

### Last Sunday of the Church Year

## November 26, 2023

**Divine Setting 4** 

#### WELCOME TO FAITH

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence, that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink of our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. <u>Also, page 329 in the hymnal can be helpful</u> (click to view on-line).

If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, please note that a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed there in the center of each tray for you.

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book and on page 308 of the LSB. ("Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10a)

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Carter

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

#### The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Ezekiel) LSB 709

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
   I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
   And on His shoulder gently laid
   And home rejoicing brought me.
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill
   With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
   Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
   Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*INTROIT* Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*

the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!\*

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*

the home of | righteousness.

#### KYRIE

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

- I To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
  - 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- A The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **A** Let us pray.
- 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. Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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. . . .

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

#### EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**G** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

#### **C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>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.'

<sup>41</sup>"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. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>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.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** 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

Mr. Michael Yurk, D.C.E.

HYMN OF THE DAY Praise and Thanksgiving LSB 789

 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
 For all things living, Created good:
 Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
 Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing
 Food for Your children,
 By Your wise guiding
 Teach us to share
 One with another,
 So that, rejoicing

With us, all others May know Your care.

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SERMON "Sheep or Goats. Which Becometh Us?"

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Lord God, You gather Your people from all nations and bring them into Your one, holy Christian and apostolic flock. Strengthen them by Your grace, that they may gladly feast upon Your riches in Your Means of Grace and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You judge between Your sheep, and You shepherd Your people with Your Holy Word. Encourage Your pastors. Through their faithful service, continue to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- A Heavenly Father, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- O Lord of lords, You sustain every rule, authority and power as You see fit, until this world's powers should pass away. Bless all in civil authority, that they would not provoke Your wrath but maintain order and justice for the peace of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father in heaven, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness, while now we contend with a multitude of afflictions under the curse of sin. Remember those in need of help and healing. Preserve them, deliver them from their transgressions and hold not Your peace at their tears. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A God of grace, as death came by a man, so by Your Son has come the resurrection of the dead. Endow Your people with penitent hearts at Your table, that they would receive in Your risen Son's body and blood a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God of life, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. We give thanks to You for those You have gathered into Your kingdom and who are asleep in Him. Strengthen our conviction that death is defeated as we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love

throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING	"Praise and Thanksgiving"	Haack
	Bethany Olsen, trumpet	

#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will

overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

#### 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

C Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION

VOUNTARY: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Floeter Lois Ford, flute

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN Sing to the Lord of Harvest LSB 893

 Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
 By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
 Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

 God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,
 The hills leap up in gladness,
 The valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase; He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

3 Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave, The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall, And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

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#### NUNC DIMITTIS

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
  - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

LSB 211

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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 in 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.

#### BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### BENEDICTION

- 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

# Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise (Matthew) LSB 680 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.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### + We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ++ Trust + Grow + Show +

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

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