

**Nov. 13, 2022**

*The Twenty-Third  
Sunday  
After Pentecost*



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9:30 am

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# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 2022

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

" St. Anthony Chorale"  
" Lord of All Hopefulness"

arr. R. Parks ; J. Haydn  
arr. L. Larson

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

**LSB 738**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord is faithful.

**G** **He establishes us and guards us against Satan.**

**P** The Lord is steadfast.

**G** **He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.**

**P** We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.

**G** **May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Heavenly Father,

**G** **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

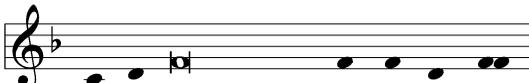
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

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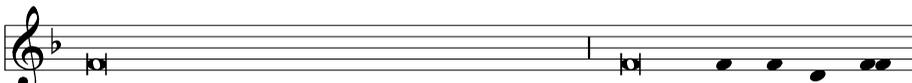
LSB 152



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Malachi 4:1-6*

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*2 Thessalonians 3:1-13*

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 156*

- C** Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia. *Luke 21:28b*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 21: 5-36*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**HYMN**

**"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"**

**LSB 511**



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing  
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the  
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -  
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and  
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the  
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward  
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.  
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.  
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.  
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

*Refrain*



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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**SERMON**

**The Fig Tree's Promise**

**Chaplain Joe Seifert**

Sermon Text: Luke 21:5-36

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
**C** but hasten our salvation.

- A** Lord, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove from our lives those things that are not beneficial and to lead quiet, peaceful lives that honor You. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- P** Lord, we are frequently tempted toward laziness and slothfulness. Strengthen us to not be idle or lazy, but to work diligently for the good of our neighbors. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- A** Lord, we pray that Your Word might speed ahead so that all people hear the Good News of Your salvation. Embolden us to share that Good News with others. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- P** Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*] Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- A** Lord, we pray for all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance. Be with them, Lord, and surround them with friends and community so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
- C** **but hasten our salvation.**
- A** Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

**P** Lord, we pray for your blessing on these shoeboxes for the mission of Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child. We pray for the hurting children and their families whose lives will be impacted by these boxes and the contents we've packed with love. We pray that through these gifts the hearts of the children and their families will be opened to your love and the message of your grace through Jesus Christ. We pray, also for all those who are participating in some way in the mission of Operation Christmas Child, and for the process of collecting, processing, transporting and delivering of the boxes to their destinations. In your name we pray

**C** Amen

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

" Take My Life and Let It Be"

arr. R. Sawyer

### MISSION MINUTE

Sue Hearn – Social Ministry – Angel Tree

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
  
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

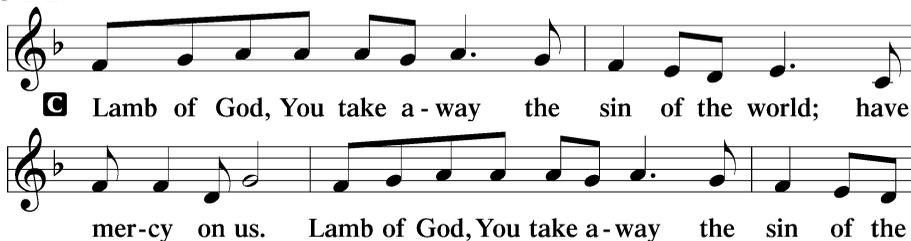
**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"**

**LSB 490**

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall

scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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**VOLUNTARY**

"Jesus Lives! the Victory's Won"  
 "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

setting: C. Schalk  
 arr. D. Paxton

*Stand***NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 164



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple; A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## HYMN

### "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 784



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



- Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



- flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Sit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Ancient of Days"

arr. R. Hughes

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# Thanksgiving



*Wednesday, November 23, 2022*

*7:00 PM*