

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation from Sin, Death, and Darkness

November 19, 2023

AS WE GATHER: A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life’s fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us “to share in the inheritance of the saints of light” delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9-14). “I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,...You are my people” (Is. 51:8-16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, “your faith has made you well” (Matt. 9:18-26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Stir up, O Lord,
People: the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Matins

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Opening Hymn **LSB 741**
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” v.1-4

*Confession and Absolution: (Printed)
“O Lord, open my lips...” LSB 219

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Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS

Catechism Review
Catechism Recitation Question #24
Old Testament: Isaiah 51:9-16
Pew Bible Page 1142
Epistle: Colossians 1:9-14
Pew Bible Page 1832
*Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26
Pew Bible Page 1509
*Common Responsory LSB 221

Office Hymn: **LSB 741**
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” v.5-8

Sermon
Offertory “Thanks to Thee ...” **LSB 548**
*Canticle **LSB 941**

PRAYER

*Kyrie: LSB 227
*Lord’s Prayer: LSB 227
*Prayer of the Church
*Collect of the Day: (Printed)
*Collect for Grace: LSB 228
*Benedicamus/Benediction: LSB 228
Closing Hymn: **LSB 594**
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman please pray for her life circumstances to improve, that she will get employed and find childcare. a woman please pray for her grandson now living with her. a woman please pray for her situation to be resolved in a way that is best for her. a woman please pray for the relationships in her life to be healthy. a woman please pray over her health issues. She has breast cancer, and would like prayer to have it go away. a woman please pray that as she starts her life anew here in Waterloo, she can do what she needs to do to get her kids here to live with her. a woman please pray that her sons will grown up healthy, and strong in faith to God. a woman please pray that she will keep her strength. a woman please pray over her life in general. a woman please pray that she will find work soon. a woman please pray for her neighbors who are struggling right now. a woman please pray over her life as she has decided not to live on the streets anymore, but has nothing, and no income. For men – a man please pray for him to have better health, and to have a better financial state. For a man please pray that he will have better health. a man please pray that his upcoming surgery in Iowa City goes well. a man please pray that he will heal from his stroke and pinched nerves. a man please pray that he will get more hours at work, or if needed a second job. Please also pray for his friend. a man please pray as he adjusts to having only one leg now. Please pray for his wife, and his relationships as he navigates this new life.

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