

Service of Holy Communion
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Medieval Melody” - Martha Sobaje
 “Work, for the Night is Coming” - Lowell Mason
 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” - Harald Rohlig, *arr.*

WELCOME

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in
compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

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

The congregation may kneel or sit.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us

away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

GATHERING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” Red Book #796

GREETING

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

And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD *stanzas 1 and 3*



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—

and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

ISAIAH 12:2-6 *read responsively*

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my
salvation.

**³With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's
name;

make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim
that this name is exalted.

**⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now 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. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and 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. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the alleluia before and after the verse, which is chanted by the cantor.



Stand up and ¹ raise your heads,* because your redemption is ¹ drawing near. (*Luke 21:28*)

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"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."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And 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.

⁹"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." 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 plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"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. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Our World Is Rent by Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Give us vision, loving God, to step into the future of joy and life you promise. Help us not be weighed down by disappointment and despair at difficult circumstances but instead buoyed by hope in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the work of all those who put hope into action, especially those who work with Lutheran World Relief and partner ministries, and teach us also to serve our neighbors locally with glad determination. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mend the hearts, souls, and bodies of all who have witnessed war. Especially today we remember the veterans of this nation's armed forces. We also pray for both Russian and Ukrainian soldiers, for the people of Afghanistan, Yemen, and for other nations not in our awareness, but known to you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture those who need a special measure of your love: those who are sick, those who are struggling with whether they can continue to live in

their homes, those who work hard for low pay, and for those whom we name now....God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring us with all your saints to that day when calamity shall cease and when we are made whole in the splendor of your new creation. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Jesus Is the Light” - Patti Drennan

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant creator.... United by your Spirit and with all your people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Red Book #423

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

SENDING HYMN “When Peace Like a River” Red Book #785

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“To You, O Lord, Will I Sing Praises” - August Reinhard

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Emma Wagner	Preacher
Mollie Hibbs	Assisting Minister
Tracy Gullickson	Reader
Grant McVay	Crucifer
Julia McVay	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tracy Gullickson, in memory of Randy Gullickson.

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our hosts, Jeanette and Jim Cunningham.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 11/14	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 11/15	9:30 AM	Coffee Klatch: Grandparenting in the Faith
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed., 11/16	9:30 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 11/17	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 11/18		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 11/19	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun. 11/20	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to guest preacher and speaker, Emma Wagner, from Lutheran World Relief!

The 9 a.m. Bible Study is cancelled for Sunday, November 13.

Thank you for the generous donation of baked items for Meals on Wheels.

Join us after worship for a stewardship luncheon and presentation by Emma Wagner, from Lutheran World Relief.

Attention grandparents! Do you have grandkids that you are trying to nurture in the Christian faith? Join Pastor Kimberly and others for the first of two "Coffee Klatches" on grandparenting in the faith on Tuesday, November 15th, at 9:30 a.m. The topic for this gathering is baptism. The next coffee klatch will take place on Tuesday, November 29th.

Handel's Messiah: The MUSIC CLUB CHORUS of NEW CASTLE, Harry Cunningham, *Director*, will present its 80th Anniversary Performance of George F. Handel's *MESSIAH*, November 27th at 3 PM at the HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 415 Fourth Street, Ellwood City. Admission and parking are free. A free-will offering will be collected to help defray production costs. For more information (including directions), please visit our website: www.ncmusicclubchorus.org.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. Please join us on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27th, for an intergenerational event, *Advent - Waiting for Jesus Christ*. We will have a light lunch, family advent wreath making, and a visit from John the Baptist. We will meet in the social hall after worship. Hope you can join us!

Do you have joys and concerns you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshipers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

PRAYERS

6-month-old baby girl in Ohio; Jack Beiler; Karen Knepp; Zachary Sutton; Tony Sequite; Hazel Warheit; Kyle Badger; Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those affected by hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice

Luke 1:68-79

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior. (*Lk. 1:69*)

Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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