Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost *"The Grace of Giving" – Fall Stewardship Series, Week 3* October 22, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Four

#### Prayer before worship:

Lord God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts. Bless now this time of worship; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Pre-Service Music** 

"Prelude" (J. S. Bach), Handbell Choir

# **Ringing of the Bells**

#### Welcome

#### **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

# **G** who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4* 

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer and confession, as able



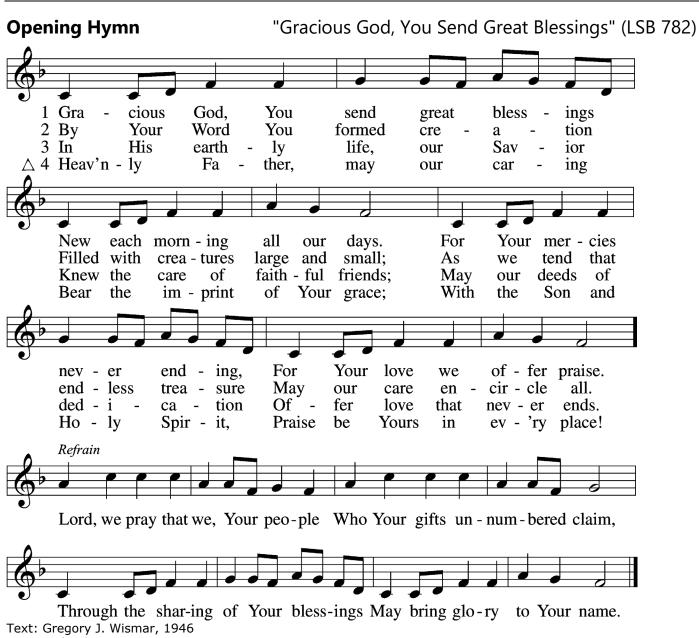
Psalm 124:8

# C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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]

#### C Amen.





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# 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.



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

# **Children's Message**

# **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,

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

Isaiah 45:1-7

# **Psalm** (read responsively)

- L Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;\* sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
- G Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;\* tell of his salvation from | day to day.
- L Declare his glory among the | nations,\* his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
- G For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;\* he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- **I** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,\* but the LORD made the | heavens.
- **G** Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\* strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.
- L Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples,\* ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\* bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!
- L Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;\* tremble before him, | all the earth!
- Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
   Yes, the world is established; it shall nev- | er be moved;\* he will judge the peoples with | equity."
- Let the heavens be glad, and let the | earth rejoice;\* let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- **G** let the field exult, and every- | thing in it!

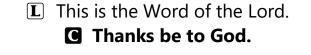
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

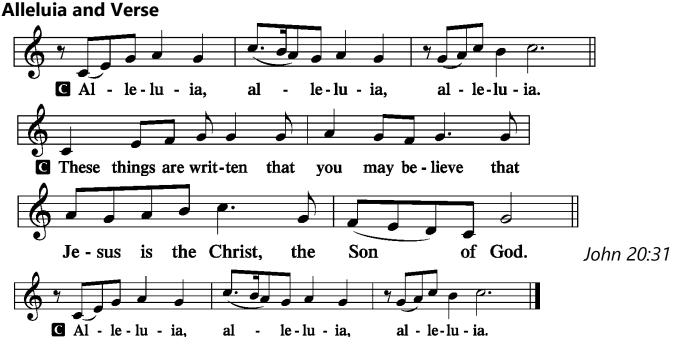
- **L** before the LORD, | for he comes,\* for he comes to | judge the earth.
- He will judge the world in | righteousness,\* and the peoples in his | faithfulness.

# Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.





**Holy Gospel** 

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.Glory to You, O Lord.

### Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then,

what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's. **"Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."** <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Sermon

"The Grace of Giving: Show Me the Money!"

Hymn of the Day

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)

1 Take my life and let it be Thee: Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love: 3 Take my voice and Al-ways, on - ly my let me sing for King; 4 Take my sil - ver Not a mite would I and my gold, with - hold; Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,It shall be no longer mine;Take my heart, it is Thine own,It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be

Ever, only, all for Thee.

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#### **Profession of Faith**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your

mercy."

Please respond by saying "Hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

# C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,

"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

#### Announcements

Offertory "Grant Us, Lord, the Grace of Giving"



#### **Offertory Prayer**

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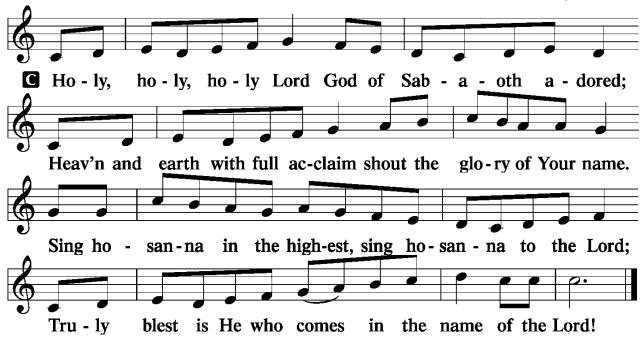
**L** Merciful God,

**G** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament	
Preface	
P The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
And also with you.	
P Lift up your hearts.	
C We lift them to the Lord.	[Colossians 3:1]
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<b>G</b> It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	[Psalm 136]
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at a give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and al give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us who begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Hir death that we might not die eternally. Because He is read lines and reigns to all sterrity all who believe in U.	everlasting God, for the Il creation. Above all, we hen You sent Your only- mour sin, giving Him into how risen from the dead

and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sanctus** 

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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 Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- P 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 the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
  → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also 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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# Pax Domini

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

C Amen.



Please be seated

John 20:19

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

# Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. Please remain standing until all are in place and the pastor motions you to kneel. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor when he approaches you at the distribution. The cup will be offered first by individual glass or by the common cup second. If you select the individual glass, please hold the glass in your hand after you have consumed the contents until the celebrant passes you with the common cup to indicate you have already received. The inner (light-colored) ring of the tray of individual glasses contains non-alcoholic grape juice, for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastors and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

"Meditation on 'Beach Spring'" (B. F. White, Karen Lakey Buckwalter) Handbell Choir

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637) 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord. 2 He this world rules who His saints in and shields, 3 Come for - ward with faith - ful hearts then sin - cere, Θ drink And the ly blood for ho out - poured; you all - liev -То be ers life e - ter - nal yields; And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here. Ο Of fered He \_ was for and for great - est least. With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole, 0 Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en dow  $\overline{\mathbf{\Omega}}$ Him - self Him - self the vic - tim and the priest. liv - ing the thirst Gives wa - ters \_ soul. to ing As in this feast of love Yo Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. You bless us now. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" (LSB 625) 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May Ι in grace 2 To pas-tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, То rest - ful wa 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free 4 I mer - it fa - vor, Lord, weight of do not My sin 6 You. Let me with ho \_ ly food be fed. pos sess me; Your ta - ble well for pro - vide, ters lead me come with prayer mis be - fore Your sight re sion Ι all guilt - y heart's dis - cord, would break In my me; In hun - ger Ι ad dress You. Pre well \_ pare me wound - ed Your feed Though sin hand now me. wea - ry, In sor - row and con tri tion. Your righ-teous-ness, \_ 0 Lord, do for sake In dis - tress not me. my for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by prayer im - plored, my ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a lone I seek, wor - thi - ly, Lord, cov - er That Ι re-ceive You me com-forts me gra-cious - ly, this That You re-ceive me 0 0 Give me Your grace and mer cy. To share Your cup of heal ing. As - sured of Your full don. par Christ, Lord of 0 my mer cy!

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#### Dismissal

**Nunc Dimittis** 



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

# **Benedicamus and Benediction**

L Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

**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. Numbers 6:24-26 **C** Amen.

#### **Sending Hymn** "For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894) the fruits of His 1 For cre - a - tion, Thanks be God. to 2 In la - bor, will the just re - ward of God's is done. 3 For the har-vests the Spir - it, God. of Thanks be to Θ For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks God. For the be to our neigh-bor, the help we give God's will is done. In our In the good we all For in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the Si - lent growth while we plow - ing, sow-ing, reap - ing, are sleep-ing, world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair-ing, won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con-found us, Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be God. to are shar-ing, will In the har-vests we God's is done. has found us, Most of all, that love Thanks be to God. Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000 Tune: Welsh, 18th cent. Text: © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005318 Tune: Public domain

Postlude

"'Maestoso' from Three Short Preludes" (Everett Titcomb)

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