

Old Testament

Malachi 3:13–18

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

¹⁶Then 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. ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Then 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.”

Epistle

Colossians 1:13–20

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

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

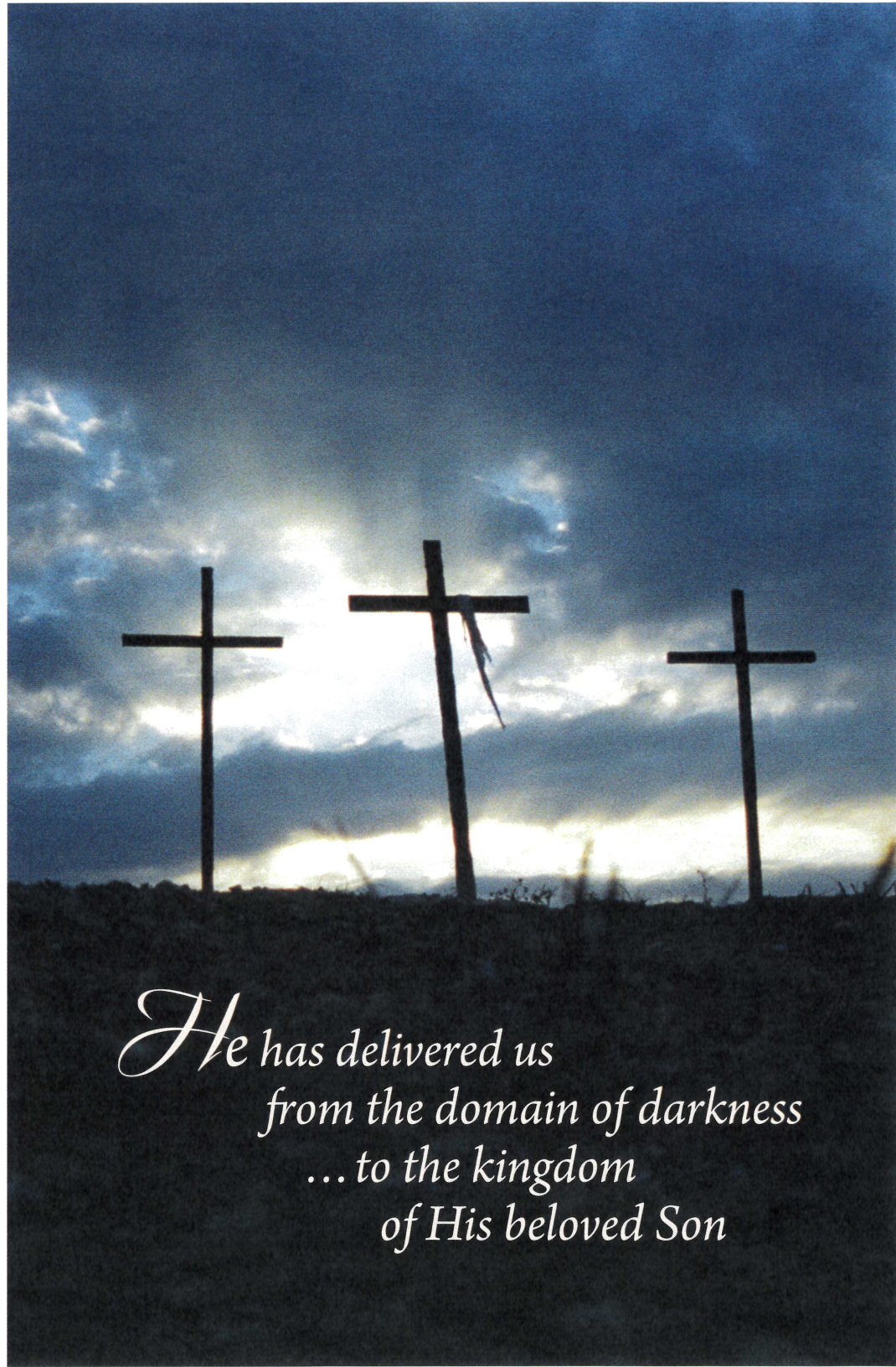
²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed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

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And 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. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And 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!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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



About the Cover: We were once under the oppressive darkness of our sin, lost and unable to free ourselves. Yet God in His mercy sent Christ, who entered into the darkness of the cross and brought it into the contrast of His marvelous light. This light simply has used the cross to show us the depths to which He will go for us. In His kingdom, we can see clearly who our Lord is, our merciful Savior.



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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 16 & 20, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 532, 534, 761, 527, 680

Holy Communion: *Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/9 (Wed): 27	Offering: \$872.00
Attendance 11/13 (Sun): 73	Offering: \$7,418.08
Budget Needs: \$3,594	Scrip Profit 11/13: \$36.00
S.S. – 9	Staff – 4
	B.C. – 15

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (11/23) No Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Worship w/Comm.
(Continuous Distribution)
THUR (11/24) Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed
FRI (11/25) Office Closed
SUN (11/27) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausung, Lillian Maas, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – The interior decorating will take place on Saturday, December 3 beginning at 9 a.m. Please come, even if you can only give an hour of your time.

POINSETTIA ORDERS – If you are interested in ordering a poinsettia for church, please fill out the order form from your mailbox and drop it off in the church office with your payment. Deadline is today! (Sunday November 20)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU – for the generous donations to “Build the Quilt”

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

FOOD ‘N MORE collection box is in the coat room. You can bring nonperishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items in need this year are: canned corn, cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, tuna & canned fruit. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Deadline is today, Sunday November 20th.

USHERS & GREETERS are being sought for 2023. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the card room.

ADVENT MEALS will be served on Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 12, & 21. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan on attending.

ALTAR GUILD – We are in need of more helpers for the 2023 year. If interested, please contact the church office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.”
A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.