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**November 13, 2022- 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10**

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## **Welcome - Announcements**

### **Introduction to Worship**

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

### **Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)**

**P:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen**

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn – “How Firm a Foundation” .....ELW 796 vs. 1, 2**

**Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138**

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.**

**Kyrie ..... ELW Page 203**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray. . . O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

**First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

L: The First Reading is from the fourth chapter of Malachi

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Psalm: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,**

**you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

L: The Second Reading is from the third chapter of 2 Thessalonians

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L: The Word of the Lord      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ..... ELW page 205**

### **The Holy Gospel - Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

P: <sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <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 plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day – “If You but Trust in God to Guide You” .....ELW 369 vs. 1,4**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

**Prayers and Intercessions:**

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

P: Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active-duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offertory Choir Anthem: “Sing of the Lord's Goodness”**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving ..... ELW pg. 206**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” ..... ELW pg. 207**

**Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

**Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)**

**“Lamb of God” ..... ELW pg. 208**

**Hymn during Distribution- “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” ..... ELW #755**

**Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)**

**Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song: "How Firm a Foundation" .....ELW #796**

## Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Leo Grzelkowski
Altar	- Linda Sauder & Mark Harwick
Lector	- Pat Zion
Greeters	- Nancy Moskella & Helen Dungan
Communion Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- Becky Praster & Val Mc Ginn
Administration & Technology	- Ken Anderson
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Flowers are given in memory of Nancy Jean Xander by David and Linda Sauder.
- The Adult Bible study meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITES

- Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
- **Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/The Last Sunday after Pentecost**
- Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm – Living Nativity Planning Meeting @ Durham
- Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Pastor Heckman will not be in the office on Wednesday or Friday of Thanksgiving week. If you need pastoral care please text or call him at 267-664-3160.
- **Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Community Dinner  
Please join us for this year's free Community Dinner at the Riegelsville Fire Company on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seatings are available on the hour, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. We are also still collecting donations for the Bake-less Bake Sale. Envelopes are by the church sign-in book. We can use volunteers on that day to serve and prepare the meal. Please see Jim or Karen Beerer to sign up for volunteering or to get tickets. You can also call Karen at 240.893.5162.
  - **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
  - Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Annual budget meeting after worship.
  - Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Worship & Music Committee Meeting – following the Budget mtg.
  - November BAPTISMS – November 16<sup>th</sup> – Marion Kempf
  - NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - November 18<sup>th</sup> - Chad Harrison; November 19<sup>th</sup> – Hans Rilling
  - NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES – November 19<sup>th</sup> – Miriam & Ken Anderson
  - NOVEMBER “OUTREACH OFFERINGS” are designated for World Hunger.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager, Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany Michl; Donnie Pyne; Don Seipt; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron and Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Miriam Deal, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky; Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski, Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the grieving:** Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jeffrey Tapler