

*Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost November 13, 2022* Lutheran Book of Worship – Setting Two

# GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able. In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

GATHERING HYMN: "Earth and Stars!" LBW #558 Verses 1-4



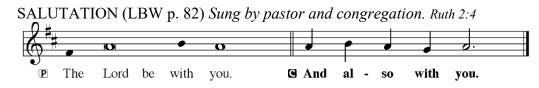
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# AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31* We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ. **We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) 2 Corinthians 13:14

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.** 





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## *Please be seated.* GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

## FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>But 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup>And 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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

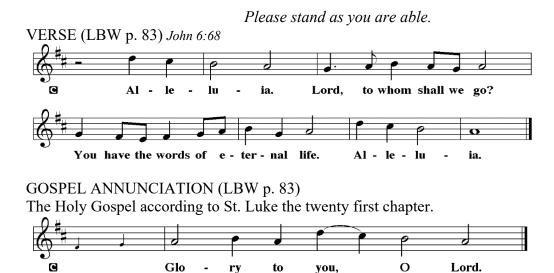
PSALM 98 Sung responsively between cantor and congregation.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord | a new song,\* for he has done | marvelous things. <sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his | holy arm\* has he won for him- | self the victory. <sup>3</sup>The Lord has made | known his victory;\* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations. <sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,\* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God. <sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;\* lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. <sup>6</sup>Sing to the Lord | with the harp,\* with the harp and the | voice of song. <sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\* shout with joy before the | king, the Lord. <sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,\* the lands and those who | dwell therein. <sup>9</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,\* and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to | judge the earth. <sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he | judge the world\* and the peo- | ples with equity.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. <sup>6</sup>Now 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. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor 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. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-36

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, {Jesus} said, <sup>6</sup>"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." <sup>7</sup>And {the disciples} asked him. "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.<sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But 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. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish.

<sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup>But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then 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, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas 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. <sup>24</sup>They 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. <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

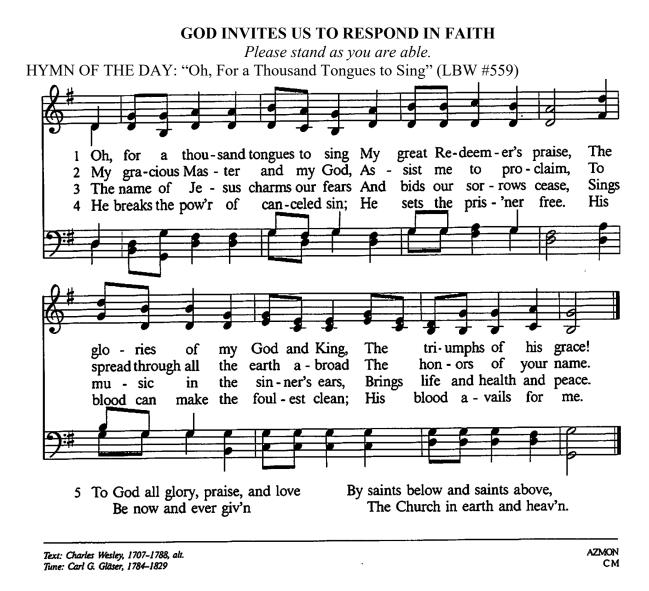
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** 



APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

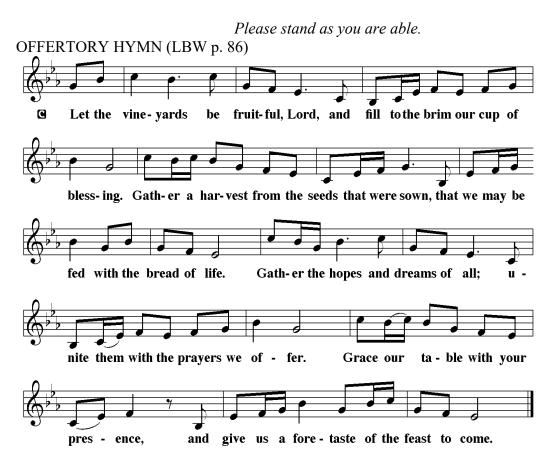
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**. The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

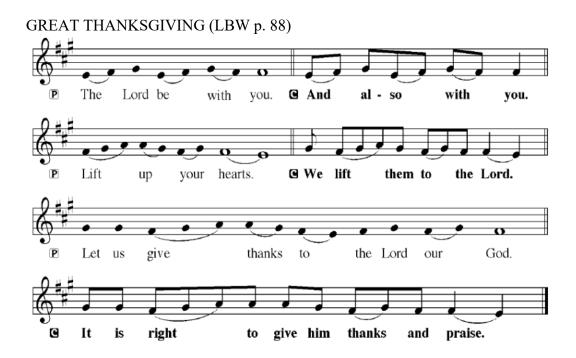
OFFERING OF PEACE John 20:19-21 The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW p. 88)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### PREFACE (LBW p. 88) Sung or spoken by the pastor.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 89) Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** 

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray... **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,

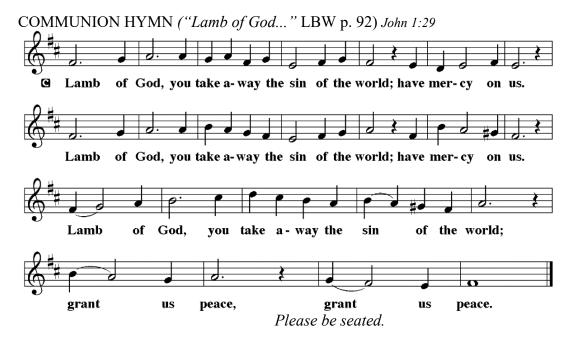
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.



#### WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

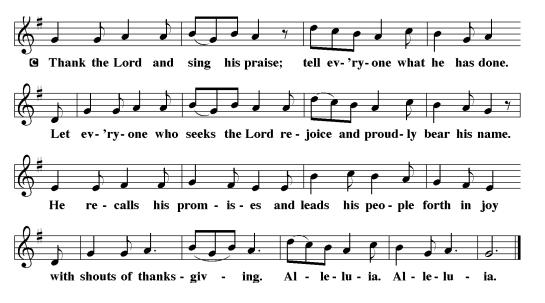
All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.

- If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.
- To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.

• If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.

The body of Christ given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

### After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able. POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

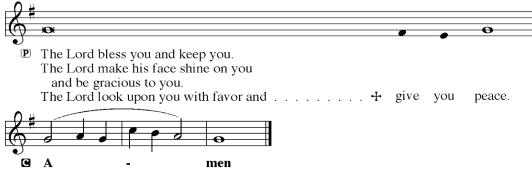


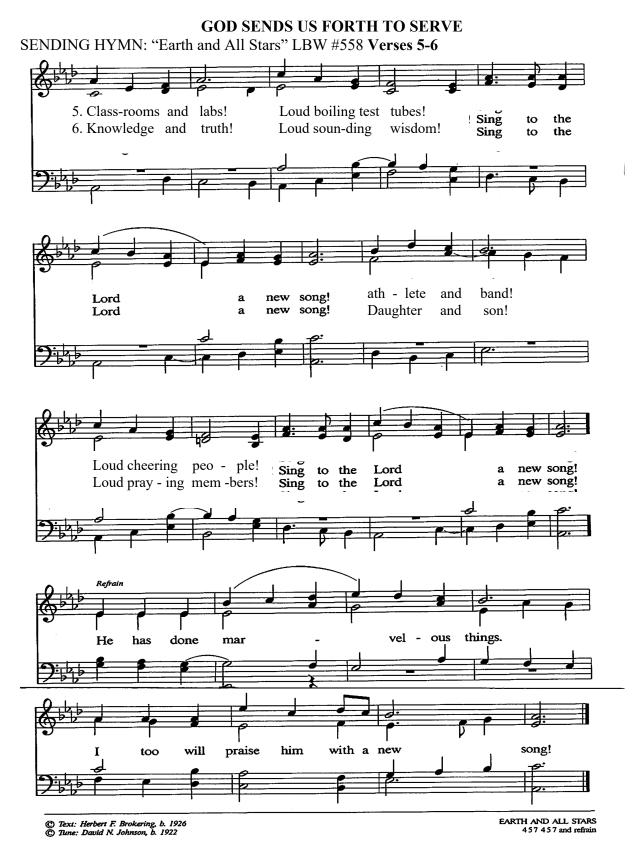
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95) Numbers 6:24-26





DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name. worship + fellowship + discipleship

**Who We Are** - As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be: **Christ Centered**, **Mission Driven**, **Traditionally Grounded**, **& Congregationally Focused**.



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