



Armed Forces Sunday

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AS WE GATHER

We ought to know from experience that the end times will not be quiet. The world is ending its days with wickedness and destruction. Soon all of mankind's accomplishments will stand in ruin, but the Word of the Lord will endure forever. There will be blood, but the blood that matters is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from all our sins. The Lord who covered us with this blood in Baptism will not now abandon us to the persecution, suffering, and death around us. We belong to Him. Even now, He is at work sanctifying and purifying His Church that we may meet Him in holiness and righteousness at the end of our days and at the end of all days. Thanks be to God who gives us this promise: He who endures to the end will be saved!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

#770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

- P** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- C** **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!**
- I** *Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!*
- II** *Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!*
- I** *The young lions suffer want and hunger;*
- II** *but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*
- C** **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.**
- P** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



P Let us pray.
O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C 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

John 15:10–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU”

#334 *sts. 1–2, 4, 6*



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.
6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.
Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

SERMON – “Greater Love has No One Than This” – John 15:13

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
- P** Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.
- C** We remember the great courage and selfish service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to service. We remember the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.
- P** We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.
- C** We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.
- P** Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples that they would be kept in Your name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of truth.

C Keep our chaplains in Your name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Sanctify their ministry in Your Word and truth.

P Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals and wounded veterans and their families. Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *Hedy, Jean, Kathleen, Ray, Richard, Sallyann, Wally, Dana, Kaylee, Jean, Jen, John, Leah, Rod and Pastor Jim* and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done.

C Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients' suffering.

P God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND”

#965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Weekly Announcements

Wednesday @ NOON Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.

ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church. This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

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Website

Our website: ourredeemerprospectheights.org contains links for in person worship registration, Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

Lutheran Home Auxiliary Donations

Please donate your unwanted jewelry to the Auxiliary of the Lutheran Home for their quarterly sales. 100% of all proceeds will be used to enhance the lives of their residents. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated: new or used, costume or fine, perfect or broken. Also needed are housewares, knick-knacks, bedding, towels, small appliances, books, puzzles, DVD's, games, holiday decorations...ANYTHING used or new, except clothing & furniture. Please mark your bag or box "Auxiliary" and leave it with a Lutheran Home receptionist. For a thank you note, please include your name and address. Your donation is deductible for income tax purposes.

Church Christmas Decorating Day

Please come join us on Friday November 26th at 9:30 am to help make our Church festive for the Advent/Christmas season. If you are interested in lending a hand, please let Traudy know.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday November 24th at 7:00 pm as we give praise and thanks to God for His many good gifts. We ask that you please register if you plan to attend.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (White Northern or Cannellini), Carrots, Cream Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Celery and Chicken), Juices (quart size bottles) and Paper Towels. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Wheeling Township Adopt-a-Family Program

In the past, Our Redeemer has participated in the Adopt-a-Family program for low-income families, organized by the Wheeling Township.

Our Redeemer would like to help these Township families again. Therefore, if you are interested, we will be offering the opportunity for you to contribute monetary donations to help us provide the gift cards needed. These gift cards will be ordered through a fundraiser held by Little City/Countryside Assoc. for the Disabled (an agency that offers services to disabled adults). All monetary donations will need to be given to Traudy by Sunday November 21st.

Any questions or if you wish to contribute, please talk to Traudy Burmeister.

Sonshine Preschool News

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas Wreaths, etc. as part of Sonshine Preschool's annual fundraiser. If still interested in ordering, please let me know. We do have the opportunity to place orders as need be. Delivery will be starting the week of Thanksgiving.

Thanks for your support! Traudy Burmeister

Coffee-And...

We will continue holding "Coffee-And..." on a weekly basis.

Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

November Happenings

November 3 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online

November 7 9:00 am – All Saints Day (Observed) with Communion

November 10 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online

November 14 9:00 am – Armed Forces Sunday
25th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion

November 17 12:00 pm – NO Adult Bible Study – Online – 1 Week Break

November 21 9:00 am – Last Sunday of the Church Year with Communion
3:00 pm – Aspired Living Worship

November 24 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study – Online
7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion

November 28 9:00 am – First Sunday in Advent No Communion