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Colossians 1:19-20

## **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

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***A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!***

It is our joy to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us.

*May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.*

**AS WE GATHER**

"For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:19–20). On the cross, Jesus died for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus comforted one of the criminals crucified with Him. On the cross, Jesus interceded even for those who crucified Him. On the cross, Jesus makes peace by His blood.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT TODAY AT ETERNAL HOPE?**

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month. Communion is a sacred meal given to us by Jesus, where He gives us His body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. Before someone goes to Holy Communion, they first need to be taught about what it means and what it gives, because it is very powerful and needs to be taken in the right way. We ask that all visitors speak to Pastor before coming to Communion.

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, this morning is all about You. Please help me worship you with an undistracted heart. You know how my mind wanders to my upcoming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. Would your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my singing, listening to Your Word, and interacting with your people. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## PREPARATION

**10:30** Sunday School students sing

**OPENING HYMN** "The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns" LSB 532

### INVOCATION

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

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In our lives, we often ask ourselves, "Who am I?" We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HAND CHIMES** "Now Thank We All Our God"

## WORD

### KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809 v. 1



I Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.** 🎵

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** 🎵

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:13–18* (God's treasured possession)

<sup>13</sup>"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' <sup>14</sup>You 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? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7*

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

**People: a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**People: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,

**People: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**People: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**People: God will help her when morning dawns.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**People: he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**People: how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**People: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.

**People: I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**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.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 1:13–20* (Christ makes peace by the blood of His cross.)

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 23:27–43* (Jesus is crucified.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.** 

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.** 🎵

## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**      *The 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**      "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"      LSB 534

## SERMON

### OFFERING

*Please sign the attendance book and pass it to your neighbor.*

**Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.”** We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan. Surround us with Your truth and light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world torn apart by war and violence. All human-made peace is only temporary, but You have made eternal peace by the blood of Your cross. Encourage us by Your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, we bring before You all who are struggling with infertility. Remind them that their identity is only in You and Your goodness and fruitfulness. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Give them the courage to ask for help. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people may see Your light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**People: be our strong defender.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Eternal Hope in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives to us exactly what His Word tells us, not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.*

*Our Lord invites to His table those who believe and trust in His Words, are truly sorry for and turn from their sins, and who forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.*

*If this is your belief and confession, we invite you to partake of this special meal.*

### 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

### SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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. 

## AGNUS DEI

*(p. \_\_\_ in hymnal)*



**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 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:)*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

*(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

People: Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(As Needed)*

"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me" LSB 761

"What Is This Bread" LSB 629

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**    “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”    *LSB 643*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son to make peace by the blood of His cross. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness and peace, strengthen us to live lives of peace here on earth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** 🎵

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.** 🎵

**CLOSING HYMN**    “Before You, Lord We Bow”    *LSB 966*