Lord’s Day, October 29, 2023

Communion Sunday

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

Verse to Meditate On Gal. 1:3-5 ESV

*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Responsive reading of Psalm 46 PowerPoint

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

 *Unto Him*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 44

Q.113. What is God’s will for you in the tenth commandment?

**A. That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any one of God’s commandments should ever arise in my heart. Rather, with all my heart I should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.**

Q.114. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

**A. No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God’s commandments.**

Q.115. No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

**A. First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.**

The Confession of Sin (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon Isa. 53:4-6

\*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.**

Scripture Mark 2:1-12 p. 995

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

Sermon “Healing of Body & Soul”

\*Hymn #168 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of October 30th – November 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**

10/29 Carole Williams and Debbie Sisson

11/5 Brenda Mangels and John Selby

11/12 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

11/19 Brian Duty and Anel Coss

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

11/5 Alan and Jeff

11/12 Melissa and Patrick

11/19 Zach and Sam

11/26 Ethan and Carol

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**

It's that time of year again when we need you to sign up to donate snacks for our ESOL Program. The items we need are cheese (pre sliced), vegetables & dip or fruit & dip, or baked goods. Please, we only need these items. If you cannot purchase or make something but still want to contribute, please make a monetary donation and mark it for ESOL Snacks (also put $$ on sign-up sheet). The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard on the board marked GIVE in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, October 30, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

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

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

**NO Gathering**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study (temporarily put on hold)**

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

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

8:00 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**\*INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER\***

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

**Adult Classes**

All Adult Sunday School: *Respect the Image* Sanctuary

(classes below resuming in December)

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* Room 202

**\*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**​

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Operation Christmas Child display is now set up in the church lobby. Please feel free to pick up your labels and boxes (either assembled or unassembled) and begin to fill them. There are other handouts for your reference on the table as well. The last date to bring in your filled box(es) is Sunday, November 12th. LRPC boxes will be delivered to the local collection center during the week beginning November 13th. For any questions, please visit the OCC web site or contact Trish Spicer. Thank you!

**ANNUAL ACTC THANKSGIVING DRIVE**

Help us celebrate the bounty of Thanksgiving by donating a Thanksgiving meal (or more!) to families in need. Please pack a reusable grocery bag with the items below and bring it to church by Sunday November 12th. You also can donate baskets online at https://hipaa.jotform.com/form/222965132564054 or write a check made out to ACTC with the memo “thanksgiving 2023”. These may be mailed to the Church or placed in the offering plate. Beginning November 1st, prepackaged bags will be available for purchase at area grocery stores. Please see Carolyn Clark or Gina Sheets for more info!

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

* 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz)
* 1 large can fruit (20-30 oz)
* 4 cans vegetables (15 oz)
* 1 can cranberry sauce
* 2 packages macaroni & cheese
* 1 box or 3 pouches of instant mashed potatoes (13 oz)
* 1 cake or brownie mix
* 1 bag or box stuffing mix
* 1 bag or box rice (16 oz)
* NO substitutions/NO gift cards/NO money in bag

If you would like a checklist to take shopping with you, copies can be found in the lobby at the Welcome Desk.

**Confession of Sin**

**Oh Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.**

(by Martin Luther, from *Be Thou My Vision)*