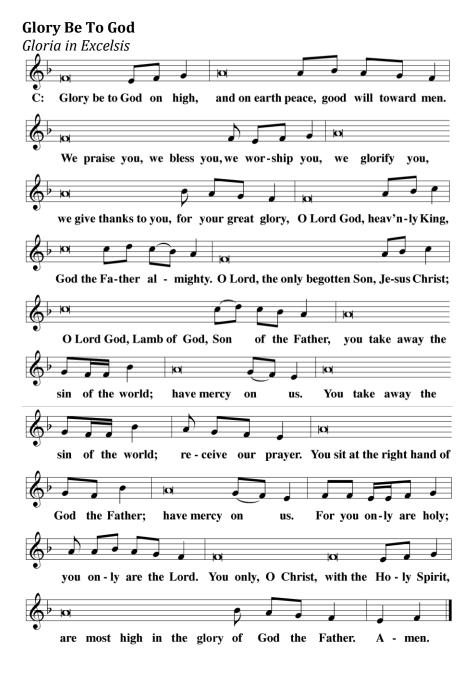


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son () and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

God uses his Word to reform crooked hearts

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Get up, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will reveal my words to you." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and he was making something on the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was forming out of the clay was ruined as he shaped it with his hands, so the potter formed it into a different pot, whatever he saw fit to make. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me. 6 "House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "See, like clay in the potter's hands, that is what you are in my hands, house of Israel. ⁷ One time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, 8 but if that nation I spoke about repents of its evil, then I will relent and not bring the disaster I had planned to bring against it. 9 Another time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be built and planted, 10 but if they do what is evil in my sight by not listening to my voice, then I will not bring about the good I said I would do for them. ¹¹ Now therefore say this to the men of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. 'This is what the LORD says. Look! I am forming a disaster against you. I am devising a plan against you. Turn from your evil ways, each of you, and reform your ways and your actions."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



God is our refuge and strength,* an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the <u>earth</u> give way* and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters <u>roar</u> and foam* and the mountains quake with their <u>surg</u>ing.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,* the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

"Be still, and know that <u>I</u> am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted <u>in</u> the earth."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6, 7

The gospel will always remain in effect for all people

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth,

to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice: "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water."

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! (John 8:31, 32)



GOSPEL Mark 13:5-11



⁵ Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ "Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸ In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.



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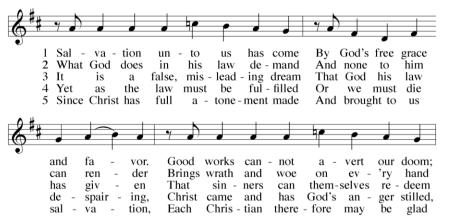
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

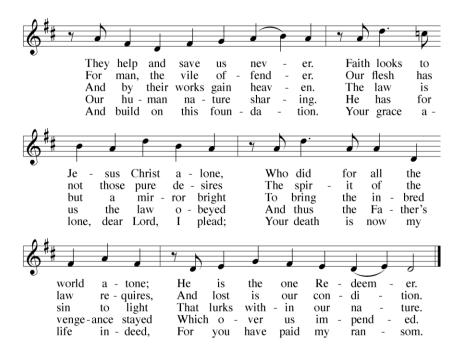
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY #390, verses 1-4

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"



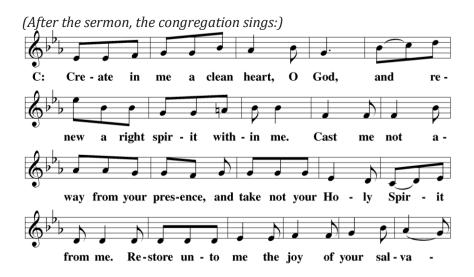


SERMON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

God's Word Reforms Our Hearts

- 1. It destroys stubborn disobedience.
- 2. It creates a vessel of grace.





OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.
- C: Lord, to you alone be glory.
- M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.
- C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.
- M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.
- C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.
- M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.
- C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.
- M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.
- C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

- C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.
- C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.
- M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.
- C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord. Special prayers and intercessions may follow.
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*
- M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.
- C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his

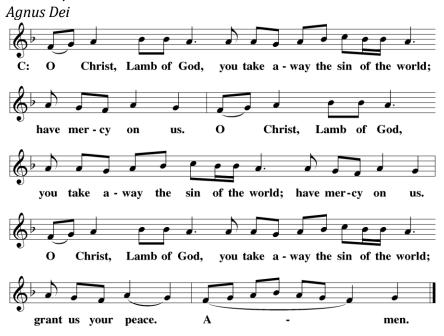
disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God



DISTRIBUTION - If you are visiting today we ask you to speak with our pastor before communing. Holy Communion expresses our special oneness in faith and confession, so we welcome like-minded believers from other WELS or ELS congregations. We respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. If you have any question about our practice please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #377

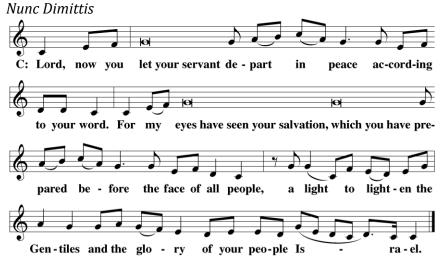
"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"



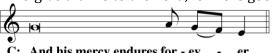
- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me— I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving. All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing. Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending. He will a source of comfort be. Teach you to know and follow me. And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching; So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause. This final word I leave you."

Song of Simeon



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev er. M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN #390, verses 5-6

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

- 5. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed, For you have paid my ransom.
- 6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (113/)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (w. Holy Communion) Sunday School / Bible Study Worship (w. Holy Communion)	
Monday (11/4)	1:00 PM	Elder's Meeting	
Tuesday (11/5)	6:30 PM	Ladies Aid	
Wednesday (11/6)	3:45 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study	
Thursday (11/7)	6:30 PM	Altar Guild	
Sunday (11/10)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship	

BIBLE CLASS Join us Sunday mornings as we study The Thin Red Line of God's Grace. This broad overview traces God's grace from the Garden of Eden to Christ's command to share his saving love. This class will revisit familiar Bible accounts, make connections to key Biblical themes/words, and form connections to what we see in our world today. This class is perfect for those who want to know their Bible better. Haven't attended Bible Class before? This is a great time to come, study, listen, and learn!

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, will study: A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy. For four weeks, watch, discuss and apply how God uses Martin Luther to return us all to God's grace, the importance of faith in Christ, and the authority of the Bible. Come, explore why they remain so important today!

NEW HYMNAL MATERIALS have arrived. The Memorial Fund has covered the cost of materials. (This will be noted inside each hymnal.) If you desire to offset costs or donate a hymnal in specific memory/honor of someone, please take an envelope from the usher's cart and note the individual's name. (Hymnals were purchased at \$28 each.) Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING Ladies Aid is again sponsoring a project to buy "Bible Sticks" for our troops and their families, as well as, putting audio Bibles (Proclaimers) into the hands of all people. For more information about *Faith Comes By Hearing* please speak with a Ladies Aid member. If

you would like to donate to this wonderful way of sharing the Gospel, donations are due by Dec. 8. Please make checks out to Immanuel Ladies Aid. Donations can be placed in the Ladies Aid mail box. Thank you.

TRUNK OR TREAT was a great success! Thank you! Eighteen vehicles participated, and approximately 275 kids dressed up, collected candy, and played games. God blessed us with a beautiful fall afternoon. A most sincere 'Thank You!' to everyone who helped organize, set-up, participate, and donate. Your contributions are appreciated!

LADIES AID meets Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:30pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. For questions, please contact Joy Peterson at 920.737.3147.

ALTAR GUILD will meet Thursday, November 7, at 6:30pm. Please contact Faye Davis or Joy Peterson if you are unable to attend.

ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS (OWLS) OWLS group will meet on November 12 at the Pizza Ranch at 11:30. Again, all guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions please contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl, 715-693-1337. Please note the change in schedule.

CIRCLE OF JOY FOOD DRIVE Food donations for *Circle of Joy* will be collected during the month of November. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes under the mailboxes. Please check the bulletin board for a list of needed items. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 21, 2024 Live Outdoor Nativity Event at Northland Lutheran High School

We need Actors, Carolers & more (ages 5 – 99) Do you enjoy singing Christmas carols or serving cookies? What about donning a shepherd's crook and cloak? The Kronenwetter Mission Core Group is urgently seeking carolers, greeters, actors and more for an outdoor live nativity event at Northland Lutheran High School. This event will be a wonderful outreach opportunity to share the birth of Jesus, our Savior, with the Kronenwetter community. The rehearsals will take place Friday, December 13th and Friday, December 20th from 6pm – 8pm. The event will be held on Saturday, December 21st, 4-9 pm at Northland Lutheran High School. For more details and to sign up text/email Brenda Kruncos 715.571.4420 or brenda@mistylane.org.

PIGGLY WIGGLY FUND - Thanks to all who have been saving Lee's Piggly Wiggly receipts. We have **\$7016** in the Pig Fund. For every 2,500 Pig Points Immanuel receives a \$25 gift card, which is then sold to members of the congregation. The money collected from selling the gift cards is used for local ministry. **Please continue to save your receipts from the**

Piggly Wiggly. A box labeled 'Piggly Wiggly Receipts' is near the mailboxes for you to deposit your saved receipts.

Serving You in Worship:					
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display		
Sunday					
November 3, 8:00 AM	Dan Colrud	Ethan Sondelski	Dillan Sondelski		
Sunday					
November 3, 10:15 AM	Rod Sparby		Janie Dawson		
Next Sunday					
November 10, 8:00 AM	Dan Cihlar	MaryBeth Cihlar	Kayla Cihlar		
Next Sunday					
November 10, 10:15 AM	Terry Landwehr	-	James Leder		

WAUSAU CIRCUIT NEWS

OUR SAVIOR'S, WAUSAU made the difficult, but prayer decision to suspend the operation of their elementary school at the end of the present schoolyear.

The congregation also Called Rev. Caleb Free (Risen Savior, Lakewood Ranch, Florida) as Pastor (October 21, 2024). Pastor Jeff Mahnke (St. Peter, Schofield) currently serves the vacancy.

GRACE, RINGLE Pastor Neal Behm (Christ, Merrill, WI) returned the Call as Pastor (October 18, 2024). Another Call meeting has yet to be scheduled. Pastor Ryan Cortright (Redeemer, Weston) currently serves the vacancy.

NEW MISSION, KRONENWETTER Pastor Frederic Berger is currently strengthening the core group in God's Word, as well as in vision, efforts, and goals. (Receive weekly updates: pastorberger@gmail.com).

<u>Pastor Jon Hadler</u>, St. Matthew's, Marathon, received a Call to serve as Pastor at Lord of Lords Lutheran, Casper, Wyoming (October 20, 2024).

<u>Pastor Jeff Mahnke</u>, St. Peter's, Schofield/Wausau, received a Call to serve as Outreach Pastor at Christ Lutheran, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (October 25, 2024).

Next Circuit Meeting: Monday, November 11th, 8:30am-12pm @ Immanuel, Mosinee.

NORTHLAND NOTES

NLHS Open House-<u>today</u> from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Prospective students, please join us for a tour and more information regarding what it would look like to attend Northland, on Sunday, November 3! Signup for your tour by visiting <u>nlhs.org</u>.

NLHS FRUIT SALE *The fruit sale is back!* We have a large variety of quality fruits available this year, perfect for the upcoming holiday season! All proceeds from the fruit sale are used to support Northland's vision of preparing students for this life and eternity through premier Christcentered education. You can find the fruit flyer, meat & cheese flyer, and the order form on the bulletin board. All orders must be turned in to NLHS by **November 20, 2024**. Order pick up will be December 12, 9 AM - 3 PM and December 13, 9 AM - 12 PM.