

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE I

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE – WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer on Entering Church: “LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.” (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: “O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.” (146)

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Please stand) (Page 151)

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19; [18-20]*
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will Forgive our sins and Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, Renew us, and Lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and Walk in Your Ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. 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. *[John 20:19-23]*
C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying” [LSB: 516]

1.
'Wake, awake, for night is flying,'
The watchmen on the heights are
crying; 'Awake, Jerusalem, Arise!'
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
'Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia! With Bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom,
Who is near.'

2.
Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all Her Heart with Joy is springing; She
wakes, She rises from Her gloom. For Her LORD
comes down All-Glorious, The Strong in Grace, in
Truth Victorious; Her Star is Ris'n,
Her Light is come. Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
LORD Jesus, God's Own Son, Hail! Hosanna! We
enter all The Wedding Hall To eat the Supper at
Thy Call.

3.
Now let all the Heav'ns adore Thee, Let Saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of One Pearl each Shining Portal,
Where, joining with the Choir Immortal, We gather round Thy Radiant Throne.
No eye has seen the Light, No ear has heard the Might Of Thy Glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

Mark 10:47

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P 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 Mercy.

P For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
C Amen.

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain
This is the Feast of Victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)

2.
Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His. (Refrain)

3.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

4.
Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

5.
For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

R The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P LORD God, Heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to Lead Home His Bride, the Church, that with all the Company of the Redeemed we may finally enter into His Eternal Wedding Feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD. ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen. *(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

"Woe to you who desire the Day of the LORD! Why would you have the Day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰ Is not the Day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹ 'I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer Me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³ Take away from Me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴ But let Justice roll down like waters, and Righteousness like an ever-flowing Stream."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R These are the Ones coming out of the Great Tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their Robes and made them White in the Blood | of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose Strength is | in You,*
in whose heart are the Highways to | Zion.

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no Hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus Died and Rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a Word from the LORD, that we who are alive, who are left until the Coming of the LORD, will not precede those who have

fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the LORD Himself will Descend from Heaven with a Cry of Command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the Trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will Rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air, and so we will always be with the LORD. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Please stand) (Page 156)
John 6:68

C Alleluia. LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

‘Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the Bridegroom. ¹ Five of them were foolish, and five were Wise. ¹ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ¹ but the Wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ¹ As the Bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ¹ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.’ ¹ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ¹ And the foolish said to the Wise, ‘Give us some of your

oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ¹ But the Wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the Bridegroom came, and those Who were ready went in with Him to the Marriage Feast, and the door was shut. ¹⁰ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘LORD, LORD, open to us.’ ¹⁰ But He answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹⁰ Watch therefore, for you know neither the Day nor the Hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ. (Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hail, to the Lord’s Anointed” [LSB: 398]

1.
Hail to the LORD’s Anointed,
Great David’s Greater Son!
Hail, in the Time Appointed,
His Reign on earth begun!
He comes to Break oppression,
To set the Captive Free,
To take away transgression
And Rule in Equity.

2.
He comes with Rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them Songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to Light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

3.
He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, Joy, and Hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall Peace, the herald, go;
And Righteousness in Fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4.
Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His Praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His Kingdom still increasing,
A Kingdom without end.

5.
O’er ev’ry foe Victorious, He on His Throne shall Rest,
From age to age more Glorious, All Blessing and all-Blest.
The tide of time shall never His Covenant remove;
His Name shall stand Forever — That Name to us is Love.

C 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 Φ of the world to come. Amen.

“Christian” -- the ancient text reads “catholic” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian Doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

OFFERTORY “What shall I render to the LORD” (Please stand) (Page 159)
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Φ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Φ

PREFACE (Page 160)

P The LORD be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. [Psalm 136]
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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. In the Communion of all Your Saints gathered into the One Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so Great a Cloud of Witnesses that we, encouraged by their Faith and Strengthened by their Fellowship, may run with Perseverance the Race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the Crown of Glory that does not fade away. 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy ~ (Page 161)
[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

C Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna is a Hebrew Word of praise meaning “save us now”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, ... One God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

P LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

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 Φ 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 Φ Blood, which is Shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always. [John 1:29]
C Amen.

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Peace.

(Please be seated)

1.
Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the Daylight's Splendor,
There with Joy your praises render.
Bless the One Whose Grace unbounded
This Amazing Banquet Founded:
He, though Heav'nly, High, and Holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2.
Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with Words of Life Immortal
He is knocking at your portal,
Open Wide the Gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, LORD, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

3.
He who craves a Precious Treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the Priceless Gifts of Heaven
God to us has Freely Given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None
could buy the Gifts here offered: Christ's True
Body, for you riven, And His Blood, for you once
Given.

4.
Now in Faith I humbly ponder
Over this Surpassing Wonder
That the Bread of Life is Boundless
Though the souls it Feeds are countless:
With the Choicest Wine of Heaven
Christ's Own Blood to us is Given.
Oh, Most Glorious Consolation,
Pledge and Seal of my Salvation!

5.
Jesus, Source of Lasting Pleasure,
Truest Friend, and Dearest Treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love Incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so Favored, never leave You.

6.
Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends, Most Tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of Life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this Blessed Food from Heaven,
For our Good, Your Glory, Given.

7.
LORD, by Love and Mercy driven,
You once left Your Throne in Heaven
On the Cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,

To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your Blood in sadness.
By this Blood Redeemed and Living,
LORD, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8.
**Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your Love I am Invited, Be Your Love with Love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure, LORD, how vast and deep Love's Treasure.
 Through the Gift of Grace You Give me As Your Guest in Heav'n Receive me.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”* [LSB: 663]

1.
**Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
 From your sleep awaken!
 Be not by the evil day
 Unawarèd o'ertaken;
 For the foe, Well we know,
 Is a harvest reaping
 While the saints are sleeping.**

2.
**Watch against the devil's snares
 Lest asleep he find you;
 For indeed no pains he spares
 To deceive and blind you.
 Satan's prey Oft are they
 Who secure are sleeping
 And no watch are keeping.**

3.
**Watch! Let not the wicked world
 With its lies defeat you
 Lest with bold deceptions hurled
 It betray and cheat you.
 Watch and see lest there be
 Faithless friends to charm you,
 Who but seek to harm you.**

4.
**Watch against yourself, my soul,
 Lest with Grace you trifle;
 Let not self your thoughts control
 Nor God's Mercy stifle.
 Pride and sin Lurk within,
 All your hopes to shatter;
 Heed not when they flatter.**

5.
**But while watching, also pray To the LORD unceasing.
 God Protects you day by day, Strength and Faith Increasing,
 So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him
 And Forever Love Him.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING (Page 164)

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
C Amen. *(Please stand)*

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Thank the LORD*~ (Page 164)

**C Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (Page 166)

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 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 (Page 166)

[Numbers 6:24-26]

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* [LSB: 515]

1.
**Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
 And let your lights appear;
 The evening is advancing,
 And darker night is near.
 The Bridegroom is arising
 And soon is drawing nigh.
 Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
 At midnight comes the cry.**

2.
**The watchers on the mountain
 Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
 Go forth as He approaches
 With alleluias clear.
 The marriage feast is waiting;
 The gates wide open stand.
 Arise, O heirs of glory;
 The Bridegroom is at hand.**

3.
The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.

4.
Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere,
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)

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