

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday of*  
**PENTECOST**

November 12, 2023



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*“Let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”*  
Amos 5:24



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## Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023

### PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake”  
(BWV 645)

J. S. Bach

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 15:3-4*

Pastor: Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: **Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

People: **For You alone are holy.**

Pastor: All nations will come and worship You,

People: **for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

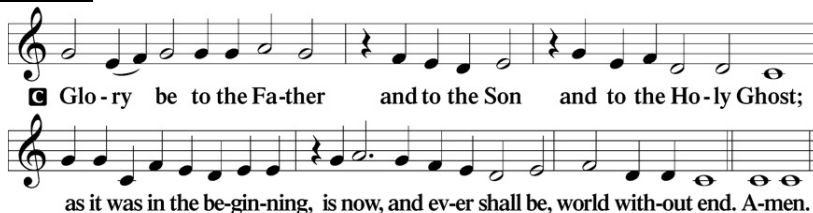
Pastor: As you believe, so may it be. Because of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.


People:  **Amen.**

## THE INTROIT *Psalm 84:1, 10; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor/Choir: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

## 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**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LSB 802 v. 1, 3-4



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

**THE SALUTATION** *2 Tim 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You have called Your people to love justice and to do acts of kindness. Grant that we may be bearers of Your justice in the world, awaiting the time of Your return as judge on the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with Father and the Holy Spirit is worshiped and glorified, now and eternally.

People: ♪ Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Amos 5:18–24

*(The prophet warns that God will not accept empty worship while the people engage in injustice.)*

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

*(Paul comforts those who thought Christians who had died might miss Christ's return.)*

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** @9am

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

*Harold Friedell  
The Cathedral Choir*

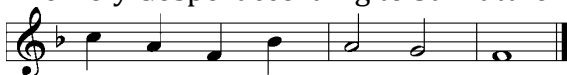
**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:1–13

*(Jesus teaches preparedness for His return.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*Early tradition suggested that the Apostles Creed was formulated by The Twelve, each contributing a phrase (as seen below), but history—dating back to the fifth century—suggests that the Apostles Creed was a confession of the faith of the Apostles, asked by pastors for the baptisms of their catechumens: Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit... etc.*

**<sup>1</sup>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**<sup>2</sup>And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**<sup>3</sup>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**<sup>4</sup>suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**<sup>5</sup>He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**<sup>6</sup>He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**<sup>7</sup>From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

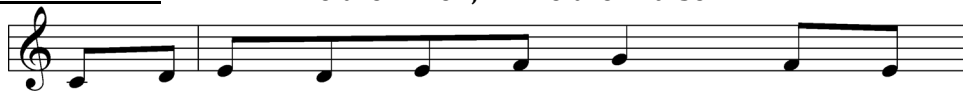
**<sup>8</sup>I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**<sup>9</sup>the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**

**<sup>10</sup>the forgiveness of sins,**

**<sup>11</sup>the resurrection of the body,**

**<sup>12</sup>and the life everlasting. Amen.**



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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**SERMON**

“The Return of the King”

Matthew 25:31-46

*Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier, Associate Pastor, Historic Trinity  
 Executive Director, Mission Partners Platform*

**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.

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### VOLUNTARY

“Beautiful Savior”

Karl Osterland

### 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And  
now we thank You that You have called us to prepare for the return of our  
Savior and that Day of the Lord when He comes to bring lasting justice and



righteousness upon earth. As we await the fullness of Your eternal kingdom, we praise and magnify Your glory by joining in the eternal anthem and singing:

**SANCTUS** *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ 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.

**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*

LSB p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**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.*

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

**DISMISSAL**

**NUNC DIMITTIS Lk 2:29-32**

**♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through this blessed gift as we prepare for and await the final coming of Jesus, our Lord, the Bridegroom of the Church. Keep us steadfast throughout our sojourn on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom, where perfect joy abounds eternally. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**  Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION *Numbers 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.

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

## POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake”

*Paul Manz*