

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Colossians 1:18

“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.

Thrivent Luncheon & Meeting

A Thrivent Wrap Up Luncheon and Meeting will be held today at noon in the fellowship hall. Mike Koorie will be the guest speaker. He will be explaining the plans for our local chapter in the new year. Leftover funds need to be designated and your vote counts. All Thrivent members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

Biscuit Makers

November 20 - Jacob & Brandon Cinnater
December 4 - Shelby & Karoline Giroir
18 - Donovan & Cassie Domangue

Mark Your Calendar!

Voters Assembly scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at noon in the fellowship hall. On the agenda are the election of 2017 Board of Directors, Elders and approval of proposed 2017 operating budget.

Proposed 2017 Church Budget

The Budget Committee met on Thursday, November 10th to discuss and approve the proposed budget which will be presented to the Voters’ Assembly for approval on Sunday, December 4th at noon. A copy of the proposed budget is located in the Treasurer’s Section of the bulletin board across from the church office. If you would like to have a copy of the proposed budget, please contact Bonnie Dupre.

2017 Board of Directors and Elders Candidates

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| President: OPEN | Social Ministry Chair: Connie Oswalt |
| Vice President: OPEN | Christian Ed. Chair: OPEN |
| Board Secretary: Bridgette Rudnik | Activities Chair: OPEN |
| Treasurer: Bonnie Dupre | Property Chair: Dale Boger |
| Financial Secretary: Brigitte Kinsella | Stewardship Chair: OPEN |
| Mission Outreach Chair: OPEN | |

2017 Elders Candidates

Derek Crawford, Paul Gerken, Jerry Ledet, Richard Thalheim, John Wegner

Now is the time to start thinking about serving as a member of the Board of Directors or elder for 2017. Don’t be afraid to nominate yourself. Grace needs you! Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Lord’s work by volunteering to serve as a candidate for an elected position.

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN

“Fear Not” #54 in The Best of the Best Songbook

Fear Not (I Love You This Much) By Lana Gibbons

Fear not, all my children, for I will always stay
In all of your tomorrows, and I’m with you today.
Fear not, all my children, I’ll always be with you
In ev’ry moment of your life in ev’ry thing you do.

(Chorus)

For I love you this much my arms are opened wide,
For I love you this much I bled for you and died.
For I love you this much there’s nothing you can do
To take away the love that I have for ev’ry one of you.

Fear not, all my children, don’t ever be dismayed,
For all your pain and sorrows, the price has all been paid.
Fear not, all my children, courageous ever strong,
For I’ll not fail you or forsake you all your whole life long.

(Chorus)

Fear not, all my children, I won’t leave you alone,
I will prepare a mansion, right at my Father’s throne.
Fear not, all my children, I’ll rise up from the dead,
I am God’s Son; the vict’ry’s won, Remember what I’ve said.

(Chorus) + To take away the love that I have for ev’ry one of you.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1–3, 7*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,
People: **a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
People: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam,
People: **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;
People: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*

Pastor: So often, we have lived as though we are in darkness. We live as those who are by nature sinful and unclean. Our words and actions do not reflect the light of Christ. We do not live as people who are citizens of the kingdom of God. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!
May the LORD bless you from Zion,
He who made heaven and earth!
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.
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let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.
People: **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “More Precious than Silver” #161 in Best of the Best Songbook

AGNUS DEI *is sung as per page 163 in LSB*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“As the Deer” #12, “Glory to the Lamb”, #68, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #72, all in the Best of the Best Songbook

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” LSB p. 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 46:10–11*

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God.
People: **I will be exalted among the nations,**

Pastor: I will be exalted in the earth!
People: **The Lord of hosts is with us;**
All: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Jesus, Name Above All Names” #134 in the Best of the Best Songbook

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

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

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

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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus Christ,
You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross.

Pastor: Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise;

People: **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:13-20

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Luke 23:43

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: **Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.
Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Pastor: Together we confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

CREED

Nicene Creed

All: 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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Change My Heart, O God" #33 in the Best of the Best Songbook

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *is sung as per page 161 in LSB*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

People: Amen.

LCMS Stewardship Article

November 2016

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This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

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