Lord’s Day, January 29, 2023

Communion Sunday

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate Ps. 18:2 ESV

*“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 84:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *How Great is Our God*

*King of Kings*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 5

Q.12.According to God’s righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God’s favor?

**A. God required that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.**

Q.13.Can we pay this debt ourselves?

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.**

Q.14.Can another creature – any at all – pay this debt for us?

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s eternal anger against sin and release others from it.**

Q.15.What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**A. One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

\*The Confession of Sin: Responsive Reading of Psalm 51 (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon Ps. 32:5

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Scripture Psalm 73

Sermon “Clarity in the Midst of Vanity”

\*Hymn #657 “In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of January 30th – February 3rd**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/29 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

2/5 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

2/12 Brian Duty and Ellen Metzger

2/19 Mirv Metzger and Kathy Fagan

**Tech Team for 1/29: Gina Sheets and Jeff Oskamp**

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP-URGENT NEED FOR SPRING SESSION**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby to sign-up to bring snacks for ESOL. There is also a card for you to take to remind you. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa.

**TUESDAY NIGHT KIDS’ NEEDS**

The **Gathering Kids** and **ESOL Kids** need your help.  Please talk to Brea, Megan, or Rachel about serving on Tuesday evenings.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO group**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

**No Gathering (5th Tuesday of the month)**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *The Names of God in the Bible*

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

8:00 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast**

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Hebrews* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith* Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**(see insert)**

**Church News**​

**​COOKBOOK PROJECT**

Do you have that favorite pasta dish that dinner guests always rave about? Are you always asked to make your shepherd’s pie for the potluck dinners?

Recognizing that food plays an important role in promoting fellowship, LRPC is launching a project in which members can share recipes that have special meaning to them - or that are just terrific items to eat! The cookbook will be professionally produced and copies available for sale.

During the month of January in the Narthex you will find a *Cookbook Recipe Submission* form on which you can write your recipe. Please use a different form for each recipe you may submit. The forms should then be placed in the designated box on the table in the Narthex no later than February 1st. So, pull out those recipes from your kitchen drawer and allow others to share the pleasure you have enjoyed from them!

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

There will be a Men’s Breakfast this coming Saturday, February 4, at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are able to come, so that those preparing breakfast will know how many to plan for. John Selby will be giving the devotional that morning. We hope to see you there!

**NO GATHERING THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

The Gathering will not be meeting this coming Tuesday, January 31. We will not meet whenever there is a fifth Tuesday of the month. We look forward to seeing everyone again on February 7.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS**

A new bible study will start on Thursday, February 2, at 1:30 p.m.  This Bible Study will start after completing the study of *The Names of God in the Bible*.  The new study will be concentrated on the Book of Acts.   All are encouraged to attend and to also invite your friends.

**Confession of Sin Responsive Reading of Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

**according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

**wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.**

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,**

**O God, you will not despise.**

In your good pleasure, make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

**Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**