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Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost - November 24, 2024

488 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



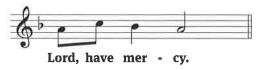
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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



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



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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

95A The Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 95A

Refrain



Tone



Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.
Let us come before him with thanks- / giving
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.
For the LORD is the / great God,
the great King a- / bove all gods.
In his hand are the depths / of the earth,
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.
The sea is his, for he / made it,
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,
the flock under / his care.

Today, if only you would / hear his voice,
"Do not hard- / en your hearts
as you did at / Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness."

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7"Look, he is coming with the clouds,"
and "every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him";
and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 11:15







The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.

Refrain

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Gospel

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

531 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns CW 531

Sermon: Hebrews 9:24-28 Salvation Is Complete

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase. Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

889 Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

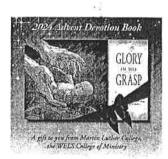
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

CW 883

We thank our guest preacher, Pastor Steven Olson, for sharing God's Word with us today.





A Thanksgiving Message from the President

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

How do people decide whether they have reason for thanksgiving each year? Have they been successful monetarily? Did some unexpected gift come their way? Was the year a glorious success?

What seems odd to many is that we Christians give thanks most for that which appeared to have not even a trace of glory.

The incarnation of the eternal Son of God, as he took our human flesh and blood, is arguably the greatest miracle the world will ever know. Yet, how Jesus lived among us as the incarnate God typically

lacked any appearance of glory. Despite possessing all glory as eternal God, and despite that glory being given to his human nature at his incarnation, Jesus chose to make his appearance in an outward form no different from ours.

That's what Scripture calls "taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:7 ESV). From Mary's womb to Joseph's tomb, he refused to grasp his glory fully, instead taking a brother's place under the law—the law we had not kept. He refused to hold tightly to his glory so that he could die under the law's curse—a curse we would have borne forever.

Our reason for thanksgiving doesn't require any yearly cataloging to see if sufficient glory came our way. Instead, Jesus' glory is freely given us because he did not grasp to himself the glory that was rightly his.

In Him,

Rich Gurgel

RECOVERY IN CHRIST offers hope in Jesus.

A symptom of addiction of any kind is hopelessness. The focus of Recovery in Christ is to bring the hope of Jesus. RIC meets most Sundays at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska, Wisconsin (school library) and Wednesdays, 1:15 pm at La Crosse's Coulee Recovery Center, 933 Ferry Street. To confirm meeting days/times call 608-567-3038 for Sundays, 608-784-4177 for Wednesdays.

Recovery in Christ is not meant to replace other groups or therapists. It is an additional group that offers Christian fellowship and direction to those in recovery from alcohol and/or drugs.

NEED A CARD? Why go to a big box store and spend more than you have to? Please browse our wide selection of cards in the former library room at Christ. Cards are exceptionally priced at \$0.50 each.

Diane Schultz is our sunshine lady. If anyone knows of someone who would like a card of encouragement, please let her know. Her cellphone is 608-738-9934 and her home phone is 608-685-3861.

Church Offerings

Wednesday, November 13: 8

General: \$135 Missions: \$ Cap Imp.: \$

Sunday, November 17: 28

General: \$605 Missions: \$45 Cap Imp: \$35

Total: \$820

General: \$740 Missions: \$45 Cap Imp.: \$35

Our Weekly Walk with Jesus

Sunday, November 24

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class9:30 am Worship Service10:30 am Coffee hour

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

(no Bible classes today)

Wednesday, November 27

(no evening service tonight)

Thursday, November 28

9:30 am Thanksgiving Day service

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion 10:30 am Coffee hour