

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 28 – Worship in the Park (O’Fallon Pavillion next to the City Pool)

Rally Day and Picnic – Sign up in the foyer.

Pool Party @ Casa Monaco: 11190 Hageman Rd, Lebanon, 62254

Sep 11 – Sunday School & Bible Class Resumes!

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1; 50:1*

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: a very present help in trouble.

L: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

C: from the rising of the sun to its setting.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Invited by the grace of God, as His baptized children, we plead for His mercy confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.

C: O merciful Father, hear our plea for Your constant help in the struggle of living in the strength of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We lay our sins on His own atoning death. Raise us in the assurance of Your forgiveness and Your power to create a new and contrite heart, that we may serve You in holiness and forever sing Your praises both now and forever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our eternal King. Amen.

L: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit, strengthen you with His grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE **“Build Your Kingdom Here”** **(video)** CCLI Song # 6186078
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Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth (Chorus 2x)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:18–23* (They shall see My glory.)

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 12:4–29* (A Kingdom that cannot be shaken)

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 13:29*

**L: Alleluia! The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:22–30* (The narrow door)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
How so e'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

SERMON “The Real Question: ‘Will I be Saved?’” Luke 13:22-30

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" (LSB 956)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Abba Father, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Hold us fast in the struggle of our faith empowered by the cross of Christ, and fill us with hope and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, You promised victory for those who believe in Your name. Instill in us a love for striving to enter the narrow door, not to earn our way into Your favor but to show You our gratitude for saving us. Only by faith do we enter Your kingdom. Hold us fast in Your teachings and empower us by Your Holy Spirit to follow You in the life of service You set as an example for us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Creator God, You gave our lives order to help us live with one another. Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country, [*especially* our friend **Blake Fletcher who is being deployed to the Middle East]. Hold them fast in faithfulness and grant success in their service and a joyful homecoming. Lord, in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

L: By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Give strength and relief from pain to **Dale Schutte who is recovering from knee surgery and to **Nancy Schmidt** who is still in severe pain from her shoulder surgery. Give a calm spirit to **Dixie Molnar, Rich William's sister**, who is in hospice care and knows the end of her life on earth is near. Help her to focus on the life that is eternal and give her a peaceful release from this life of pain and suffering...**

Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Hold fast in Your eternal blessing all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Loving Lord, as the days of their lives increase, bless and guide **Linda Williams, Sue Rogers, Donna Brockmeyer, Marvin Ganger, Claire Morton and Jackson Morton** as another year of Your grace passes to the next. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts may Your peace accompany them throughout their lives to the blessing of their families and friends. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of our families, it is your will that married life should be a lesson in Christian living. There we learn to share the greatest of Your gifts, which is the gift of Your great love. Grant that **Don & Mary Geis, Harry & Peggy Russell and Bill & Buffy Gass** continue in the love You gave them as they bonded their lives with each other, that their marriages may continue to be witness to the gift of Your Son's forgiveness and love among us. Lord in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Receive our thanksgiving for the forgiveness, life, and strength

to live given to us through His very body and blood in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

P: St Paul urges us to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament lest we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves. Let us prepare so that we truly recognize our sinful state, and have confident faith in His promise to forgive us in this meal.

P: We confess together:

- I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!
- I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!
- I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God's help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!

P: With this affirmation of faith you are well prepared to receive this Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

**Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Now with the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal together.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**(For those communing from the pew;
“Take, and eat the body of Jesus given for you.”)**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**(For those communing from the pew,
“Drink of it, all of you, for the forgiveness of sins.)**

**L: Let those who are receiving Holy Communion from the altar
come forward to receive God’s gift of love,
His sacred presence hidden in bread and wine.**

DISTRIBUTION **“He Will Hold Me Fast** CCLI Song # 7016161
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**When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast**

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last (Chorus 3x)

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” (LSB # 563)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

POST-COMMUNION “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB 633 vs. 4)

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above
Alleluia!

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord smile upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN No. 921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,

**May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!