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# 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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November 18 & 19, 2017

## AS WE GATHER

The darkening days of the world are a time for God's people to be looking toward the light—the light of Christ. Through our worship, we call out to our gracious God to brighten our lives as only He can. With the psalmist we call out, "Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14). God promises to satisfy us not only for our earthly lives but eternally as well. Looking toward that time of great surprise with confidence and hope, we say with the psalmist, "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us" (Psalm 90:17a), and we respond to that favor with our heartfelt praise.

**HYMN** *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*                      *LSB 508 sts. 1–5*

## *Stand* **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

*Ps. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1*

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**C** Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.

**P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

**C** I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

**P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

**C** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!  
Glory be 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.

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE

*LSB 186*

**C** ♪ *Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 187*

**P** ♪ *Glory be to God on High,*

**C** ♪ *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*  
*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.*

*we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
 receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
 mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** ♪ *The Lord be with you.*

**C** ♪ ***And with thy spirit.***

**P** ♪ *Let us pray.*

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit* **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Zephaniah 1:7-16

- <sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
 For the day of the LORD is near;  
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
 and consecrated his guests.
- <sup>8</sup> And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—  
 "I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
- <sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish  
 everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
 and those who fill their master's house  
 with violence and fraud.

- 10 "On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.
- 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
- 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'
- 13 Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."
- 14 The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.
- 15 A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

*Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the  
blood of the Lamb.

**C** **Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand ALLELUIA*

**C** ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:14-30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward,

bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

[Sunday] NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no  
end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

[Saturday] 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.

Sit

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

Pre-K and Kindergarten

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

LSB 781

SERMON

"Faithful Service"

Matthew 25: 14, 19

## Stand OFFERING

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

LSB 806

## Stand PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty Father, as the great day of the Lord draws ever nearer, when Your Son will return to judge the living and the dead, we pray that You would grant Your people to remain faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, though we do not know the day or hour of Your Son's appearing, grant that we would always be prepared by sending us faithful pastors and teachers who will boldly proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel to us, that we may be constantly encouraged and built up in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us always to be good and faithful servants who are diligent stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant us to be

generous in speaking of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Everlasting Father, You have given us the gift of Your creation, and though this world is passing away due to sin, we pray that You would preserve it for our use and provision until You usher in the new creation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Lord, we pray that You would grant healing and relief to all who are afflicted in mind, body or soul [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give them the peace and comfort that only comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He has given us the Supper of His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for them for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Blessed Lord, we give thanks to You for all the faithful departed. Grant comfort to all who mourn, [including \_\_\_\_\_,] that they may find peace and hope in the resurrection of the dead. 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Saturday Worship continues on page 10 with the Lord's Prayer.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 195

**C** ♪ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is  
He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** ♪ ***For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.***

*Saturday Worship continues on page 12 with the Benediction.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**C** ♪ *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

*Sit* DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread* LSB 625

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee* LSB 632

*Stand* NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

**C** ♪ *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** 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 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*LSB 202*

**P** 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.

**HYMN**     *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*     *LSB 508 sts. 6-7*

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