

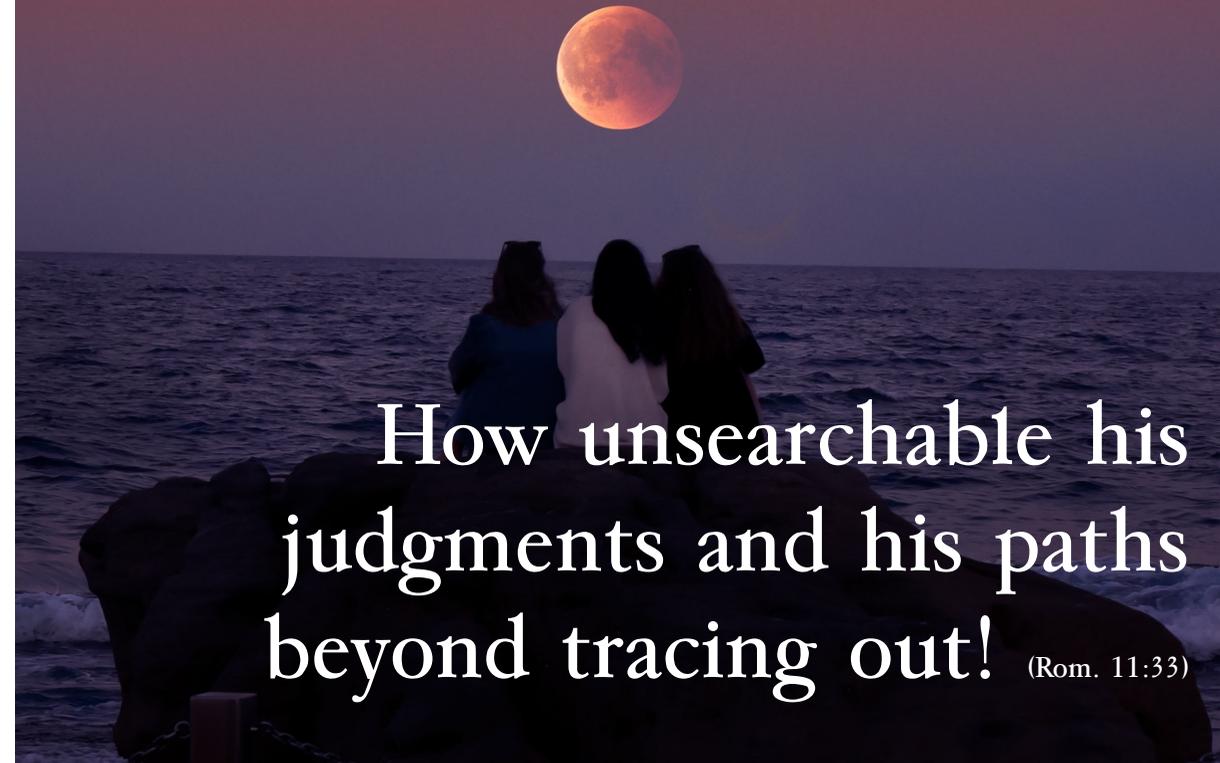


<b>Finances:</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Budgetary Offerings:</b>	\$4,539.00	\$115,291.00
<b>Budgetary Needs:</b>	\$6,502.00	\$84,526.00
<b>Sunday School:</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Over (under) Budget:</b>	(\$1,963.00)	\$30,765.00
<b>Missions:</b>	\$250.00	\$1,690.00
<b>Kinship:</b>	\$50.00	\$1,825.00
<b>ILCSAF:</b>	\$350.00	\$510.00
<b>Benevolence Fund:</b>	\$290.00	
<b>MSAF:</b>	\$350.00	
<b>60th Anniversary Fund:</b>	\$70.00	

<b>October Ushers</b>	
1st service:	J. Rodebaugh, A. Brown
2nd service:	A. Gerbitz, A. Mackensen
<b>Cleaning Teams 10/10-10/16</b>	
Church:	Winters, Busse, Naumann
School:	J. Gerbitz, D. Mueller

<b>Bible Readings:</b>	
10/4	Is 59,60,61 Rom 11:19-36
10/5	Is 62,63,64 Rom 12
10/6	Is 65,66 Rom 13
10/7	Hos 1,2,3,4 Rom 14
10/8	Hos 5,6,7,8 Rom 15:1-13
10/9	Hos 9,10,11 Rom 15:14-33
10/10	Hos 12,13,14 Rom 16

Oh, the depth  
of the riches  
of the wisdom  
and knowledge of God!



How unsearchable his  
judgments and his paths  
beyond tracing out! (Rom. 11:33)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

**C (sung):**

***My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.***

***With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.***

***Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!***



**Benediction:**

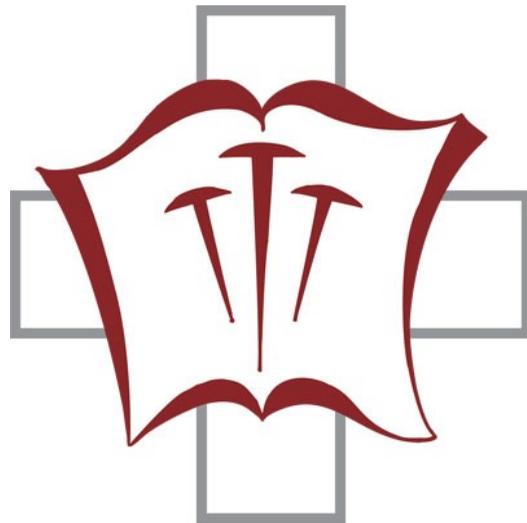
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing hymn:** *Lord of All Hopefulness*



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

## Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Epistle lesson: Philippians 1:18-27

*By faith in Jesus we are the Lord's beloved and blessed children, whether serving Him here or praising Him in heaven.*

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

## Gospel lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

*God's system of justice is radically different than the world's.*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'

## Hymn: *Your Table I Approach*



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## Distribution

### Nunc Dimittis (sung)

***O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.***

***All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.***



**Hymn:** *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: It is truly our duty and delight, O Lord, to acknowledge Your goodness, holy God, mighty and eternal Father, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Daily and richly You supply all that we need and You bestow upon us the salvation for which Your Son gave His life. Grant us faith to trust in His redemption and give us grace to live holy, upright, and godly lives in His name. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: (sung)**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!***



## Words of Institution

**C: (sung)**

***O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,  
whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.  
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.***



"And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'

"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

**C: (sung)**

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## 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.

**Hymn:** *Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way*

## Sermon: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

### Trust God's Higher Ways

- I. Seek Him while He is near.
- II. Turn to Him for pardon.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type

**Cong: Underlined, boldface type**

Dear Lord God: You alone are eternal, almighty, all-knowing, and fill all things with Your presence. **We praise You for revealing Yourself to us in Your holy Word as our merciful Savior.**

For Jesus' sake, forgive our sinful pride which would reject Your Word in favor of human reason and wisdom. Lead us to humbly seek You, to confess our sin, and to treasure in our hearts Your ways and thoughts which are so much higher than ours. **In seeking You, grant us Your peace, comfort in every trial, and guidance for our daily walk with You.**

Bless our reading of Your Word and give us the Holy Spirit that we may see Jesus on every page. **Feed our souls today with Jesus' body and blood in the Sacrament He instituted.** May this rich spiritual feast strengthen us to follow Your will rather than adopt the attitudes and lifestyles of the unbelieving world. **Help us to give clear witness to everyone we meet of salvation by Your grace alone, apart from any merit of our own.**

As You have secured our eternal future, so preserve and bless our earthly lives. **Provide the necessities of each day and other gifts as You know best.** Send Your angels to protect us and our loved ones from every danger to body or soul. In this time of pandemic, our concerns often center on our health and that of millions of others around the world. **In mercy, according to Your will, grant healing and give success to the work of those who are striving for a vaccine and cure.** We pray especially for our president. **We ask that You would work for him a quick recovery that he may carry on his duties without interruption.** At a time when so many have no respect for the authorities You have ordained, **may we be examples of Christian love for You and honor our leaders in government, home, and church.**

Receive our offerings. May they always come from hearts overflowing with faith and confident hope that in all things, even when we do not understand, **You are working for our good.**

Thank You for hearing and answering every prayer offered in faith. May not only our prayers, but all our words, thoughts, and actions this week be pleasing to You through Jesus. **In His name we pray. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer