

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of End Time—Nov. 2nd, 2014

Opening Hymn: CW 244 “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sings): Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sings) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sings): Amen.

M: In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sings) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

M: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day: Lord, we pray that Your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving You with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?” The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his

own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. ¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23– page 72 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1-6

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: These are God's Words. **C: (sings)** Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and

apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day: CW 376 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

Sermon:

Please stand.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering Hymn: 334 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of the Church and –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.

M: The Lord be with you. C: (sings) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. C: (sings) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. C: (sings) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves His Church to the end of time when He will come again as king to judge all people and take His own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: (sings) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts; heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: (sings) Amen.

Verse of the Day "Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)

M: Please stand. C: (sings) Glory be to you, O Lord!

C: (sings) O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn(s): 315

Please Stand.

C: (sings) Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: (sings) And His mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you His peace.

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 219 "Lord When Your Glory I Shall See"

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>Tammy Schroeder is once again looking to put together a Scrip order. Take look at the order forms and all the different businesses that participate in the program. It's a simple, great way to support NELHS, our area Lutheran high school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

>Materials for this year's Christmas program are ready. Please make sure you have a copy of the cd along with a copy of the program with the parts assigned.

>A guideline sheet for the Cleaning of the Lord's House will be posted on all 3 levels, please refer to these as you take your turn. Supplies (toilet paper, paper towel, dusting spray, garbage bags) are provided.

>Lutheran Ladies' Mtg. Nov. 6th at 7PM

>Council Mtg. Nov. 11th 7pm.

>NELHS Fall Auction was a wonderful blessing as more than half of the \$44,000 was raised to cover the expenses of the new bus and its graphics!!!!!!!!!!

>Eastern Circuit Reformation Festival will be held TODAY at ST. Paul-Plymouth starting at 4PM. Would love to see you all there for this special worship with sisters and brothers in Christ. Pastor Joel Schroeder Mt. Olive-Overland Park is our guest preacher.

B-days & Anniv. –Cindy Shepard (11/2), Scott O'Donnell (11/7)

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (10/25&26)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC & SS	Attendance: 7 (Sat) 55(Sun)	Needed	
	9:30 am	Communion Worship	Home Fund:	\$1376	\$1600
	4:00pm	Circuit Reformation	Missions:	\$63	\$122
Thurs.	7:00pm	Ladies' Mtg.	NELHS Operating:	\$30	\$122
			NELHS Debt:	\$25	
Sat.	4:30pm	Worship	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1494</i>	<i>\$1844</i>
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
	9:30 am	Worship	Organist:	Marlene Dorn	
	Qtrly Voters' Mtg. following worship		Ushers:	Gordon Crome(elder), David Huwaldt & Robert Orth	