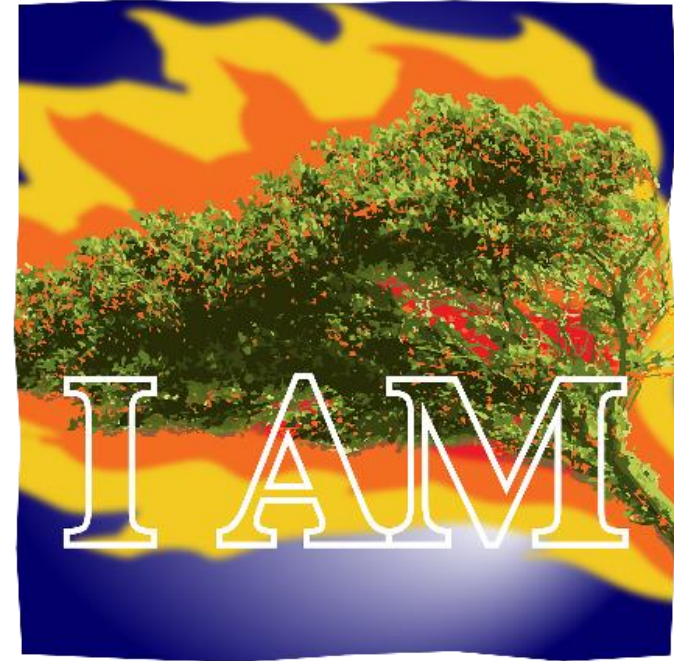


The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

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The Order of Matins ~ Page 219

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! If you are a guest today, please include your address and zip code so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* *LSB 819*
Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation.
The God of love who understood our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills and ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r has made, in mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might all things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

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All who confess Christ’s holy name, give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne, for God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

♪ OPENING VERSICLES – page 219 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

(Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me, O Lord.

(Psalm 70:1)

**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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 220 ↑

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑

**People: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
The strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand.**

(Psalm 95:1-7)

**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.**

♪ ANTIPHON – page 221 ↑

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♪ PSALM 148 ↑

Congregation sings the verses in bold.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the | heavens;*
praise him | in the heights!

**Praise him, all his | angels;*
praise him, | all his hosts!**

Praise him, | sun and moon,*
praise him, all you | shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
and you waters above the | heavens!**

Let them praise the name | of the Lord!*
For he commanded and they were | created.

**And he established them forever and | ever;*
he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.**

Praise the Lord | from the earth,*
you great sea creatures | and all deeps,

**fire and hail, | snow and mist*
stormy wind fulfil- | ling his word!**

Mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees and all | cedars!

**Beasts and all | livestock,*
creeping things and | flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*
princes and all rulers | of the earth!

**Young men and maidens to- | gether,*
old men and | children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is ex- | alted;*
his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for | all his saints,*
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Exodus 3:1-15 (ESV)

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 (ESV)

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord

has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ HYMN ↓ *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate* **LSB 540**

**Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence, grant us grace to heed Your call.**

**Christ, the living bread from heaven, food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given, nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant from the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches to bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior; prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard till eternal life we gain.**

**Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; let us hear Your voice alone.**

**Christ, the way that leads unfailing to the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, there to share Your wedding feast.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.**

GOSPEL READING ↑

Luke 20:27-40 (ESV)

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 221 ↑

(Psalm 119:89, 26:8; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ *From God Can Nothing Move Me* *LSB 713*

From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me and be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand in evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning wherever I may stand.

When those whom I regarded as trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin and breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.

The Lord my life arranges; who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes all sorrow into joy.
So let me then be still: my body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit according to His will.

Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure in Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!

Praise God with acclamation and in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past; but time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing that will forever last!

Yet even though I suffer the world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher and bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine, which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure, forever shall be mine.

For thus the Father willed it, who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it and brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come, to us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

SERMON ↓

God Is a God of the Living

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE ↓ *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* *LSB 940*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, th'apostles' holy train join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.

Thou art King of glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

♪ KYRIE – page 227 ↑

People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

LORD'S PRAYER – page 227 ↑

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You. (Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑**COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑**

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

♪ BENEDICAMUS – page 228 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ BENEDICTION – page 228 ↑

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

People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* *LSB 917*

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise

With one accord our parting hymn of praise;

Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,

Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;

With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.

Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,

That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;

Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.

From harm and danger keep Thy children free;

For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,

Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;

Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,

Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

POSTLUDE

Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.