



THE SERVANT

The monthly newsletter of Servants of Christ Lutheran Church, a congregation of The North American Lutheran Church serving the Cedar Rapids area

Meeting at Robins City Hall Community Room, 265 South Second St., Robins, Iowa 52328
Worship: 9:00 am; Fellowship & Coffee: 10:00;
Bible Class and Sunday School: 10:15
Ron Voss, Pastor

*****November 2018*****

Dear Servants of Christ,

Our Weekly Worship Service . . . What We Do and Why

For where two or three come together in my name, the I am with them.

Matthew 18:20

Whether you are new to attending a Lutheran worship service or have been attending for a long time, understanding the aspects of the service help you to understand this special moment you are sharing with God and celebrating His presence. Understanding what is said and done within the service will create the foundation for a meaningful experience.

We begin with the INVOCATION: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These words are a reminder that we enter God's presence to worship Him as we were made His children through baptism.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: In every service we humbly confess our sins to God and then gladly hear His proclamation that each and every one of them has been forgiven.

APOSTOLIC GREETING: In the Salutation, the pastor and the congregation greet each other in the Lord's name. "The Lord be with you." (pastor: "And also with you." (congregation)

KYRIE/KYRIE ELEISON: Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength and dates from Old Testament times.

HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE: Grateful and joyful sounds express our thankfulness for forgiveness and confirm our faith.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY: This prayer fits the theme for the day.

WORD OF GOD AND SERMON: The first Bible reading may be taken from the Old Testament or the Epistles—the part of the New Testament after the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Christian life. The Gospel words of Jesus. It is often the event, or lesson which we are the words of Christ our King, presence of royalty in ancient times. The sermon teaches how God's word applies to our Christian life.



Here we receive instructions of the reading centers on the life and key to the theme for the day, main commemorating. We stand to hear just like people stood in the pres-

CREED: We proclaim what we believe, using the Apostles' or Nicene creed.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: We join to pray to God about specific joys and troubles in our church and in the Church around the world.

THE PEACE: We share the greeting of peace as Jesus said after His resurrection: "Peace be with you."

OFFERING: Our offerings are for the support of the church. They enable the church to provide the written and spoken word of God, Christian education, pastoral care, and a helping hand to those in need.

COMMUNION: In the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, we are united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we approach God's altar to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine.



LORD'S PRAYER: We pray to God as our Father using the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples.

BENEDICTION: We receive this same blessing that God gave to the ancient Israelites. The blessing is God's promise that Christ will go with us as we leave the church and return to the world to serve Him.

A brochure outlining and expanding on the above items is available to you on the information table.

Peace to you,
Ron



S T A Y I N F O R M E D

November Outreach/ Mission Support

\$333 - The North American Lutheran Church General Fund

Thank you for your faithful giving that allows us to support various mission efforts!

Connections magazine will be sent to anyone who desires a subscription. This magazine contains many articles to enrich your faith walk. Let Ron know if

How your contributions are distributed:

- Approximately 1/3 goes to mission work, 1/3 pays for local expenses, 1/3 is set aside for a future facility or rental space.
- Prayerfully consider including the north American Lutheran Church and Seminary in your will and estate planning.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

NOVEMBER Servants



Greeter/Usher: Dan Heckart
Communion Assistant: Tami Gerdemann
Snacks:
**November 4—Mary Collins
**November 11—Linda Drake
**November 18—Ron Voss
**November 25—Tami Gerdemann

FLOWERS: Mary Collins

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

A Thanksgiving worship will be held on Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30. Plan to attend and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon you personally and on our congregation.



2019 Congregational Spending Guide

This was discussed and approved at our October 28th brunch. Increases in our support for the North American Lutheran Church and the North American Lutheran Seminary highlight our spending guide.



Really Free!!

a study of the book of Romans

Study Continues Through November

Do you long for a Christian life which is characterized by more joy and victory? Do you sometimes feel that the struggle with sin is hopeless? Are you plagued with feelings of guilt? Do you wonder sometimes whether or not you really are a Christian? Do you long for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ?

If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then the book of Romans is for you. For this letter shows clearly how we can escape the bondage to sin into a life of growing freedom and joy. Jesus promised this freedom: “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” “If the Son sets you free,” He says, “then you will be *really free*” (John 8:32, 36 TEV). In Romans Paul explains the basis for this freedom and shows how it may become ours.

It was this book of the Bible that changed the life of Martin Luther and led him into a deep, personal, joyful, *free* relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us every Sunday as you are able.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY November 25

Thanks are extended to all who donated school items for our Fall 2018 LWR outreach effort. Thanks also to Thrivent Financial which provided \$250 in matching funds. 105 school kits were assembled. Thanks to *Tami Gerdemann* who delivered them to the pick-up location in Cedar Rapids.



Part of our worship service on November 25 will include completing our Time, Abilities and Financial Commitment form for the coming year. In preparation for your decision, written materials and temple talks will be part of our worship services in November. Give prayer consideration to how YOU can further the work of this congregation and the spread of God's kingdom on earth.



Thanks to Lenore Heckart who provides weekly music support for our worship services.