

CHRIST THE KING

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 21, 2021

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Service of Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we GATHER before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the WORD of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the MEAL of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are SENT, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes <u>us</u> a blessing in this world as we share it.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Temple Talk</u> Fred Biggers

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen. God, who makes all things new, and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

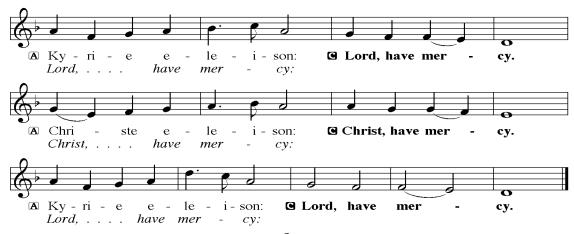
Prelude

Amen.

Greeting

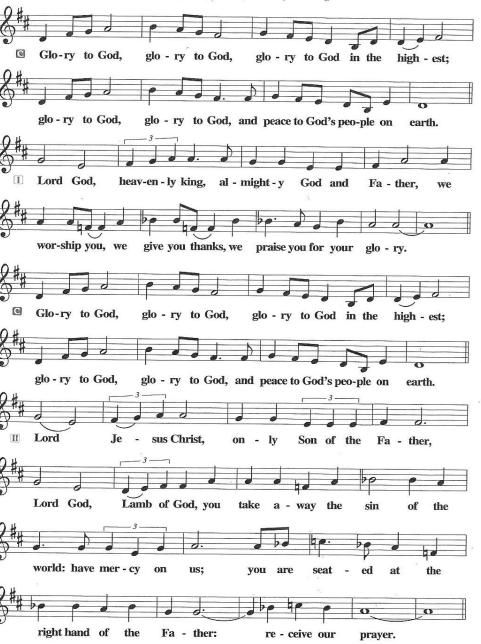
The grace our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of light,

There can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

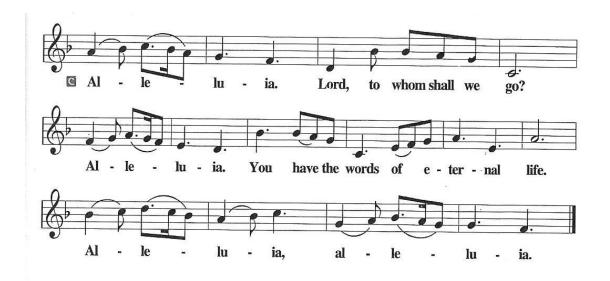
⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 8:12

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "O Light Whose Splendor Thrills" #563, Page 8, Verses 1,3

O Light Whose Splendor Thrills



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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

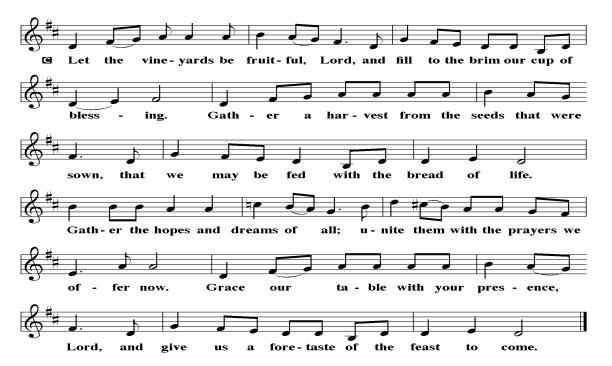
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Offertory Song



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

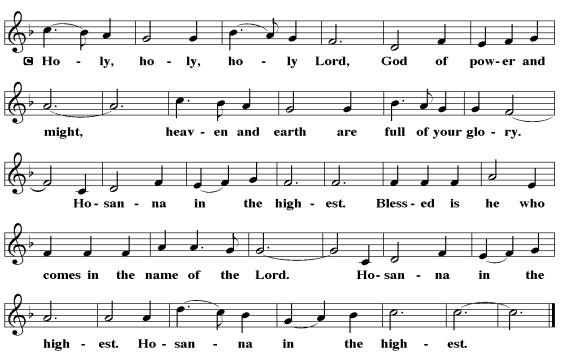
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this is remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Continued

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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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.
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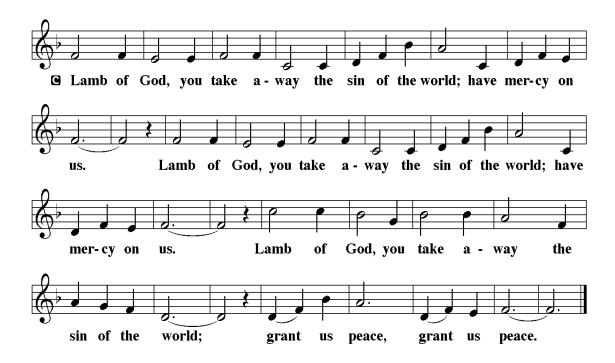
Invitation to Communion

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, the bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #834, Page 16 Verses 1,3,4

Dismissal

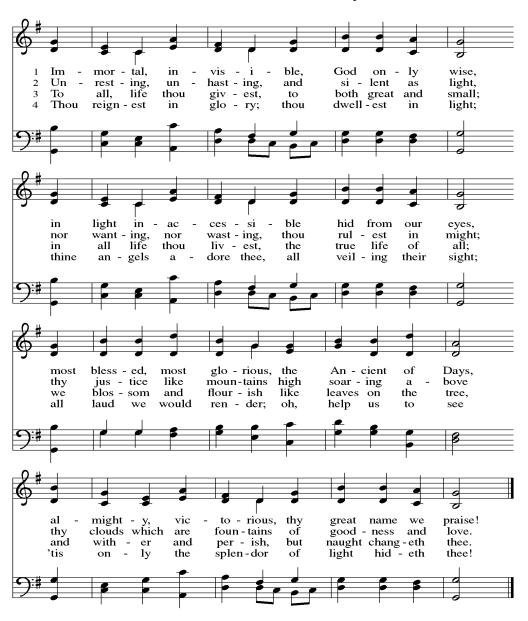
Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Gail Johnson

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Quinn Franklin

Council Person of the Week: Kim Hull

Covid Monitor:

Karen Walck

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

David Proctor

Ushers: Rick Bump

Gail Johnson



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of our Lord and in memory of Peggy R. Johnson by her Children

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

November 28, 2021 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Mark Radecke, Presiding and Preaching Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 John 14:27



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks,

in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Tom Blosser

Linda Meyer

Stephen Van Stee

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Lois Dettweiler, Mother of Donna Marshall
Redd Fitzgerald, Friend of Donna Gum
Emily Girard, Daughter of Rick and Kathy Bump
Dana Haney, Friend of Kathy Johnson
Liz Erskine Leichliter, Friend of Sharon Lynch
Patricia Morrison, Mother of Gary Morrison
Sherando United Methodist Church
Dave and Diana Whitling, Friend of the Trauschts

<u>Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Svlvia Almarode on being cancer free after treatment

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns

Marie Brown

Sandra R. Hoy

Bob Knemoller

Janet Parmer

Fred Brower

Nancy Fitzgerald

Phyllis Kite

Glenn and Flossie Myers

Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

Sandy Higgs, Friend of Schwiesows **George Toop**, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Teresa White, Friend of the Schwiesows
Family of Bill Faistenhammer, Friend of Nancy Dowdy
Family of Louis Pingel, Cousin of Paul Pingel
Family of David Shields, Grace Member
Family of Kathleen Snead, Friend of Berenice Archambeault
Family of Chip Stratton, Friend of Linda Meyer
Family of Valerie Weiss, Friend of Many Grace Members

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Jean Morgan Lily Skelton Hannah Pingel Ashley Stollings

The Needs of the World

For Creation - in the midst of storms, hurricanes, flooding, earthquake and wildfires; a new sense of our care for Creation, and the real ways we need to change for the sake of the Creation we live in.

Worldwide crisis over immigration—
Polaris/Belarus, U.S./Mexico/Central
America and elsewhere; and Afghan
refugees at Massanetta Springs,
Harrisonburg

Safe travels for many over the Holidays

Health Crises— drug overdoses, and continuing Covid concerns

Our neighbors at Sherando United Methodist Church (fire destroyed the worship space)

Our newly elected governor, representatives and local leaders

Our Veterans who have served with selflessness

The Church

Pray for (at least) five others from
Grace this week - three who you
know, or whose needs you are
aware of, and two that you are less
familiar with (pray for their daily
walk of faith, and their blessing)

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the community

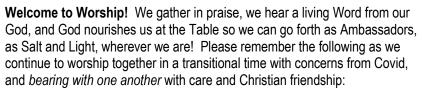
Reverend Phyllis Diamond, newly installed at Pleasant View Lutheran, Staunton (11/13/21)

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Tree Streets







- We continue to mask during worship
- Fellowship is a blessing of our time together! Since the narthex area is tight because of additional tables and equipment necessary during this pandemic time, remember social distancing, and take good conversations outside.
- Smart phones are a marvel of our time! As is the Word and Grace of God as we worship together! Please check your phone before worship and mute, silence or turn your phone off before the service begins.



Holy Communion at Grace—Beginning Sunday, December 5th, the Second Sunday of Advent, we will be returning to a more "active" form of Holy Communion approved by our Worship Resumption (Covid) sub-committee and endorsed by Grace Council: We will receive Holy Communion at the altar in the following way:

- Ushers will invite communicants by row to come down the center aisle, safely distanced.
- The Communicant will receive the bread (the body of Christ) from the Pastor, who will be masked.
- The Communicant will then go down the communion railing and pick up a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice from the trays, and hear the pronouncement of "the blood of Christ" from the (masked) worship assistant located on the other side of the communion rail.
- The Communicant will then put their glass in another tray located further down the aisle, and return to their seat via the side aisle.
- Those unable to come forward will have Communion brought to them by the Pastor and communion assistant.

In addition to participating more fully in Holy Communion, this will reduce the plastic waste from the use of chalices—or more recently, the bags and containers—used in Holy Communion.



The Giving Tree has been put up in the Nave. If you would like to participate, please come by the church to pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book, purchase appropriate gift(s), and bring unwrapped gift(s) with the original tag attached back to the Nave by Sunday. **November 28.** If you have guestions, please contact Jane Stein, 943-3327.



66000000000000 Advent Begins Next Sunday, November 28th! – The Season of Advent begins a New Church Year! We await the coming of the Lord, not merely remembering the history of Jesus' coming, but also Christ's arrival in our day and time, and when Christ will come again, and all things will be made new. The Church has long spoken of Advent living between "the already" and the "not yet." Advent requires TIME, which challenges us in a world that is instant, guick, and filled to the brim with what we want to do. But God is present! God remembers us, God offers us a Word which will not only come away empty, but will COME to us! God with us in Jesus Christ. Our story needs your time! Come and worship this Advent!



Advent Vespers In Person on Wednesday Evenings – We join with our sister congregations in the area under the theme: Holy Darkness. While darkness can often have a negative connotation, as the absence of light, or as an opposition to goodness, God's Word often points to the Glory of God being found in the darkness. Think of Nicodemus visiting with Jesus and hearing Jesus tell how God so loved the World...or of Christmas Eve and the shepherds discovering in the night sky the Good News of Jesus' birth. We ponder the presence of God in the darkness of our worship at our area Lutheran Churches Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm:

December 1st at Zion, Waynesboro – *Darkness is Holy* – Masking is strongly encouraged. There will be no virtual option of attendance.

December 8th Bethlehem's Advent Service will be held at Grace, Waynesboro-Darkness is Beautiful - Masking is required. Grace offers this worship service Live via Grace's YouTube channel, or by telephone via Zoom (no audio).

December 15th at St. James, Fishersville – *Darkness Holds Promise* – Masking is optional at St. James if you are vaccinated. There is no virtual option of attendance.

December 22nd at Grace, Waynesboro – *Darkness Holds God* – Masking is required. Grace offers its worship Live via Grace's YouTube channel, or by telephone via Zoom (no audio).

Come into the darkness of early night Wednesdays to make time for the Glory of God this Advent season!



Grace Youth Join Four Downtown Congregations—Today at 2:30 p.m., our Youth (7th-12th grade) are invited to take part with Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. John Episcopal and St. John Roman Catholic Youth to make a meal for Afghan refugees that are living in Harrisonburg! We'll also get to know each other in some fun ways. We'll meet at Westminster Presbyterian. Contact Pastor if you have any guestions!













Invitation to Prayer Group at Grace - Our World, Our Nation, Our Community, The Church, Grace Lutheran, individual joys and concerns from our lives. In all these things, we "take it to the Lord in prayer," not only praying for what we need, but also listening for what God will speak. If you are interested in a weekly Prayer Group, sign up on the Sheet on the table in the Narthex, or call the Church Office. We'll offer a few times, and select the time that the most people can attend. Sign-up and indicate times you can attend, and we will start in December.

Time and Talent Survey - We collect the Surveys today and hear Temple Talk as a part of worship.

"Coffee Fellowship After Worship via Zoom" is still available!!

Ron Almarode hosts a fellowship time via Zoom immediately following worship. It's a great opportunity to engage in casual fellowship, as well as being kept up to date about the concerns and needs for prayer by Grace members and friends. We will be sending this link weekly with the other links to Worship and other activities available via Zoom.

Request from Disciples' Kitchen—The past several years, we have helped with gift bags that are given to those attending the lunch meals at Second Presbyterian Church. This year, we would like to collect 35 men's regular size body wash/shampoo and 35 men's deodorants. There will be a tote in the hallway for your donations. We do need to have them by **December 5**th. Any questions, please contact Gwen Kite.

Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made <u>twenty</u> deliveries thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and eleven to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, 126 pounds of food went to Calvary United Methodist. Overall, we have given well over 1,800 pounds! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Holy Communion Chalices remain available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship if you are watching via You Tube or Zoom.

Pastor Paul and Family Away Next Sunday, 11/28—they will be visiting Jill's family for Thanksgiving and holding a Memorial Service for Jill's brother, Mark, who died last month. Pastor will be back in the office on Monday, 11/29.



Life of Grace Church November 21-28, 2021

| DAY OF WEEK | DATE | TIME | MEETING |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|---|
| TODAY— SUNDAY | 11/21 | 10:00 a.m. | Christ the King Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Time and Talent Sunday |
| | | 10:50 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |
| | | 2:30 p.m. | Youth Ecumenical Event— Westminster Presbyterian |
| Wednesday | 11/24 | 9:00 a.m. | Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) |
| Thursday | 11/25 | CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED | THANKSgiving Day |
| Friday | 11/26 | | Grace Holiday |
| Sunday | 11/28 | 10:00 a.m. | Ist Sunday of Advent Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Mark Radecke, Presiding and Preaching |
| | | 10:50 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |

Monday

1 Maccabees 2:49-70 Revelation 20:7-15 Matthew 17:1-13

Tuesday

1 Maccabees 3:1-24 Revelation 21:1-8 Matthew 17:14-21

Wednesday

1 Maccabees 3:25-41 Revelation 21:9-21 Matthew 17:22-27



Thursday

1 Maccabees 3:42-60 Revelation 21:22—22:5 Matthew 18:1-9

Friday

1 Maccabees 4:1-25 Revelation 1922:6-13 Matthew 18:10-20

Saturday

1 Maccabees 4:36-59 Revelation 22:14-21 Matthew 18:21-35



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