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9:00 am

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" With One Voice #654

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia, is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia! Lead our praises, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;
but by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forego;
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.

In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trin-i-ty,
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing al-le-u-ia joy-ful-ly.

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Psalm chapter 1 says: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.* For the times we have stood with sinners, and for all other times and actions of sin, let us confess ourselves to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that we have sinned in many ways, often with and by the counsel of others. For these sins and all other sins that we have committed, we are sorry and ask for the forgiveness of Christ.

Pastor: God has heard our pleas for mercy and for the sake of Christ, has forgiven us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word, I announce His grace to you this day, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB# 685 vv. 1,4

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure
Through a world that would deceive us, and to sin our spirits lure
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our homes above
Full of faith and hope and love
Let us do the Father's bidding, faithful Lord, with me abide
I shall follow were You guide.

Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head
We are Your own living members, where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly
Living there with You forever, Jesus, let me faithful be
Life eternal grant to me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the opportunity to receive Your gifts, that we might bear fruit in keeping with repentance. We ask for Your help in bearing the fruit of Your Kingdom, that we ourselves and all around us would be blessed. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:4-10

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want to Walk as a Child in the Light" With One Voice # 649

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales “Locusts and Honey: Week Two”

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for an end to hatred that we see in our world. Help all, through the spirit of Christ, to love as He has loved and bless as He has blessed. Remind us of the message of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the path of reconciliation he pursued in Your name.

Call us to continued repentance in this New Year, that our hearts might align with Your ways.

For the cynic, closed of heart, and enemy of God, we pray that Your Spirit would open them to Your ways which lead to life. Lord, we know that many see the brokenness of the world and blame You for what they perceive as a lack of intervention, but we pray that the pain of sin might be revealed to them, that it might stir in them a desire to pursue a path toward graceful living, overcoming the evil we see around us.

Shelter the hurting under Your wing, that they might find relief.

Be with those who need healing (especially...).

We give You thanks for all volunteers, especially those of our partner churches that have given of their time and resources to share in fellowship with one another and to support our work together. Encourage them as we seek more in the name of Christ.

Bless our Synodical colleges as they seek to offer a Christ-centered education and as they prepare so many to impact our society.

For these prayers and all other prayers that we have, we lift our hearts to You at this time. Hear us and answer accordingly, especially as we pray together with great faith.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE **2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, singing:

SANCTUS

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. Even when creation rebelled against You, You gave Your only-begotten Son into death that we might be saved and set free from the lasting consequences of sin and eternal death. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in faith.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ***Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25***

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST ***1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20***

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

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

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift. As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in our independence from all we ever need fear. Grant Your holy and life-giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end divisions, overcome prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May our Lord go with us and bless us in this New Year. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" LSB# 837 vv. 1,5

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world, adore, His sacred name

Come, Christians, follow, where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world, adore, His sacred name

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell, of Him who saves our lives from death and hell
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world, adore, His sacred name



WE WELCOME BACK SOJUNG TODAY, WHO WAS WITH HER FAMILY IN NEW YORK TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AND THE ARRIVAL OF HER NEW GRANDSON! We're happy to have you back in our fellowship today, and hope you had a blessed time with your family during your trip. God's blessings to you!

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP! Please stop by the table on your way out of church to pick up your Offering envelopes for 2023. They are in alphabetical order. For those of you who are worshipping from home, or are unable to pick them up soon, please call the church office at 630-665-5110 to request that they be mailed to you. Thank you!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS

– If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion – and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

Bill and June DuBois

Donna Klomhaus

Pat Gengler

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Shirley Dring

Dianne and Kim, Shirley Dring's daughters

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Dave Larson

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.

PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects." It helps to answer questions such as, *Why Jesus?... Why the Bible? ...Who is the Holy Spirit?*, as well as provide valuable information about our church doctrine and the Christian life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled.

Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS! If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water are provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

WITH WINTER HERE – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY! If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include boxed cereals, all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Now that winter is here, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Please keep in mind that during extreme temperatures, freezing may occur. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP. We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include: PARSONAGE FUND, PARKING LOT FUND, BLESSING BOX FUND and BENEVOLENT FUND. We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. If you would like a prayer shared with all members via email or on the "Prayer Corner" church website, contact Deb Odefey (1-630-209-9918) for the "Prayer Chain" and she will make sure your prayer request is communicated to our church family.