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**PENTECOST**  
September 24, 2023

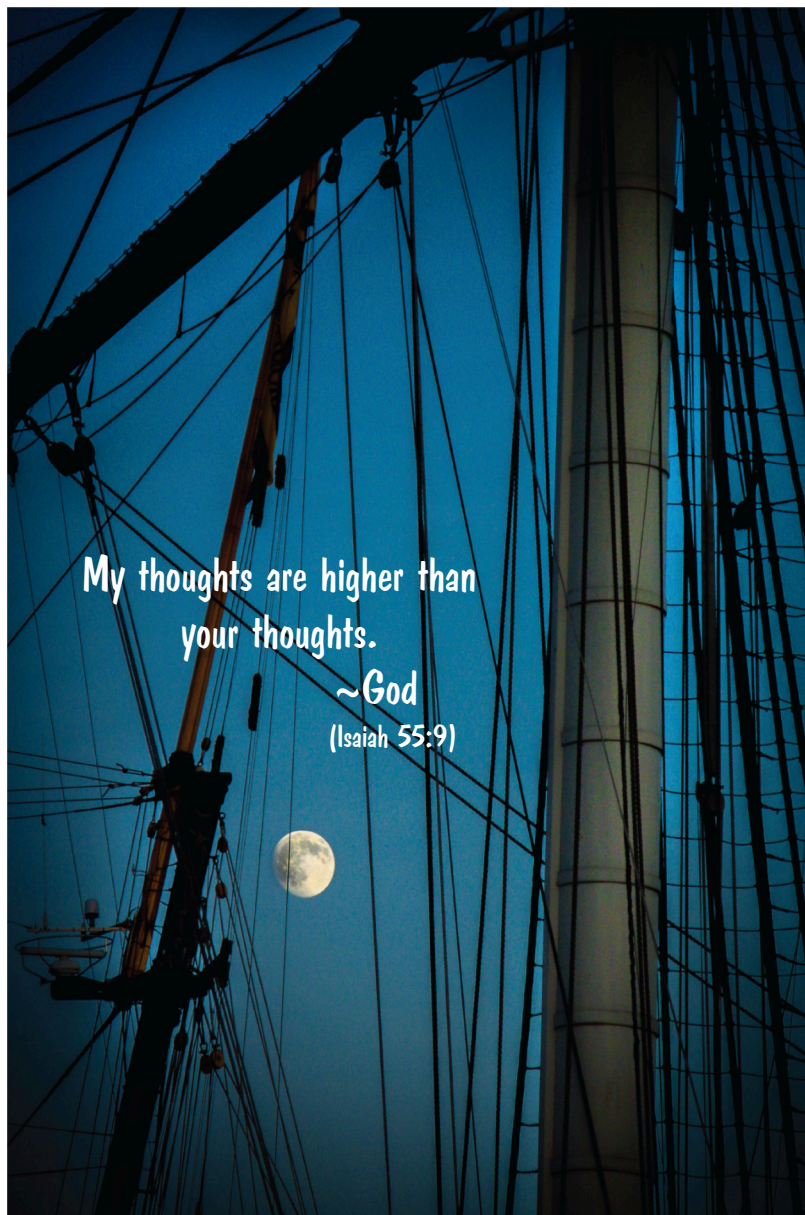


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## Lutheran Church

September 24, 2023

### PRELUDE

“We Praise You, O God”

*Emma Lou Diemer*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

### INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

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

**People:**  Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 27:1, 4a, 5*

**Pastor:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People:** **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**Pastor:** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People:** **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

**Pastor:** For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**People:** **He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 27:6, 9; Isaiah 55:6-7*

Pastor: As we come to the house of the Lord, we know that we are unworthy of God's love. We have sinned against friends and families, neighbors and co-workers.

**People: We have not loved God with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have grumbled against God and His authorities. We have sought selfish desires instead of God's will.**

Pastor: We turn to God in repentance and implore Him for mercy. Lord, hide not Your face from us. Turn not Your servants away in anger.

**People: Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!**

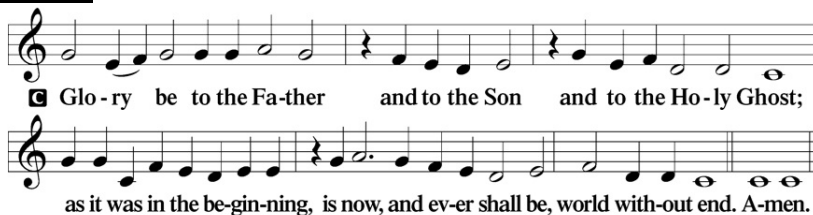
Pastor: The prophet Isaiah writes, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." The Lord is near to you. He has drawn near in the person of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

**THE INTROIT** *Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 116:17*

Pastor/Choir: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am your servant.

**THE GLORIA PATRI**



♩ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**THE KYRIE** *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"This is the Feast"



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE SALUTATION** 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **☩** And with thy spir - it.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, You are the Author of life. Direct us in our vocations that we may serve You in humble gratitude, seeking unity and peace with all people, which is ours by the blood of Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 55:6-9

*("Seek the Lord... He is near")*

<sup>6</sup>"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

*("To live is Christ, to die is gain.")*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard

and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

<sup>19</sup>For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** @9am

“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor”

*George Frederick Handel*  
*The Cathedral Choir*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 20:1-16

*(Parable of the vineyard laborers)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

People:



<sup>1</sup>"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the

vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### THE NICENE CREED @9:00am

**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 worshiped 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**

**♪ Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.**

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*Baptized in God's House today is **Luka Robert Lafata**  
His parents are Giuseppe Lafata and Sara Lawton  
His godparents are Brandon Lawton and Rosy Lafata*

**SERMON HYMN**

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"



**ST. AMBROSE**

**"A Voice on Meditation"**

Psalm 143:5

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*



## OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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## VOLUNTARY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*Johannes Brahms*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

*10:30am continues with the benediction*

## \* The Order of Holy Communion \*

@9:00am

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion for us, faithfully and continually learning of Him, and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name, praise You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *Is 6:3*

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♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: 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. We give You thanks for the redemption and forgiveness that overflows from the cross of Christ and is present in this Sacrament. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully eat and drink Christ's body and blood, forgiving others as we have been forgiven.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

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♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.*

***TWO STATION COMMUNION:***

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

"The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"

LSB 838



1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place  
 2 In chains for Christ! His pris'n - ers love to sing,  
 3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;  
 4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;  
 For slaves and free re - joice to praise our King;  
 Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?  
 The work that You be - gan, You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same:  
 What though the Church on earth still suf - fers wrong?  
 Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,  
 By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.  
 The cross of Christ re - mains our pil - grim song.  
 Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.  
 Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

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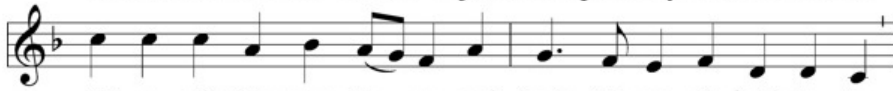
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**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the benefits of forgiveness, peace, and unity You have given us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to forgive others as we have been forgiven in this Meal, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**  **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

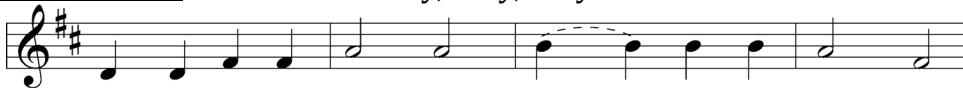
**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The \* Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:**   
 A-men, a-men, a - men.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## POSTLUDE

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Jeffrey Blersch