

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin and turn it in to the collection plate at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you with participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in
bold print and preceded by "C:"

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*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT: PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

PRELUDE: Variations on “St. Anne”

by Lani Smith

The prelude is based on the tune of the opening hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past.” The tune’s name is “St. Anne,” and the arrangement was written by Lani Smith, an organist and composer from Dayton.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

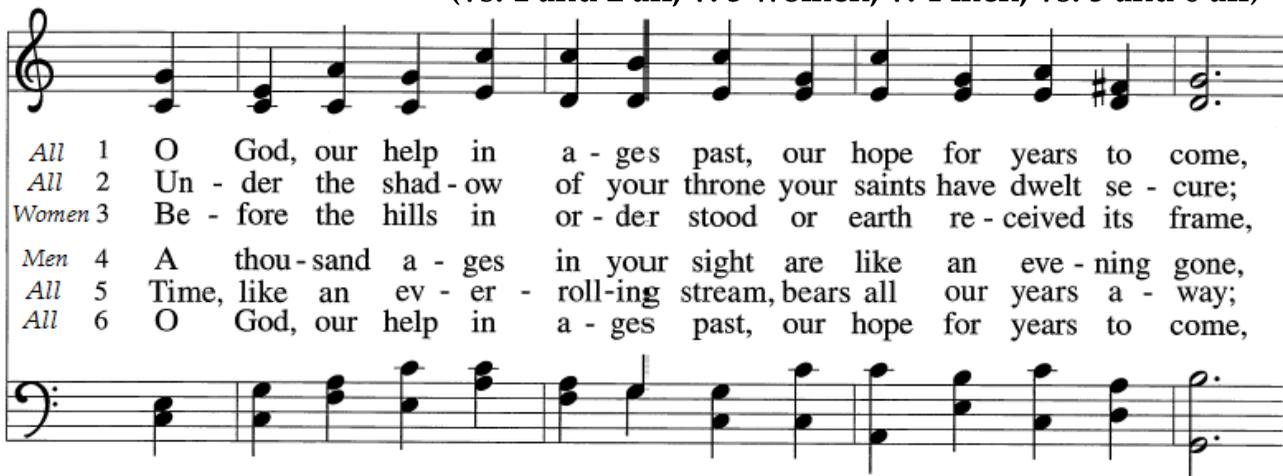
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

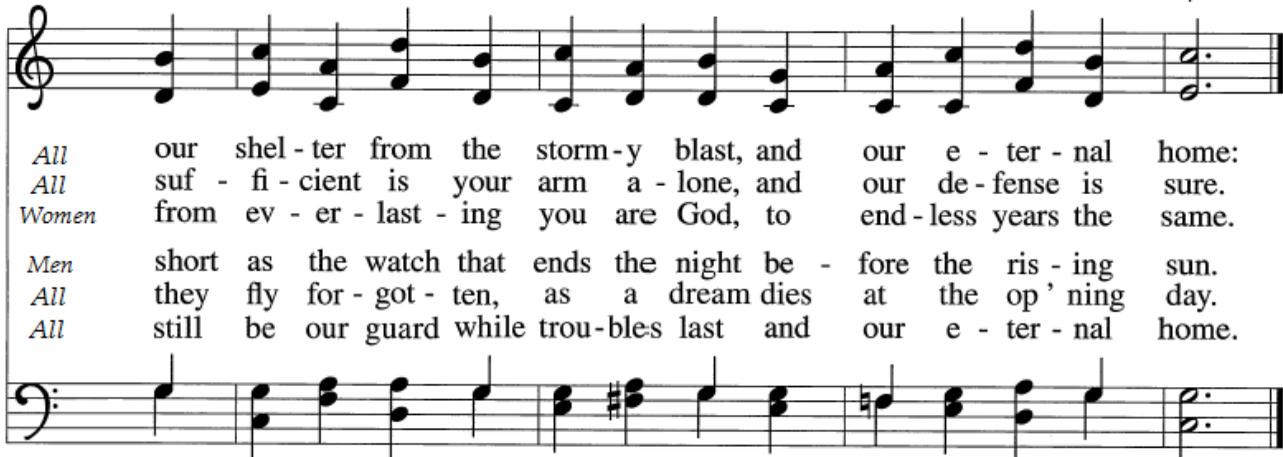
C: Amen.

HYMN 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(vs. 1 and 2 all, v. 3 women, v. 4 men, vs. 5 and 6 all)



All 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
All 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
Women 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
Men 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
All 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
All 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



All our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
All suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
Women from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Men short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
All they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
All still be our guard while trou - bles last and our e - ter - nal home.

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



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



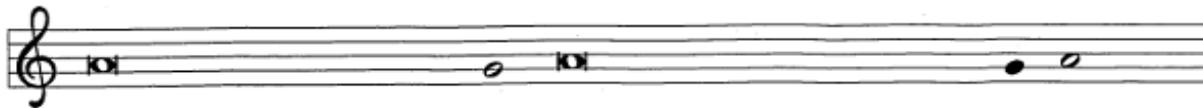
All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



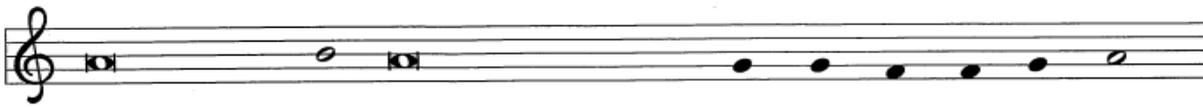
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mer - cy.



Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. *All:* A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



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



All: 1 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.



2 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

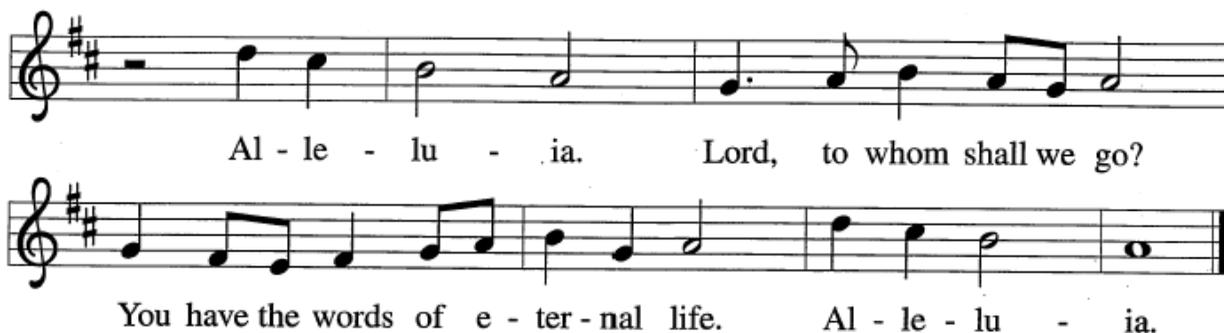
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and

encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 the 18th chapter of Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM:

Women's Chorale, 8:15am *"Panis Angelicus"* by Cesar Franck

Latin translation: The bread of angels becomes the bread of men, the heavenly bread gives end to earthly forms. O marvelous sacrament, on the Lord they feast, a poor one, slave, and humble one.

Chancel Choir, 11am *"Gloria"* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Latin translation: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord in the highest. And on earth peace, peace to all, to all people blessed with good will. We adore you, we give you glory. Thanks to you, we behold you, we proclaim all your greatness, all your glory. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord in the highest.

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

HYMN *"Dona nobis pacem"*

Vs. 1: Soprano

Vs. 2: Alto

Vs. 3: Baritone

Vs. 4: Soprano

Vs. 5: Soprano and Alto

Vs. 6: Soprano, Alto, and Baritone

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Dona nobis pacem" in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features three staves: Soprano, Alto, and Baritone. The lyrics are: "Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem." for Soprano; "Do - na no - bis pa - cem." for Alto; and "Do - na no - bis pa - cem." for Baritone. The Soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes. The Alto and Baritone parts are primarily sustained notes with some movement in the final measure.

S
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

A
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

B
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.



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



All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with an adult to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

HYMN 698 “How Long, O God” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Festal Salutation

by Franklin Ritter



- 1 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own,
 2 The e - vil lurks with - in, with-out, it threat-ens to de - stroy
 3 Your grace, O God, seems far a - way; will heal - ing ev - er come?
 4 How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
 5 "How long, O God?" the psalm-ist cries, a cry we make our own.



for we are lost, a - lone, a - afraid, and far a - way from home.
 the frag - ile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.
 Our bro - ken lives lie bro - ken still; will night give way to dawn?
 to name the sor - rows, name the pain, that we might yet re - joice.
 Though we are lost, a - lone, a - afraid, our God will lead us home.



Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24) – October 16, 2022

“The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand.”

-Psalm 121:5-

Psalm 121 is known as an Ascension Psalm because it was probably sung by God’s people as they journeyed to Jerusalem on pilgrimage. As they neared the hill on which Jerusalem stood, they would have literally lifted their eyes to the hills (see v. 1). The pilgrims knew the dangers inherent in these treks to Jerusalem. Violent attacks and robberies along the way remained an ever-present threat. Even the elements of nature like the scorching sun and cold nights presented their own risks.

But, in the midst of these challenging conditions, with multiple dangers lurking both day and night, the psalmist proclaims that his “help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth” (v. 2).

Wait a minute! Let this sink in a bit: The all-powerful Lord whose words alone bring into existence both heaven and earth (see Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14-15, 20, 24) personally comes to the aide of his people!

Yes, they may experience peril, not only on this journey specifically, but also in life’s journey in general, but God himself “Keeps” (the NIV uses “watches over”) them (and us) both day and night (see vv. 3-8). Indeed, he never sleeps but keeps a constant, vigilant, protective watch over his children (see vv. 3 and 4). And there’s more: God watches over, not from some distant heavenly vantage point but, as the psalmist confidently declares, “The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand” (v. 5, italics mine). What an incredible claim this verse makes! The Lord, the very maker of heaven and earth (see v. 2), personally walks by our side to help and protect us.

Scripture, in both the Old and New Testaments, resounds with this promise; “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Is. 41:10). “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (Jn. 14:16, 18). We, like the psalmist can confidently proclaim that the Lord is our keeper.