CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Patrick Cox

Worship for Sunday, October 11, 2026
LWML SUNDAY

We Live and Love in the Peace
and Promise of the Resurrection of Christ Jesus

The disciples of Christ Jesus, like St. Joseph of Arimathea, deal in love with the body of Christ, in the sure and certain promise of the resurrection (Matt. 27:57-60). For they also remember what He said, that after three days He would rise, though His enemies conspire against Him and seek to thwart Him (Matt. 27:63). Indeed, we find a type and promise of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ already in the prophet Daniel. For he was blameless and faithful, and "an excellent spirit was in him" (Dan. 6:3-4, 22). Although he was accused and delivered over to death, the Lord preserved his life and raised him up in righteousness, "because he had trusted in his God" (Dan. 6:23). So let us also pray and give thanks to God (Dan. 6:10), finding peace and Sabbath rest in Jesus Christ. And knowing that "the end of all things is at hand," let us be "self-controlled and sober-minded," and "keep loving one another earnestly" (1 Peter 4:7-8).

+ Please silence your cell phone.
+ Please fill out the red 'Record of Fellowship' book in your pew.

✢ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING 2 ✢

PRELUDE: **"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"** *(Paul Manz)*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"** **LSB 697**

✢ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✢

INVOCATION LSB 167
OPENING SENTENCES *(see insert)*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

KYRIE LSB 168
THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 171
SALUTATION LSB 172
COLLECT OF THE DAY *(see insert)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Proverbs 11:10-30**
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: **1 Peter 4:1-12**
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE LSB 173

HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 5:10-20**
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Holy Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"** **LSB 446**

SERMON **"Love One Another Earnestly"** *from 1 Peter 4:7-11*

NICENE CREED LSB 174

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: …let us pray to the Lord,
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERING
VOLUNTARY: **"You are the Way, Through You Alone"** *(John Ferguson)*
OFFERTORY LSB 176

✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE LSB 177
SANCTUS and PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING LSB 178
LORD'S PRAYER LSB 179
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
PAX DOMINI and AGNUS DEI LSB 180

DISTRIBUTION LSB 181
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"You Are the Way; through You Alone" **LSB 526**
"Love in Christ is Strong and Living " **LSB 706**

THANK THE LORD LSB 181
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 183
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **"Jesus Shall Reign"** **LSB 832**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: **"Jesus Shall Reign"** *(Robert Hobby)*

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HOLY COMMUNION

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. He invites to His table baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all their sin, and forgive one another as He forgives us.

In 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, St. Paul teaches us that Holy Communion is also a public profession that unity of doctrine exists amongst those who commune at the same altar. Therefore, we ask any who are not yet instructed in the doctrine of our church or who hold membership/commune at a non-LCMS church body to abstain from receiving the Sacrament here today. If it is your desire to receive communion with us at this altar, please speak with Pastor Cox. It would be his joy to instruct you toward confirmation. *For further study see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:17-34.*

All who are not receiving the Sacrament today are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

- ✠ **The individual cups are offered first, followed by the chalice.**
- ✠ **The cups in the center of the trays include one drop of wine.**
- ✠ **Please let the pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.**

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