

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE I

NOVEMBER 22, 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 ✠

OPENING HYMN: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” [LSB: 711]

1.
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead us;
Much we need Your Tender Care.
In Your Pleasant Pastures Feed us,
For our use Your Fold Prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have Bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have Bought us; we are Yours.

2.
We are Yours; in Love Befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Your Flock, from sin Defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
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Hear us children when we pray.

3.
You have Promised to Receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have Mercy to Relieve us,
Grace to Cleanse, and Pow’r to Free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

4.
Early let us seek Your Favor,
Early let us do Your Will;
Blessed LORD and only Savior,
With Your Love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have Loved us, Love us still.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
You have Loved us, Love us still.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Please stand) (Page 151)

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

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 ✠

PSALMODY: Psalm 95:1-7a



R ¹ Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Sal- | vation!
² Let us come into His Presence with thanks- | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to Him with | songs of praise!

C ³ For the LORD is a | Great God,*
 and a Great King a- | bove all gods.
⁴ In His hand are the depths | of the earth;*
 the heights of the mountains are His | also.

R ⁵ The sea is His, for He | made it.*
 and His hands formed the | dry land.
⁶ Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*
 let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

L ⁷ For He | is our God,*
 and we are the People of His Pasture, and the Sheep | of His hand.
⁸ Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
 let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Sal- | vation!

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ (Page 152)

P In peace let us pray to the LORD. Mark 10:47
C LORD, have Mercy.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast of Victory” Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9 (Page 155)

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

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

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

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

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

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

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY (Page 156)

R The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.

P Eternal God, Merciful Father, You have Appointed Your Son as Judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the Day of His Return with our eyes fixed on the Kingdom Prepared for Your Own from the foundation of the world; through 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: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

"For thus says the LORD GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will Search for My Sheep and will Seek them out. ¹² As a Shepherd seeks out His Flock when He is among His Sheep that have been scattered, so will I Seek out My Sheep, and I will Rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their Own Land. And I will Feed them on the Mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the

inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will Feed them with Good Pasture, and on the Mountain Heights of Israel shall be their Grazing Land. There they shall lie down in Good Grazing Land, and on Rich Pasture they shall Feed on the Mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I Myself will be the Shepherd of My Sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD GOD. ¹⁶ I will Seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will Bind up the injured, and I will Strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will Feed

them in Justice' . . . ²⁰ 'Therefore, thus says the LORD GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will Judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will Rescue My Flock; they shall no longer be a prey.

And I will Judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them One Shepherd, My Servant David, and He shall Feed them: He shall Feed them and be their Shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My Servant David shall be Prince among them. I Am the LORD; I have spoken."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R These are the Ones coming out of the Great Tribulation.*
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.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

"But in fact Christ has been Raised from the dead, the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the Resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made Alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the Firstfruits, then at His Coming those Who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He Delivers the Kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For He must Reign until He has put all His enemies

under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For 'God has put all things in Subjection under His feet.' But when it says, 'all things are put in Subjection,' it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in Subjection under Him. ²⁸ When all things are Subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be Subjected to Him Who put all things in Subjection under Him, that God may be all in all." 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 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C Glory to You, O LORD.

"[Jesus said:] 'When the Son of Man comes in His Glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will Sit on His Glorious Throne. ³² Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a Shepherd separates the Sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will place the Sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, You Who are Blessed by My Father, Inherit the Kingdom prepared for You from the Foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and You gave Me food, I was thirsty and You gave Me drink, I was a stranger and You welcomed Me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷ Then the Righteous will answer Him, saying, 'LORD, when did We see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸ And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ And when

did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer Them, 'Truly, I say to You, as You did it to one of the least of these My Brothers, You did it to Me.' ⁴¹ Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the Eternal Fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'LORD, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into Eternal punishment, but the Righteous into Eternal Life."

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.
(Please be seated)

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns" [LSB: 532]

1.
The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
Crowned with Glory now;
A Royal Diadem Adorns
The Mighty Victor's Brow.

3.
The Joy of all Who dwell above,
The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His Love
And Grants His Name to know.

5.
They suffer with their LORD below,
They Reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The Myst'ry of His Love.

2.
The Highest Place that Heav'n affords Is His, is His
by Right, The King of kings and LORD of lords,
And Heav'n's Eternal Light;

4.
To them the Cross, with all its shame,
With all its Grace, is Giv'n;
Their Name an Everlasting Name,
Their Joy the Joy of Heav'n.

6.
The Cross He bore is Life and Health,
Though shame and death to Him;
His People's Hope, His People's Wealth,
Their Everlasting Theme.

SERMON

ATHANASIAN CREED [LSB: pg. 319]

- P** Whoever desires to be Saved must, above all, hold the catholic Faith.
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish Eternally. And the catholic Faith is this,
- C** that we worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the Substance.
For the Father is One Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is One: the Glory Equal, the Majesty CoEternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, the Holy Spirit Uncreated;
the Father Infinite, the Son Infinite, the Holy Spirit Infinite;
the Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, the Holy Spirit Eternal.
And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, the Holy Spirit Almighty; and yet there are not three Almighties, but One Almighty.
- So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- So the Father is LORD, the Son is LORD, the Holy Spirit is LORD;
and yet there are not three LORDS, but one LORD.
- Just as we are compelled by the Christian Truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and LORD, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or LORDS.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but Begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but Proceeding.
- Thus, there is One Father, not three Fathers; One Son, not three Sons; One Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are CoEternal with each other and CoEqual, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for Everlasting Salvation that one Faithfully Believe the Incarnation of our LORD Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right Faith that we Believe and Confess that our LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
He is God, begotten from the Substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the Substance of His mother in this age;
Perfect God and Perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; Equal to the Father with respect to His Divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but One Christ:
One, however, not by the conversion of the Divinity into flesh, but by the Assumption of the humanity into God;
One altogether, not by confusion of Substance, but by Unity of person.
- For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is One Christ,

**Who Suffered for our Salvation, Descended into hell, Rose again the third day from the dead,
Ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence
He will come to Judge the living and the dead.**

**At His Coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
And those who have done Good will enter into Eternal Life, and those who have done evil into Eternal fire.
This is the catholic Faith;**

P whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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* ~ [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9] (Page 161)

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Page 162)

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (Page 162)

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

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the LORD* ~ (Page 163)

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* ~ (Page 163)

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy on us. [John 1:29]
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)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" [LSB: 641]

Refrain
You Satisfy the hungry heart
With Gift of Finest Wheat.
Come Give to us, O Saving LORD,
The Bread of Life to eat.

1.
As when the Shepherd calls His Sheep,
They know and heed His voice;
So when You call Your Fam'ly, LORD,
We follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

2.
With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us Worthy, LORD, To share
this Heav'nly Food. (Refrain)

3.
Is not the Cup we bless and share
The Blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not One Cup, One Loaf, declare
Our Oneness in the LORD? (Refrain)

4.
The Myst'ry of Your Presence, LORD,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to Dwell. (Refrain)

5.
You give Yourself to us, O LORD;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your Name
In Truth and Charity. (Refrain)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "LORD of Glory, You Have Brought Us" [LSB: 851]

1.
LORD of Glory, You have Bought us
With Your Lifeblood as the Price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous Sacrifice;
And with that have Freely Given
Blessings Countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your Own unsparing hand.

2.
Grant us hearts, dear LORD, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your Own.
With the Sunshine of Your Goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length Believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3.
Wondrous Honor You have Given
To our humblest charity
In Your Own Mysterious sentence,
You have done it all to Me.
Can it be, O Gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
'Give as I have Giv'n to you?'

4.
LORD of Glory, You have Bought us
With Your Lifeblood as the Price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That Tremendous Sacrifice.
Give us Faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your Graces,
With Your Love our love renew.

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.

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.

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. [Numbers 6:24-26]

1.
Thine the Amen Thine the Praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the Everlasting Head
Thine the Breaking of the Bread
Thine the Glory Thine the Story
Thine the Harvest then the Cup
Thine the Vineyard then the Cup
Is lifted up lifted up.

2.
Thine the Life Eternally
Thine the Promise let there be
Thine the Vision Thine the Tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
What was loss lifted high.

3.
Thine the Truly Thine the Yes
Thine the Table we the guest
Thine the Mercy all from Thee
Thine the Glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the Living Thine the Loving Evermore
Evermore.

4.
Thine the Kingdom Thine the Prize
Thine the Wonder Full Surprise
Thine the Banquet then the praise
Then the Justice of Thy ways
Thine the Glory Thine the Story
Then the Welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
At Thy Feast at Thy Feast.

5.
Thine the Glory in the night No more dying only Light Thine the River Thine the Tree
Then the Lamb Eternally Then the Holy Holy Holy Celebration Jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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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