

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Lord, we know not what we ought to ask of thee; thou only knowest what we need. Thou lovest us better than we know how to love ourselves. O Father, give to us, thy children, that which we ourselves know not how to ask. .
Teach us to pray. Pray thyself in us; for Christ's sake.

~ *Francois
Fenelon,
b. 1651 A.D.*



The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. The holy Church of Christ has suffered many persecutions in the last 2000 years: imprisonment, exile, starvation, lies, shunning, interrogations, and even painful deaths. Yet through it all, the Church has endured – why? Surely it is the presence of the Lord Jesus sheltering His people as a shepherd shelters his sheep. He is our confidence, not only in the great persecutions of the Church but also in the everyday trials of life. In fact, because He came to us to suffer and die, persecutions and trials are simply further proof that we are His!

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of August H. Wendorf by his wife, Delores, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. August passed away five years ago on November 13.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored in thankfulness for all of God's blessings by Barb Ziebell and family.
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What to Expect at the End of Our Life and the End of the World

The end of the church year (it starts new at Advent!) teaches us to think about the end of all things. What should we expect? Here is a brief summary:

- 1) **Those who die in Christ stay with Him.** We are not told about "life in heaven after death" in Scripture. Instead, we are given the sturdy promise that those who believe in Christ never die (John 11:25-26). As in this life, the blessed dead are "with the Lord" (Philippians 1:23), "hidden in Christ" (Colossians 3:3). This "being with the Lord" is a mystery – we are told little else. But do we need to be? *To be with Christ!*
- 2) **Christ will come in judgment to raise all the dead and give believers in Him eternal life in their flesh** (John 5:28-29). At this time, "the revealing of the children of God," "all creation will be set free from its bondage to decay" (Romans 8:19-21). Like our bodies (1 Cor. 15:42-44), the whole creation will be new (Isaiah 35, 2 Peter 3:13). We will see our loved ones who have believed in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:17), and we will become like Jesus (1 John 3:2).
- 3) **The devil and death will be defeated forever** (2 Thessalonians 2:8, Revelation 20:7-10, 1 Corinthians 15:22-28),
- 4) **God will be universally seen and worshiped** (Job 19:26, Revelation 1:7, Philippians 2:11), and the courts of heaven will come with our Lord Jesus down to the new creation (1 Thess. 4:13-17, Revelation 21). Joy, beauty, healing, in the flesh!

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



PRELUDE

Three Variations on "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"
... Joseph Herl; Sam Eatherton; John A. Behnke

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

*The books are
opened then
to all,*

*a record truly
telling*

*what each has
done, both
great and
small,*

*when he on
earth was
dwelling,*

*and ev'ry
heart be
clearly seen,*

*and all be
known as
they have
been*

*in thoughts
and words
and actions.*

*~ "The Day
is Surely
Drawing
Near,"
Bartholo-
maus
Ringwaldt,
1532-1599
A.D.*

*My Savior
paid the debt
I owe*

*and for my
sin was smit-
ten;*

*within the
Book of Life I
know*

*my name has
now been
written.*

*I will not
doubt, for I
am free,*

*and Satan
cannot
threaten me;*

*There is no
condemna-
tion!*

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is Surely
Drawing
Near,"
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P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" green hymnal #443

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

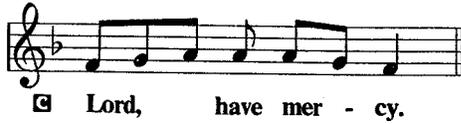
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

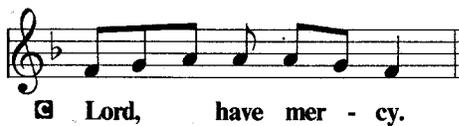
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

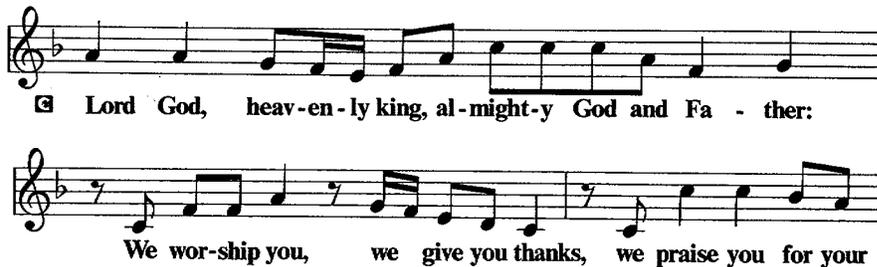


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



How good the Saviour is to me! He not only bears my burdens, He carries me, too!
~ Corrie ten Boom, Prison Letters, 1975 A.D.

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☒ 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: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 4:1-6

¹“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. ²But 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. ³And 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. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

L: Sing to the Lord 'a new song,*
for he has done 'marvelous things.

**C: With his right hand and his 'holy arm*
has he won for him'self the victory.**

L: The Lord has made 'known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
'of the nations.

**C: He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
'house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
'of our God.**

L: Shout with joy to the Lord 'all you lands;*
lift up your voice re'joice, and sing.

**C: Sing to the Lord 'with the harp,*
with the harp and the 'voice of song.**

L: With trumpets and the sound 'of the horn*
shout with joy before the 'king the Lord.

**C: Let the sea make a noise and all 'that is in it,*
the lands and those who 'dwell therein.**

L: Let the rivers 'clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, |
when he comes to 'judge the earth.

**C: In righteousness shall he 'judge the world*
and the peo'ples with equity.**

**All: Glory 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**

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now 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. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor 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. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

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

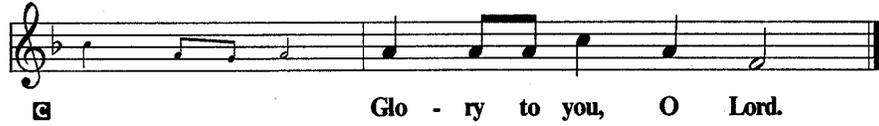
If we are called by God to holiness of life, and if holiness is beyond our natural power to achieve (which it certainly is), then it follows that God himself must give us the light, the strength, and the courage to fulfill the task he requires of us. He will certainly give us the grace we need. If we do not become saints it is because we do not avail ourselves of his gifts.

~ Thomas Merton, Life and Holiness

The church must be prepared to see that the end times begin with the death and resurrection of Jesus. After this beginning of the end, God's grace will no longer come through animal sacrifices at the stone temple . . .

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.



⁵And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, ⁶“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.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But 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. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then 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, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas 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. ²⁴They 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. ²⁵“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, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ✠ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

... Rather, his grace will come through what the Lord has instituted to be the worship life of the church: teaching, Baptism, Lord's Supper. This font of the church's life prepares the people of God for the parousia [the final appearing of Christ], which could come at any time.

~ Pr. Arthur A. Just, Jr. Concordia Commentary: Luke

*When you
and I pray,
our voice is
not our pass-
port. Our
word does not
give us ac-
cess. But
Jesus' voice
does. Jesus'
word does.
Jesus says,
"In My cross,
you are for-
given." Je-
sus' word
says, "You
have received
right stand-
ing in
heaven's
throne room
because of
My death and
resurrection .
... "*

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" green hymnal #321

SERMON

"Lift Up Your Heads!"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

... Stephen P. Johnson

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

. . . . When we
come to God,
we come as
His children.
We come as
brothers and
sisters of the
Lord Jesus.
We can come
boldly. We
can expect, on
the basis of
God's prom-
ises, to receive
access. What
a wonderful
privilege!
What wonder-
ful benefits!
What a great
God we serve!
~ Jane L.

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Dangerous:
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with Bold-
ness, 1997
A.D.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



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

If you want to understand the body of Christ, then listen to the apostle Paul, who says to the faithful: "You are the body and the members of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Therefore, if you are the body and the members of Christ, then your mystery lies on the table of the Lord. You receive your own mystery, and your response to what you are is "Amen." ~ Augustine, 354-430 A.D.



Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Take My Life, that I May Be" green hymnal #406

"Abide with Us, Our Savior" green hymnal #263

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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 PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men

SILENT PRAYER

A Prayer

As You Go

O God, Who has created us not for this world alone, but has veiled the future from our eyes:

We thank You for the light

You have vouchsafed, and also for the darkness that remains.

We are pilgrims here, as all our fathers were; but our hope is in You, and in the life that is to come.

Grant, we fervently pray You, that no mystery may

cause us to fall, or prevent our trust, or lessen our joy, or impair our faith,

or interrupt our vision of You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

POSTLUDE

“Prelude & Fugue in D Minor” (BWV 554)

... J. S. Bach

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

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Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalist: Steve Zeinemann

Lector: (9:00) Landis Holdorf

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

Acolyte: (9:00) Grace Stimac

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

(11:00) Lynn Budnik

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen; Kay Krall

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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