



Concordia Lutheran Church
November 26, 2017
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(we stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

He was, he is, and he is to come.

He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

He created all things. By his will they came to be.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

By his blood he purchased for God,

For people of every race, language and nation.

Christ made of them a kingdom

and priests to serve our God.

And they shall reign on earth forever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

GATHERING SONG

LBW # 170

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, show your great mercy to your humble servants. Help us not to trust in our own merits which bring your judgment, but to trust in you and the works you have accomplished that grant us mercy. 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.

Amen.

(we sit)

CHILDREN'S WELCOME SONG **"Thank You, Father"** (sung by the congregation)

*Thank you, Father, thank you, Father, For your love, for your love.
And for all You give us, and for all You give us; You are good! You are good!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON (children 2nd grade and younger may attend children's church)

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

¹¹"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7 (read responsively)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and we are the sheep of his pasture.

Truly, we are indeed the people of his pasture, and we are the sheep of his hand. Amen.

Here ends the reading of the psalm.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

²⁰In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(we stand)

GOSPEL HYMN (11:00am) **"Bless His Holy Name"**

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, And all that is within me. Bless His holy name.
He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, Bless His holy name*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹{Jesus said,} “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

³⁴Then 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. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’

⁴¹Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’

⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

(we sit)

SERMON:

“ Life With Black Cherry Ice Cream ”

Pastor Larry Bost

Text: “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.’” Matthew 25:34.

SONG OF THE DAY

LBW # 456

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED

As disciples of Christ in this age, we offer our prayer on behalf of the world in which we are privileged to live, and our neighbors with whom we share it.

(after each petition) God of mercy,
grant us your salvation.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

OFFERING

ANTHEM (8:30am)

Special Music

ANTHEM (11:00am)

"Agnus Dei with How Great Thou Art"

Chancel Choir

(we stand)

OFFERTORY (11:00am only)

*Come, you thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in; Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker does provide; For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you and you open your hands with compassion and generosity.

Fill us with good things at your holy table so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and redeemer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. On this day Jesus overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way for us to eternal life.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

(we sit)

COMMUNION HYMN

LBW # 385

"What Wondrous Love is This"

(we stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

LBW # 495

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

BENEDICTION & SENDING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

Amen.

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!