



Our Mission Statement

We the people of Lutheran Church of the Cross:

Are united together in Christ,
Reaching souls with the Gospel Message,
Growing, learning, by offering services that
equips for service. Growing together in our
spiritual lives, Encouraging each other,
Looking ahead to Eternity.

Based on Matthew 28

Opening Thoughts

The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this **trouble was coming**, that his followers **would be hated** because of him. **He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!**

Our Service starts on page 21 of the Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, with the brief order of Confession and Forgiveness.

Opening Words

Confession of Sin and Absolution
Hymn # 234

O for a Closer Walk with God

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The Lord be with you. C. **And also with you.** Let us Pray. C. Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Swedish Psalm book, 1639)

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Pentecost

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A SPECIAL WELCOME!

We welcome you our friends in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ to

Lutheran Church of the Cross

where God's name is honored, God's word is heard, and God's presence made real and the

Cross of Christ lifted high. Here may the sorrowing find comfort; the weary find rest; sinners find forgiveness; the troubled experience peace; the stranger needed friends; and to all people: God's abiding love.

Let's enter our worship in Silent Prayer

The FIRST LESSON
is from chapter 17 of Daniel

First Lesson:
Daniel 12:1-3

A Time of Trouble for Israel

In this passage of apocalyptic literature, Daniel prophesied an impending calamity for God's people. The great prince, Michael the Archangel, will come to Israel's defense. All those whose names are written in "the book" shall be saved.

Daniel 12:1-3 (NKJV)

1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, **The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;** And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. **And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.** 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.** 3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Here ends the reading” **C Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY

Psalm 16

I Take Refuge in You

Though trials and tribulations will come, the psalmist **acknowledged that it is the Lord in whom he takes refuge and strength. With the Lord on his side, he will not fall victim to his enemy.** Trust in the Lord, for he holds you in safety and security

Psalm 16:1-11 (NKJV)

1. Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

2 O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."

3 As for the saints who *are* on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

5 O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

The SECOND LESSON

is from chapter 10 of Hebrews

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 10:11-25

Hold Fast the Confession of Our Hope

Every priest rises daily to offer sacrifices in the temple, explained the author of Hebrews. **Now we have Christ, our great High Priest, who offered himself for us so that we no longer have to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin.** Through him we have full access to God; the law of the Lord is written on our hearts and minds.

Hebrews 10:11-25 (NKJV)

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12 But this Man,**

after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. 15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"* 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, 22 **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Here ends the reading" C Thanks be to God

The Hallelujah Page 25

The GOSPEL LESSON

is from chapter 13 of St. Mark

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 13:1-13

Signs of the End of the Age

Jesus responded to his disciples' awe about the stones with which the temple was constructed. He

explained that there would be signs of the end, including the rocks they so admired being turned to rubble on the ground. **He warned them that many would come and try to lead them astray, but they must hold fast to the word they have received. Suffering will come, but they must continue their work of sharing the Gospel message, and Holy Spirit will be with them through these trials.**

Mark 13:1-13 (NKJV)

1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*" 2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? **Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**" 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? **And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?**" 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many. 7 **But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled;** for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. 8 **For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.** And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows. 9 **But watch out for yourselves,** for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. **You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake,** for a testimony to them. 10 **And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.** 11 **But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.** 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13 **And you**

will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. "The Gospel of the Lord"

C. Praise be to You, O Lord

The SERMON Pastor Forsythe

"Every one who is found written in the book."

The APOSTLES' CREED page 28

Sermon Notes:

Think about the following note:

Jesus spoke the truth about the future and we need to listen to what it is saying to us.

*Believers Must Die to Sin, and Live to God
This shows us the necessity of holiness.*

THE TRUE WAY REQUIRES ACTION

"Great Faith leads to results"

Repentance is key to THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

To know what Spiritual Formation is all about in our lives. It happens when we say yes to God!

Our we seeing signs of the end time?

The First Lesson Go to page 2

Daniel 12:1-3

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2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

(1) Michael

(2) Stands over us

(3) Your people shall be Delivered

(4) Every one who is found written in the book.

(5) many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

This is about Obedience

The Psalm Reading

Our God is an AWESOME GOD No. 23.

God takes care of His PEOPLE

"TO BE FREED FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN IS REAL FOR THE CHRISTIAN." FOR THAT REASON WE CAN DO THE FOLLOWING.

We are to be a Praising PEOPLE OF GOD

We are to be a Rejoicing PEOPLE OF GOD

We are to be a JOYFUL PEOPLE OF GOD

We are to be a PRAYING PEOPLE OF GOD

We are to be a MINISTERING PEOPLE FOR GOD

Psalm 16:1-11 (NKJV)

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2 *O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."*

(1) Where is our trust?

The Second Lesson Go to page 2

The importance of TRUTH as we

We Proclaim Jesus is Lord!

Hebrews 10:11-25 (NKJV)

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. 19 Therefore,

brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,

22 **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

(1) He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever

(2) The Holy Spirit

(3) Remember Our Sins no more once Confessed

(4) Verse 18 Second Reading - Hebrews

10:11-25 What will you give to the Lord for all that he has done for you? There is nothing you can add to the offering that Jesus made. That single, perfect offering perfects everyone who has holy faith in Christ. Since his perfect sacrifice is more than sufficient, there is nothing else that you can do but gladly receive his gift and call upon his name. (Psa 116:12-13)

The importance of pleading the BLOOD

The Gospel Lesson Go to Page 3

It is about Signs

Mark 13:1-13 (NKJV)

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6 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.

7 **But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled;** for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet.

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worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. **But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.** 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

13 **And you will be hated** by all for My name's sake.

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

(1) "Take heed that no one deceives you

(2) What will Happen in the End of Time

(3) And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

(4) **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.** The End

SERMON HYMN No. 228

Onward Christian Soldiers

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of faithfulness, we bring before you the precious gifts of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for those in need and prepare for your Son's advent into our hearts.

Amen.



Right before the Prayers of the Church

HYMN # 21

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L. In trust let us pray to God our Father, Jesus the Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit for the needs of the our neighbors near and far. **a brief silence**

L. Almighty God our heavenly Father, we thank you this day for the hope of life we have through your Son Jesus, the Living Word. Help us to know like the Apostle Peter that there is nowhere else to go, because Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. Empower us to tell others, so that they might know him as well. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A. Father, may all of us of the Lutheran Church of the Cross be Your influence of the love You want us to share with others of the gift of salvation for all people. Help us to be the Scriptural Church that draws others. Bless also our sister congregations: **Hope Lutheran Church** - in need of a Pastor, and the **Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church**, Pastor: Rev. David B. Letscher, **Emmanuel Lutheran Church in State College**, Pastor: Rev. Christopher Milarch, the NALC Church Body, and all NALC Churches and Scriptural teaching churches, and for missionaries throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy: **C Hear our prayer.**

A. Father, as we pray for our leaders of our nation, strengthen the wills of all who take counsel for the nations. Teach them to use wisely and well the authority and power entrusted to them, so that all people may prosper and live peaceably with one another. **Especially President Donald Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence and Governor Tom Wolf**, that they seek your will when making decisions for the welfare of their people. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

A. We give thanks to You, O Lord, for Bishop John Bradosky, Pastor Forsythe, ministers and lay leaders who preach the Word of God, that they may testify to all people of repentance toward God and faith in our risen Lord Jesus Christ: and that meditating on Your precepts and fixing their eyes on Your ways, they may declare all the just decrees of Your mouth. Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

A Let the cross of Christ be our source of hope and power in this congregation. May we never be ashamed of the foolishness of Christ crucified, but may we boldly proclaim the cross as your wisdom and righteousness, that many will experience its life-giving power. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Fill us with your Spirit, so that we desire to walk as children of light who try to discern what is pleasing to you. Give us your wisdom, so that we

take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them so that the truth is made known. Help us to make the best use of our time, realizing the days are evil and time is of the essence to proclaim Christ as Lord to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A God of power and might, you alone are the true ruler of the world. All authority comes from you. Bless the leaders of the nations, that they may know the truth and lead their people according to it. We pray for our own nation – *the members of congress, the supreme court justices, all governors, state legislators, mayors and councils.* Guide and direct them to know and do your will. Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A For the persecuted Church: that remembering the eternal house of God not made with hands, they may persuade others with their reverent fear of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

A Hear the cry of the righteous, and save all whose spirits are crushed. Grant them healing and wholeness in Jesus name. **We especially pray for those we name before you, aloud or in our hearts...(pause)** Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all those who have died in the promise and power of the of resurrection, that held in your eternal keeping they may come with us to that new day when you work within us all far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, and to you be all glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P. Merciful Father, guided by your Holy Spirit, we are confident that you know our needs and that you hear our prayers and so we place all for whom we pray into your loving care for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION Page 31

THE PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

HYMN # 87 O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee

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DISTRIBUTION

All those who are baptized are welcome to join us to receive the precious gifts of forgiveness and community as the Lord comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Children not yet communing may come forward and receive a blessing from the Pastor Forsythe.

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CLOSING HYMN #246

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Go in peace **LOOKING FOR JESUS**

NOTICES OF EVENTS

For November 18th, 2018

We are meeting at 717 Lambs Creek Road, in Mansfield.

The Bulletins are sponsored by the .

Sponsors are needed. You may sponsor

one or more weeks at a time. The Cost is

\$5.00 Per Week Please give to the Pastor

Forsythe. Checks made out to Lutheran

Church of the Cross.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School After Service

PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at the Garges' at 6:30 PM

Church Council Meeting ?

Card and Flower Ministry

Contact Nancy Forsythe at 659-0241 if you know of someone who is in the hospital or is sick. We need to start a flower fund so we have funds to purchase flowers for those who are sick.

Our Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request please call the following numbers and give your prayer request. Be brief and to the point **Call 659-0241.** If you want to be on our Prayer Chain tell Nancy Forsythe.

**We are: Christ-Center / Mission-Driven
Traditionally-Grounded/Congregationally-Focused**

Last Week's Record 11/11/2018

A. Attendance 8 B. Offering - \$1,248.00

PRAYER LIST FOR THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE: We need to know of those in need of PRAYER! Ask the person if they would like their name on our LIST!

Our Sister Churches:

Hope Lutheran Church Smethport, PA

Pastor: Need Pastor

**Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Montoursville, PA**

Pastor: Rev. David B. Letscher

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, State College

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Milarch

Remember to Pray for our Leaders:

Bishop and Mrs. John Bradosky - NALC

President & Mrs. Donald Trump

Governor & Mrs. Tom Wolf

Remember to Pray for these Special Needs:

All the Service men and women and those in

HARM'S WAY: Sgt. Andreas Wagner,

Pvt. Derek Stevens, Our Police Forces

Physical Needs:

Paul Young, Bob Lyle and his wife, Mrs. Nancy Forsythe, Pastor Forsythe, Mertella Smith, Gene and Patricia, Tom Matczak, Nicholas Wivell 3 year old with leukimia, Lou Mitcheltree, Don Lohr, Frank Williams, Cheryl Furman, Elaine Beller,, All the sick, Mabel Emerson, Joan McDougal, Joey Ketner, Rodney, Timothy, and Ricky Smith, Clifford Short, Ryan Bogaczyk, Larry Moran, Robert Gaylord, Jonathan P. Rev Tom and Barb Beam, Matczak,

Dwayne Goodwin, Ruth Anne Machmer, Jeff Garges, Brandon Garges, Dylan, Ryan, & Madison Earl, Jesse, Victims of disasters, Gibson, Those in Nursing Homes, Our Children, Teens, and youth program

DECORUM IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

In the Holy Temple we must maintain a deep piety and reverence, for the Lord is here invisibly present with us. Consequently, we should fix our thoughts on Him at all times. It is important that a quiet, peaceful and prayerful atmosphere always be preserved in God's Holy House.

Prayer on entering the Lutheran Church of the Cross

**Our Father, help us to be silent;
Help us to be thoughtful of You and other worshippers; Help us to be reverent; for this is Your House. In Jesus name we pray, Amen**

Keys To Worship at Lutheran Church of the Cross

- 1. As you enter the Church:** Take time to speak to the Lord in preparation for worship.
- 2. As we worship together:** Allow the Lord to speak to you.
- 3. As you leave:** Speak to others about your faith in God.

A PRAYER FOR EACH DAY THIS WEEK

. Sovereign Lord, only through trust in your Son shall your people find salvation. Through all the trials and tragedies that assail us, strengthen our faith and keep us steadfast in lives that follow your Son; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Thoughts on the Readings

The Common Thread

Everyone takes a "dirt nap" sooner or later. Some will awaken to the joy of everlasting life; some will awaken to the nightmare of "shame and everlasting contempt." The latter, because God was not their chosen portion in this life. The former, because he was their good and goodness, whom they followed in the "path of life." God has not only written his law into our hearts and minds

so that we may keep his ways, he has given his Christ as sacrifice for our sins, that they may no longer be remembered. He will save all who endure until the end through faith.

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

Life is tough and then you die, as some say, though with different wording. Yet greater troubles than we know presently await the world. Despite the conflict now or in the future, God's help and presence is guaranteed. Even those who sleep in the dust of death are remembered by God. For one day, all the sleeping dead will awaken. Those recorded in the book of life will arise to glory but others to everlasting shame.

Psalm - Psalm 16:1-11

Luther said that this Psalm was a prophecy about the Christ. If that is the case, it shows how God is with us, aiding us even in death. In the case of Christ, he did not even allow death to corrupt his body. May we, like Jesus, always set the Father before us, no matter the trial in life, knowing that we have no good, no resurrection, and no everlasting joy apart from him.

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-25

What will you give to the Lord for all that he has done for you? There is nothing you can add to the offering that Jesus made. That single, perfect offering perfects everyone who has holy faith in Christ. Since his perfect sacrifice is more than sufficient, there is nothing else that you can do but gladly receive his gift and call upon his name. (Psa 116:12-13)

Gospel - Mark 13:1-13

How odd some of the things are in which we place our admiration and trust. Art and architecture, health and wealth, politicians and pastors are a few of our favorite things. Yet they will all fail us sooner or later. It is better to trust in the word of God than all the wonders of the world. The things of this earth will crumble and die but the word of the Lord will last forever. (Isa 40:8) Even when friend, family, and country fail you, God's word will remain with you. The one who keeps his word until the end will be saved.