

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**In Christ Alone**

**Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**



**November 1, 2020**  
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**Prayer Before Worship** *Most Gracious God and Father, we give You thanks this day for the ministry and work of all Your saints, those living and those who preceded us in the faith. As you have made us strong in faith, let our lives be as a fragrant offering and sacrifice for the work of your church and Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**This Week's Prayer List** We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Gary, Cathy, and Weston Stahlke; Olivia Stahlke; Claudia Stahlke. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy, for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

**Vote Tuesday, November 3** – In 2016, only half of Christians cast a vote in the general election. On Monday you can still go to the Government Center in Chaska or to Waconia City Hall (if a Waconia resident); if you have a ballot filled out (absentee) you can go to the head of the line; without a ballot, you wait in line. (Dress warm)

**Silent Auction** will be held Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> until 1 PM and Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> during parent/teacher conferences from 8 AM – 7 PM. Items will be 'socially-distanced' in the gym. Walk through and make your best offer. Gift cards may be purchased for face value and taken that day. We ask that you wear a mask and use the same social distancing protocols that you would use in any retail setting. Winners will be notified by either email or phone that they had a winning bid on an item.

**Veteran's Day Program** – Young America VFW would like to invite all veterans and their spouses to their Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Pavilion in NYA.

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## Agnus Day

Luke 6:20-31



**Opening Hymn # 594**

**“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It!”**

**P** In the Name of the Father † Son † Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**C** And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits:

**C** Who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.

**Hymn # 677 (vv. 1-3)**

**“For All the Saints”**

**Job talks to God -- Jesus is the answer**

**Job 14:1-6**

**P** Job said, “Man, who is born of woman, Is short-lived and full of turmoil.

**C** Like a flower he comes forth and withers. He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.

**P** Who can make the clean out of the unclean?

**C** No one!

**P** The Good News is found in Jesus, who says,

**C** “Take heart, your sins are forgiven!”

**P** Job called out to God:

**C** Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with you.

**P** And his limits you have set so that he cannot pass.

**C** He lives out his days like a hired man; turn your gaze from him that he may rest.

**P** The Good News is found in Jesus, who says,

**C** “Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest.”

**Hymn # 677 (vv. 4-6)**

**“For All the Saints”**

**P** Lord have mercy.

**C** Christ have mercy.

**P** Lord have mercy.

**C** Amen.

**P** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

**C** Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1:15)

**P** Your sins are forgiven! You belong to God!

**C** Thanks be to God!

**P** God has shown mercy, with his everlasting love;

**C** Because of his compassion, he has washed away my sin.

**P** Bless the Lord O my soul.

**C** All that is within me, bless his holy name.

**P** Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

**C** Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

**P** This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

**Micah 3:5-12**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord; (#689)  
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.*

### Epistle Reading

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!  
For Thou hast dearly bought me  
With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-three.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing whom I have known by faith.  
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.*

## The Apostles Creed

## Children's Message

## Sermon Hymn # 803

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!”

## Sermon

## Children of Hope

1 John 3:1-3

*All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

**P** But now, this is what the LORD says—

**C** He who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

**P** “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

**C** I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

**P** For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

**C** You are precious and honored in my sight,

**P** “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen,

**C** So that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

## Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**P** Hope in the LORD and keep his way.

**C** He will exalt you.

**P** A future awaits those who seek peace;

**C** The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD.

**P** The Lord bless you † shine on you † and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing – Doxology

## Finances

### **Salary:**

Beginning Balance (1/1/2020)	-\$49,498.96
YTD Income	\$290,761.32
YTD Expenses	\$347,315.12
Current Balance (10/21)	-\$106,052.76

### **Missions:**

Year to date total (9/30)	\$4,080.00
Budgeted	\$4,080.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2020 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00

### **LHS:**

Year to date total (9/30)	\$22,067.66
2020 Commitment	\$22,715.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### **Building/Repair Fund:**

Account Balance (10/29)	\$7,071.97
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

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### November 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun, Nov 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sunday Service 9:30
<b>Wed, Nov 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation 6:15
<b>Thurs, Nov 5<sup>th</sup></b>	LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30 PM
<b>Fri, Nov 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Chapel 8:10

### November 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sun, Nov 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Service 9:30
<b>Mon, Nov 9<sup>th</sup></b>	No School
	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<b>Wed, Nov 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation 6:15
<b>Fri, Nov 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Chapel 8:10

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**Attendance for October 25<sup>th</sup> was 57.**