

left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]  
 The body of Christ given for you. Amen.  
 The blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

#### \*Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
 in which you have given yourself to us.  
 Grant that we may go into the world  
 in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### \*Closing Hymn #453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
 This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 More love to thee, more love to thee!

#### \*Sending Forth

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"-Wells c. 1992 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"O Worship the King" - Ritter c. 1995 Lorenz Publishing Co.

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## IN THE MEANTIME



#### "In the Meantime" Sermon Series

It's not quite Christmas (or even Advent) yet, but we know it will be here before we know it! As the rush to Thanksgiving and Christmas picks up speed, join us for some lessons to ponder in the meantime.

Oct 31	Mark 12:23-34	"Love in the Meantime"
Nov 7	Isaiah 25:6-9	"On That Day"
Nov 14	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	"Faith in the Meantime"
Nov 21	Revelation 1:4b-8	"A Kingdom of Priests"

#### Bible Reading for November 7

Isaiah 25:6-9: "On That Day"

#### Discussion Questions

What do you think heaven will be like? Read the passage from Isaiah. What does the description remind you of? What will it mean for God to do these actions described by the prophet?

#### October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 24	\$9,762
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received for Oct	\$43,117

#### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	136
Online:	63

There will be a **Church Council/Charge Conference Meeting on November 28 at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome.

#### Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

#### Calendar

##### Sunday, October 31

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
 9:30 AM Sunday School, Children,(3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)

10:30 AM Worship Service  
 No Night Programming for Youth or Children

6:00 PM Adult Ministries Class (LFH)

##### Tuesday, November 2

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym  
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L  
 2:30 PM Prayer Team, L  
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

##### Wednesday, November 3

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym  
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café  
 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming  
 Children, Youth, Adults

##### Thursday, November 4

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ  
 8:00 AM The Gleeful Bible Study, FH

##### Friday, November 5

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym  
 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

##### Sunday, November 7

10:30 AM All Saints Sunday  
 CH-Chapel, FH-Fellowship Hall  
 LFH-Lower Fellowship Hall ,S-Sanctuary

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**Love God  
 Love others  
 Serve the world**

## MARK 12:28-34

Love in the Meantime



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**Love God, love others, and serve the world**

**October 31, 2021**

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "O Worship the King"

Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

We are people of God, created to love

**We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

We are people of God, determined to love.

**We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.**

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity of favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable because love imitates God's nature.**

**For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself".**

\*Hymn #75 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell,  
 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
 Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.  
O enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why! The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### \*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

**Merciful God,**  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence.*  
Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

#### Greeting

#### \*Hymn “Great is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just**  
**By his power we trust in his love.**  
**Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;**  
**By his mercy he proves he is love.**  
**(Refrain)**

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

**(Refrain)**

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

**(Refrain)**

Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:  
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

**(Refrain)**

#### Special Music “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”

*Arr. Neary*

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

**O Master, grant that I may never seek**  
**So much to be consoled as to console,**  
**To be understood as to understand,**  
**To be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace:  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**(Refrain)**

#### Bible Reading — Mark 12:28-34

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**  
**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,**  
**we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the

Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Love in the Meantime”

Rev. Miriam Smith

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer—

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*We give thanks for God's creation and deliverance, concluding:*

*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.*

*...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

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

*We give thanks for God's presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:*

*...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

With the confidence of God's children, we are bold to pray together:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings