

## 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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Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



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

**PRELUDE:** *Pastorale*

by J. S. Bach

*The Pastorale is by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach is considered to be the greatest composer for the organ and arguably the greatest composer for all genres. His wrote a vast amount of music which set the standard for all music which followed.*

*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 796 "How Firm a Foundation"

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-23**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Take note of those

who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

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 21st chapter of Luke.

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

### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought

before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CELEBRATION RINGERS ANTHEM**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

by Dan R. Edwards

### **SERMON**

Pastor Seth Jersild

### **PRESENTATION: A Young Lutheran’s Guide to the Pipe Organ**

Pastor Seth Jersild and Mark Meuser

### **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

The musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are: '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.'

*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

The musical score for 'Holy Holy Holy' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are: '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.'

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 851 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

### DISMISSAL

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE: Invention # 3**

**by Joseph Callaerts**

*The postlude is by Belgian organist and composer Joseph Callaerts (1830-1901). He served as organist at Antwerp Cathedral and also wrote music for voice, violin, piano, and full orchestra.*

## Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Find the 40 **bold** words from Psalm 98:1–6, 9b (ESV)

O Y I E S J R T M X S O U N D  
B U L J I T I E K A M X A S F  
R A U O G N G A V D D T T A W  
E A R T H E H R E E I E I W E  
G U Y M T H T R K O A T F O N  
D I D A R W E R N D H L O R D  
U O O R U B O S F F G E E L S  
J N L V M W U A U D N A H D Q  
O R E E P Q S L L O O R Z T S  
W K M L E T N V D U S S X O K  
Y E Y O T E E A P G F I K I E  
R R D U S M S T N F U Y N V D  
E F F S S E S I A R P G O G L  
K W D K N O H O O D O L W J N  
E E Q U I T Y N E N C H N K I

Oh **sing** to the **LORD** a **new song**, for he has **done marvelous things!** His **right hand** and his **holy arm** have **worked salvation** for him. The **LORD** has **made known** his salvation; he has **revealed** his **righteousness** in the **sight** of the **nations**. He has **remembered** his **steadfast love** and **faithfulness** to the house of **Israel**. All the **ends** of the **earth** have seen the salvation of our God. **Make a joyful noise** to the **LORD**, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing **praises** to the **LORD** with the **lyre**, with the lyre and the **sound of melody!** With **trumpets** and the sound of the **horn** make a joyful noise before the **King**, the **LORD!** He **LORD judge** the **world** with righteousness, and the peoples with **equity**.

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*We are witnesses of God's faithfulness.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 21:5-19</b>	<b>Suffering for Jesus' sake</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Malachi 4:1-2a</b>	<b>The great day of the Lord</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Thess. 3:6-13</b>	<b>Warning against idleness</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 10:34-43</b>	<b>Gentiles hear the good news</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 33:1-9</b>	<b>The greatness of God</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hebrews 3:1-6</b>	<b>Jesus is greater than Moses</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 98</b>	<b>Make a joyful noise</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 23:33-43</b>	<b>Christ the crucified king</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. **Psalm 98:1 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Come Lord Jesus; come Holy Spirit, give us courage to bear witness to your love and faithfulness with songs of joy during the good times and the bad times. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a sign of your faithfulness that gives us strength to endure all things through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God give you peace during the good times and the bad times.



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Drawn to the Light*



taking   
faith  
home

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some scary or troubled times you have experienced?
- When bad things happen, who do you turn to? What do you do?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 21:5-19.

Luke's Gospel is written after Roman soldiers demolished the Jerusalem temple in 70 A.D. Jesus' followers were not to pin their hopes on the glory of the temple or on anything in life that seems to promise security and stability. Jesus warns that there will not be an end to daily struggles. There will continue to be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. Jesus could have added hurricanes, floods, droughts, and more examples of instability. Truth itself has always been under assault, making life even more unstable. In the meantime, what do we do? We announce the truth of Jesus and God's promises that will not be conquered. We live as witnesses to the truth of God's final conquest in Christ and faithfully endure life-threatening occasions. Troubled times—whether in the first or twenty-first century—are an opportunity to speak the truth of God's love and faithfulness in Christ.

*Discuss:* In what ways have you experienced God's love and faithfulness in difficult times?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, as we experience scary times, give us faith to trust in your promise of victory over sin and death and the confidence to speak the truth in love through Christ.**

**Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage those who experience difficulties in daily life?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 98 calls on all the earth to *make a joyful noise*. This week take a walk outside and look at God's creation around you. When you return home, draw a picture or write a list of things you saw. Then make up your own tune to use as you sing these words: *O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things* (v. 1a).



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) – November 13, 2022

*“Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”*

–Luke 21:28–

Luke 21 begins with Jesus and his disciples at the temple in Jerusalem witnessing both the rich and a poor widow giving gifts in the temple’s offering box (see vv. 1–2). Jesus then explains that, contrary to appearances, the widow, in giving “two small copper coins” (v. 2) gave much more than the rest, because she “put in all she had to live on” (v. 4). Then the conversation shifts to the temple as people observe its beauty and majesty (see v. 5). The immense size and grandeur of the temple stones made it seem indestructible. But, once again, appearances deceive. Jesus predicts the unthinkable. He foretells the temple’s future destruction (see v. 6).

As if this were not troubling enough, Jesus continues with more predictions and warnings that spoke to not only the future destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in 70 A.D., but also of events preceding his second coming. Jesus predicts false messiahs, persecution of believers, including imprisonment and, for some, death. And he forewarns of wars, earthquakes, famines, rampant, deadly, diseases, and cosmic and environmental disturbances (see vv. 8–12, 16–17, 25).

But amid all these alarming prophecies, Jesus once again lets his followers know that all is not as it appears. Although circumstances may seem hopeless with God’s presence, protection, and guidance seemingly absent, Jesus tells his followers “Do not be terrified” (v. 8). He explains these tumultuous times actually bring “opportunity to bear witness” (v. 13), and he promises to guide them, giving them “a mouth of wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict” (v. 15). Yes, they (and we) may be put to death, yet, “not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives” (vv. 18–19). In other words, though some will be martyred, persevering and remaining faithful to God and his ways will end in eternal life.

In the meantime, he tells them (and us) not to not be disheartened, distracted, or succumb to dissipated living (see v. 34). Instead, we must remain watchful and pray (see v. 36), and be encouraged “because your redemption is drawing near” (v. 28)