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Guest Preacher—Mr. Orie Thomford

Second Sunday of End Time—November 1 & 2, 2020

“Lord, Dress Your People for Glory!”

We live-stream our 8:00am service.

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COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

HYMN #559: “Lord of the Living Harvest”

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** ALL sing

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C: **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.** (ALL sing)

P: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.** ALL sing

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD (*Gloria in Excelsis*) ALL sing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.** ALL sing

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace and righteousness that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship and witness on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come, give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ALL sing

GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 59:1,12-20

Think of the end of all things on earth and you must come to grips with your coming judgement before the Almighty. As Isaiah stresses, we must despair of our own worth or ability and recognize that we have all together become corrupt. Our sins are ever with us, so God himself worked the salvation we could not; he provided the righteousness we failed to give him. This call to repentance reminds us that the Lord is coming again, clothed in righteousness and salvation, but also in vengeance and zeal. He comes to repay his enemies according to what they have done, but for the repentant, he repays them according to what he has done. Return to the Lord, and your Redeemer will come!

PSALM 98 (page 103) ALL sing *REFRAIN* and speak the verses responsively

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!** ALL sing

The Lord Jesus tells us another story. While Christ’s return as judge will literally mean hell for the unbelieving, this is also the day the Savior returns to welcome the faithful to the wedding feast that never ends. He dearly wants all to be dressed by faith in the righteousness he provides.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! ALL sing

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SERMON by Mr. Orie Thomford based on Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD.... ALL sing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies that you pour down on us anew each day. We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being and are the source of our daily bread.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness. Each time we pray “your kingdom come”, answer our prayer and bless our witness and readiness.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we might always be ready to do your will and are ready for the day of judgment.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere, and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that which is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage in this world, and bring us all to our heavenly home. Receive these petitions in the name of the Prince of life, Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. ALL sing

HYMN #562: “I Love to Tell the Story”

- **Thank you to Mr. Orie Thomford for his message this weekend.** Mr. Thomford is in his senior year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary after teaching at MLHS last year and worshipping with us.
- **Bible Class “Christians in Conflict: continues:** Today @ 9:20am—“Hard Teachings”, Tue, 6:30 & Wed, 1:30: “A City of Peace”. We begin a new 4 week series “Politics is Driving Me Crazy” on Tuesday, 11/10.
- **November “Forward in Christ” magazines are available on the Information table** along with several leftover October ones. Help yourself—they are FREE!
- **Updated Grace Member Directories are available on the Information Table** - feel free to take one home with you!
- **Our Food Drive for Peter’s Pantry continues thru 11/29:** Please place your donations into the bin in the fellowship hall. There are lists on the table for you of suggested items needed as well as what NOT to donate. Thank you!
- **Fall Cleanup Day at Grace is scheduled for Sat, 11/7, starting at 8:00am.** There is both inside and outside work to be done. We are looking for men, women and teens to come and be a part of this project! If you are able to help, please call me in the office at 682-7377 or send me an email.