

## Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

### PRELUDE, BELLS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME

#### HYMN “O Worship The King” LSB 804

- 1 O worship the King,  
all-glorious above.  
O gratefully sing  
His pow’r and His love;  
Our shield and defender,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow’r  
hath founded of old,  
Established it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care  
what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills,  
it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills  
in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

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## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

P: The Lord is faithful.

**C: He establishes us and guards us against Satan.**

P: The Lord is steadfast.

**C: He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.**

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

**C: 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.*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: 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 and rise 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 98*

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done | marvelous things!\*

**C: His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salva- | tion for him.**

P: The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of | Israel.\*

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation | of our God.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

P: Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\*

**C: with the lyre and the sound of | melody!**

P: With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

**C: make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!**

P: Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\*

**C: the world and those who | dwell in it!**

P: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together <sup>9</sup>be- | fore the LORD,\*

**C: for he comes to | judge the earth.**

P: He will judge the world with | righteousness,\*

**C: and the peoples with | equity.**

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Malachi 4:1–6

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the Lord Almighty.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse." (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** 2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.

And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 21:5–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. "But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

This will result in your being witnesses to them.

But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me.

But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life. "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.

Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city.

For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written.

How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (NIV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN** “*O Sing To the Lord*” LSB 808 sts. 1–2, 4–5

- 1 O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

4 O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God,  
Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

5 For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord!  
Amen! Alleluia!  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

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**SERMON** *"Sing to the LORD a New Song!"*

Text: Psalm 98

## **OFFERING**

**HYMN** *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* LSB 783

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
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.

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.

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### **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.**

P: 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.**

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.**

P: 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, 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, 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.**

P: 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.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN** “*Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing*” LSB 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing,  
    May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing,  
    Rich in love and joy and peace.
  
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing  
    Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,  
    Patience, kindness, gentleness.
  
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,  
    Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
    Goodness, faith, and self-control.
  
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending,  
    May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
    Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

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