

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O my God,
let me with
gratitude re-
member and
confess unto
Thee Thy
mercies be-
stowed upon
me. Let my
bones be
steeped in
Thy love, and
let them say,
Who is like
unto Thee, O
Lord? Thou
hast loosed
my bonds, I
will offer un-
to Thee the
sacrifice of
thanksgiving.

~ Augustine,
354-430
A.D.



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Venite + November 19, 2023 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. In every injury, in every weakness, in every moment when the fabric of life is torn, the Holy Spirit cries out with the whole creation, "Come, Lord Jesus." Though mankind's sin would seem a cause for Him to stay away, His death and resurrection say otherwise. They declare that He is happy to come, to come to sinners even, and to give them all that they lack. For this reason He came to earth, healing the sick and raising the dead, and He comes still today in the sharing of His Word and Supper to restore His people in faith.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Delores M. Wendorf who passed away on February 3, 2023 and August H. Wendorf who passed away on November 13, 2014 by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
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- The sponsor charts for Bulletins for the remainder of 2023 are still available for you to sign up. The chart is by the stairs near the northwest entry. Praise be to God that all remaining dates for Radio Broadcasts and Altar Flowers in 2023 have been sponsored! Dates open for sponsorship in 2024 are now available for you to sign up.

A Welcome for Those With Young Children

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).

If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.



PRELUDE

"O Gott, du frommer Gott (How Can I Thank You, Lord)"
... Johannes Brahms

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: 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.**

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

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**

We are then righteous when we confess that we are sinners, and our righteousness depends not upon our own merits, but on the mercy of God, as the Holy Scripture says, "The righteous man accuses himself when he begins to speak," and elsewhere, "Tell your sins that you may be justified." (Romans 11:32) . . .

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... "God has shut up all under sin, that He may have mercy upon all." And the highest righteousness of man is this - whatever virtue he may be able to acquire, not to think it his own, but the gift of God.
~ Jerome (d. 420 A.D.)
Against the Pelagians,

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**

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"How Can I Thank You, Lord"

... LSB #703

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.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



☐ 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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men.

GLORIA

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

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your 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.

Let the peo-ple, O God, confess unto thee: let all the people give praise unto thee: the earth hath yielded her Fruit.

May God, our God, bless us, may God bless us: and all the ends of the earth fear Him.

~ The Litur-gical Year, Vol. 10, Book 1



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 . . . Stir up, O Lord, 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.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 51:9-16

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,
 O arm of the Lord;
 awake, as in days of old,
 the generations of long ago.
 Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,
 that pierced the dragon?
¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea,

the waters of the great deep,
who made the depths of the sea a way
for the redeemed to pass over?

¹¹And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹²"I, I am he who comforts you;
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,
of the son of man who is made like grass,

¹³and have forgotten the Lord, your Maker,
who stretched out the heavens
and laid the foundations of the earth,
and you fear continually all the day
because of the wrath of the oppressor,
when he sets himself to destroy?

And where is the wrath of the oppressor?

¹⁴He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;
he shall not die and go down to the pit,
neither shall his bread be lacking.

¹⁵I am the Lord your God,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar —
the Lord of hosts is his name.

¹⁶And I have put my words in your mouth
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,
establishing the heavens
and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 126*

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,*
we were like | those who dream.

*There is no
little star, no
tiny plant, no
little animal so
small that it
does not wit-
ness to the love
of God for the
following rea-
son: God creat-
ed it out of
love for man-
kind.*

*~ Johann
Gerhard,
1582-1637
A.D.*

*I do not adore
the creation
rather than
the Creator,
but I adore
the one who
became a
creature, who
was formed as
I was, who
clothed Him-
self in crea-
tion without
weakening or
departing
from His di-
vinity, that
He might
raise our na-
ture in glory
and make us
partakers of
His divine
nature.*

*~ John of
Damascus
(676-749
A.D.), Di-
vine Images*

**C: Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,*
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;**

L: then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”*
The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

**C: Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,*
like streams in the | Negeb!**

L: Those who | sow in tears*
shall reap with | shouts of joy!

**C: He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for | sowing,*
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his | sheaves with him.**

**All: 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**

EPISTLE Colossians 1:9-14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE



C 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.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.



C Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁸While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

This is the love of God; rather than banish men eternally from heaven He removed Himself from heaven, clothed Himself with flesh, became the Creature of a creature, enclosed Himself in the womb of the virgin, was wrapped in rags, laid in hay and housed in a barn. Nor does His love stop here . .

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

... LSB #648

SERMON

“Restored Like Streams”

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.

OFFERTORY

“With Timbrel and Dance”

... Margaret R. Tucker

Please stand

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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

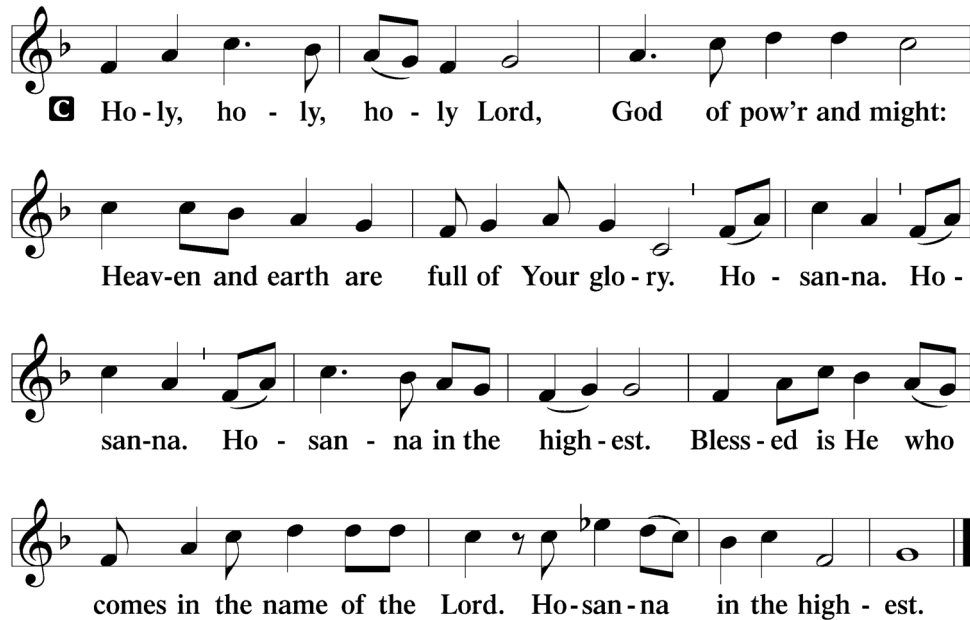
. . . but after a life spent in poverty and adversities this love drives Christ to the ground on Olivet, binds Him in chains, delivers Him to jailers, cuts Him with the lash, crowns Him with thorns, fastens Him with nails to the Cross, and gives Him to drink the cup of bitterness. And finally . . .

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... this love compels Him to die, to die for adversaries and enemies (Rom. 5:6). Continuously and in these sundry ways Christ, who thirsts so greatly for our salvation, declares His love and mercy toward the human race.
~ Johannes Quenstedt, 1617-1688 A.D.

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."

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
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

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 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.

*He is linked inseparably with every person, without reference to any person's intelligence, health, sophistication, learning, experience, age, race, color, culture, or epoch. Whatever it was that made the first homo sapiens a human being, whatever it is that makes any of us human being, that Christ assumed and in that humanity He is present in the Holy Eucharist for us Christians to eat and drink.
~ Arthur C. Piepkorn,
"The One Eucharist for the One World"*

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

“Jubilate” ... Douglas E. Wagner

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” ... LSB #849

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ... LSB #924

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C 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 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

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.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" ... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
As You Go**
Haste, Lord,
and act; stir
us up, and
call us back;
in flame us,
and draw us
to Thee; stir
us up, and
grow sweet
unto us; let
us now love
Thee, let us
run after
Thee. Amen
~ Augustine,
354-430
A.D.

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
(Pr. Johnson to Bethany at 10:30 am)
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Choir: The Zion Handbell Choir
Vocalists: Sarah Gjerde, Brennan Hochberger, Carol Rich, Kathryn Schneider,
Jim Speckhard
Radio: Paul Beilke
Lector: Judie Urbanek
Acolyte: Brennan Hochberger
Communion: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen; Lois Jarosz
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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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