

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (LSB 873)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for

them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



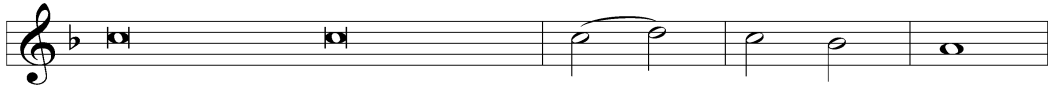
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Malachi 4:1–6* (The Lord prepares His people to meet the sun of righteousness.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 11:00 "Psalm 98" (Cantate Domino)
Mike Vasilie, vocal soloist

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13 (Paul commends believers to dedicate themselves to honorable work and doing good.)

After the reading:

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:5–28 (29–36) (Seeking a sign, Jesus offers His hearers assurance that amid disaster, their redemption is drawing near.)

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" (LSB 508)
Verses 1-4 before sermon, Verses 5-7 after sermon

SERMON

"Drawing Near"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Luke 21:28)

CREED

8:30 am *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 am *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Holy God, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to us all things needful and beneficial according to Your gracious promise in Christ, our Lord. Keep us from being led astray by those who speak lies in Your



name. Awaken within us ears to hear Your Word and hearts to believe, even in the face of trial and trouble, that we may be found faithful when our Lord comes in His glory to finish His new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Uphold all ministers of Your Gospel and those who hear it gladly. Cause that Word to be honored and so deliver them from wicked and evil men. Give a mouth and wisdom to Your people in all adversity to confess You boldly and to endure faithfully to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks, O Lord, for the gift of family, and we ask You to bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Make them to be places of blessing and peace centered in Your Word, where the faith is preserved and passed on to children and grandchildren. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You judge the world with righteousness and Your people with equity. Bless us with good and faithful leaders and government to defend Your people, punish the evildoer and encourage virtue. Raise up those who will serve the cause of peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Your Christ is our Rising Sun with healing in His wings. Shine His light upon the sick, those who suffer loss and persecution for the sake of Your name, those whose hearts are heavy with grief, and all who have requested our prayers [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bring us to receive with thanksgiving and faith the most blessed food of Christ's flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sins. Bless us with unity of faith and harmony of doctrine

and life. By this blessed Sacrament, equip us with all the gifts of the Spirit and bring to harvest the rich fruits of the Spirit in the lives of Your people, both now and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, You are the strength of Your people. Grant that we may not give into temptation or be caught up in evil but endure through Your grace to the day of Christ's return. We pray that we would be found holy and blameless by the power of His grace when You bring the dawn of the Last Day and lead us into the place where there is no night, no darkness and no death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, and grant them all good things for Your mercy's sake. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 12 with the Benediction.



Holy Communion

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

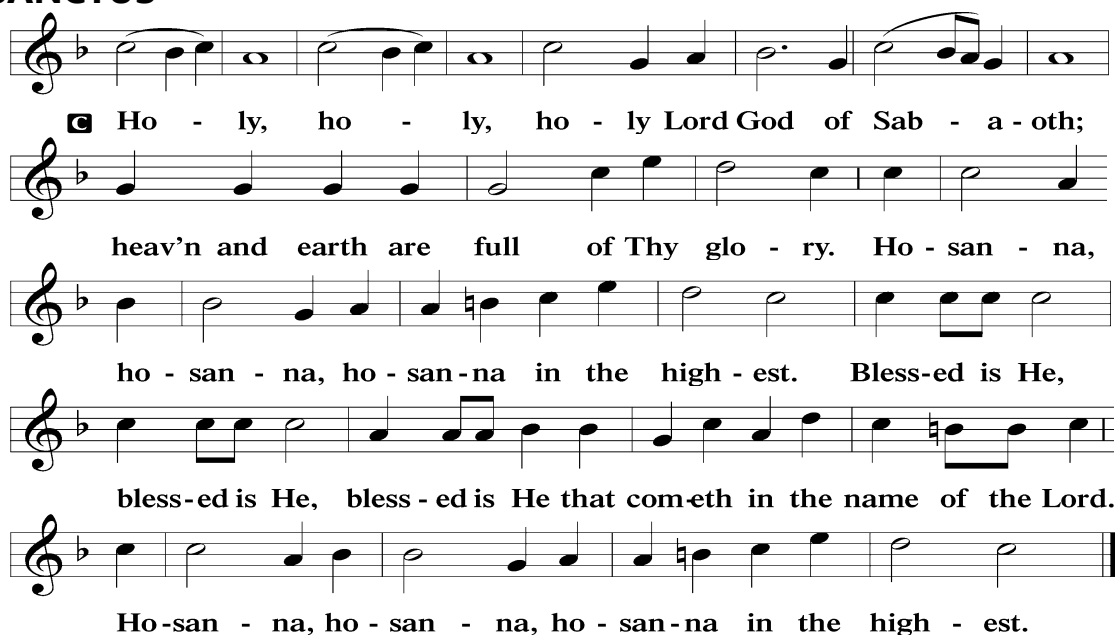
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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.



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ANTHEM 8:30 "Psalm 98" (Cantate Domino)

Mike Vasilie, vocal soloist

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table " (LSB 618)



(Please stand)

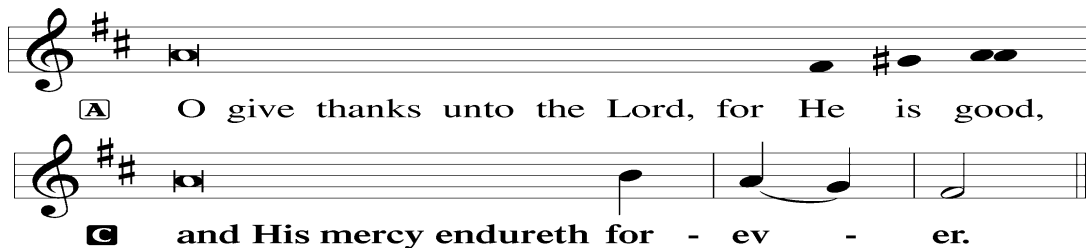
NUNC DIMITTIS





to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (LSB 348)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word “near.” “Near” can indicate something that is almost here but hasn’t yet arrived. And at the same time, “near” can point to something already with us, like those “near and dear” to our hearts. The word “near” resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present in the here and now,

delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28b

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

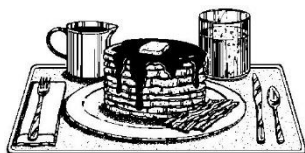


Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 5, Att. 40; Offering \$120.00; **Sun., Nov. 9, Att. 248;** General Fund \$12,366.49; Sunday School \$10.82; Building Fund \$375.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Extra Missions \$240.00; Broadcasts \$120.00; Mexico Mission \$50.00; SCFCA Bus Fund \$4,500.00; Bible Study Books \$52.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Breakfast Fundraiser Our Men's Club will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser between services TODAY. The funds raised will be used for a remodel of the restrooms off the Narthex.

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We are going to start again in September and would like to start preparing a schedule.



Let's make a new cookbook! It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook. Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We will take our time assembling this cookbook but please start submitting recipes so we can get started.





Men's Club Christmas Our Men's Club will meet on December 1 at 7pm for our Christmas Party. We will have a short devotion, play cards and enjoy some Christmas snacks. **All men of the congregation are invited and welcome to come join us.** Please bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.



Voter's Assembly We will have a voter's assembly the first Sunday of December, December 7th, at 9:45 am, between services. Please make this a priority as we decide to approve next year's work program and other church issues.

Women's Christmas Gathering All women at Faith mark your calendars for our

**Women's Christmas Gathering,
Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM**

Inspirational program, Festive decorations, delicious lunch and fellowship with each other. We are having a small gift exchange, not to exceed \$3.00. (Think dollar store, thrift store or small sample of your home-made treats.) Please bag or wrap them (name inside) so they are a mystery. They will be incorporated into a game we play.



Christmas Party



Building Healthy Families: Christians who suffer from depression often experience additional guilt, mistakenly believing that "true Christians" should not feel such sadness – only joy. Here's important and good news: depression is not a sign of weak faith.

Luther struggled with depression (melancholy) and so have many other faithful church leaders over the years. If you feel depressed, don't withdraw

from others to suffer alone. Luther had the right idea when he wrote, “Solitude produces melancholy. When we are alone the worst and saddest things come to mind. We reflect in detail upon all sorts of evils. And if we have encountered adversity in our lives, we dwell upon it as much as possible, magnify it, think that no one is so unhappy as we are, and imagine the worse possible consequences.” Don’t retreat into solitude; talk to your pastor, friend, family member, or a trusted counselor at **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid’s Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “Old Smiley” - Charlie learns that his “Happiness God” from the Orient is not what it seems to be.

10:30 AM - Rev. Gary Schulte, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled “What the Sun Will Have Done When the Son is Done”. The sermon is based on Malachi 4:1-6 & Luke 21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 16

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am Men's Club Breakfast
Fundraiser

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Nov. 17

6:30 pm Christ Care

Tues: Nov. 18

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study *Joshua*

6:15 pm. *Raising Kids* Study

6:30 pm Women's Ensemble

Wed: Nov. 19

12:00 pm Men's *The Resolution*

5:45 pm *Revelation* Bible Study

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Nov. 20

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young

Thanksgiving Potluck

Sun: Nov. 23

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion



Looking Ahead



We will be having Thanksgiving Worship on
Thanksgiving Eve,
November 26, 2025, at 7:00 pm

There will be NO Midweek classes
or Bible Studies that evening.