

# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 17, 2019



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "O Blessed Spring" .....LSB 595

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*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.**

*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.*

**C: Amen.**

## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

*P: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.*

**C: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

*P: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.*

**C: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**

*P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.*

## **KYRIE**

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



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

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



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

*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 mer - cy.

*P: 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.

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



**C** A - men.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
 whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 4:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For

you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 21:5-28*

<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, I am He!’ and, The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” <sup>10</sup> Then He said to them,

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>  
 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and  
 pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>  
 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you,  
 delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be  
 brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will  
 be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds  
 not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a  
 mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to  
 withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents  
 and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to  
 death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for My name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair  
 of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.  
<sup>20</sup> But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that  
 its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee  
 to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let  
 not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of  
 vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup> Alas for women who are  
 pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For  
 there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this  
 people. <sup>24</sup> They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive  
 among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the  
 Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup> And there will  
 be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of  
 nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,  
<sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on  
 the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then  
 they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great  
 glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and  
 raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**HYMN** "The Clouds of Judgment Gather" ..... *LSB 513*

**SERMON**

**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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

**PREFACE**

*P: The Lord be with you.*



**C** And al-so 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.

### **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, 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**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.*

**C: Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

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



**C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**



**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, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "The King Shall Come" ..... LSB 348

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Thank the Lord"

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom - is -  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**BENEDICTION**

*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.*



**HYMN** “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” ..... LSB 454 vs. 1,4,5 Δ

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (11/17/19 – 11/24/19)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am; Voters’ Assembly, 10:30am

**Tuesday:** Board of Elders, 6:00pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Quilters, 9:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class, 5:30pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending November 10, 2019)**

General & Building Funds: \$6003.00; Blessings: \$13.00

Attendance: Thursday: 26; Sunday: 110

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

The **FALL VOTERS ASSEMBLY** will be taking place this Sunday at 10:30.

**NEW MEMBER POTLUCK HAS BEEN MOVED** to Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information closer to that date.

**THANK YOU** to all who gave blood during last week's blood drive. Lives are being saved by your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will take place on Saturday, November 30. We begin at 9:00am. The more, the merrier!

Our Sunday morning study of **MATTHEW'S GOSPEL** will resume on November 24.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm.

Join the Ladies Guild for the **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/POTLUCK** on Tuesday, December 3, beginning at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Refreshments and dessert will be provided. The Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High singers will be entertaining us. Please sign up by December 1. (The signup sheet is on the LWML bulletin board.)

**PLEASE NOTICE FAITH IN ACTIONS' CHRISTMAS CARE DRIVE BOX**, located in the Fellowship Hall by the mailboxes.

**MAKE PLANS NOW!** The North Wisconsin District LWML will meet in convention Sunday, June 4-16 in Green Bay. The theme is "Jesus be my Vision." Convention details are available in the *Mission Tidings*.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“God’s labor of redeeming—Word become flesh, Christ reconciling the world by dying and rising again—proves all human beings precious ... His indiscriminating grace—not anyone’s age or appearance or ability, wherever we come from and whatever we have done—imparts sanctity and affirms significance to every member of the species homo sapiens.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*