

BLESSING

Pastor: And now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life
everlasting. Peace be with you.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

We Will Dance

**Sing a song of celebration lift up a shout of praise,
For the Bridegroom will come, the glorious one.
And oh, we will look on his face, we'll go to a much better place.
And dance with all your might, lift up your hands and clap for joy!
The time's drawing near, when he will appear.
And oh, we will stand by his side, a strong pure spotless bride.**

Chorus: **We will dance on the streets that are golden.
The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man.
From every tongue and tribe and nation, we'll join in the song of the Lamb.**

Bridge: The leader will sing first, and then the congregation will echo.

**Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near.
The risen king, our Groom is soon to appear.
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand.
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb. *Chorus***



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The Gathering

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word “near.” “Near” can indicate something that is almost here but hasn’t yet arrived. And at the same time, “near” can point to something already with us, like those “near and dear” to our hearts. The word “near” resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present in the here and now, delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus: **Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

Holy Trinity Canon (Starke/Hildebrand)

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, Three in One,
Sing glory, honor, praise again, both now and evermore. Amen.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

(John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

PSALM 98

Pastor: 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.

People: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: 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.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

People: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

Pastor: before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE*You Never Let Go*

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.**

**And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near**

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me.

And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus: **Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.**

Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low.

Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

**And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare. And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes we'll live to know You here on the earth. *Chorus***

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.

And there will be an end to these troubles,

But until that day comes still I will praise You, still I will praise You

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you.

(Luke 1:28)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING**Malachi 4:1-6 (ESV)**

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

EPISTLE READING**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (ESV)**

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*

GOSPEL LESSON**Luke 21:5-28 (ESV)**

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

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 pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which

none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*
You're the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.**

MESSAGE

Redemption is Drawing Near

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

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 worshipped 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a

confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

COMMUNION *As we prepare for the presence of Christ in this sacrament, we rise.*

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, 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:

HOSANNA

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Repeat*
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest. *Repeat*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O, wash me in Your precious blood, 'til I am just a lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONGS

Here Is Bread

Here is bread, here is wine; Christ is with us, He is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace; Christ is with us, He is with us.

Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Jesus here.

Chorus: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one; Christ is with us, He is with us.

We'll proclaim till He comes Jesus crucified. *Chorus*

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: **Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;**

And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory I will see His face

And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*