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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship – 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

AS WE GATHER – “Look unto Him... Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace” (LSB 528:5). The words of this well-loved hymn remind us that our justification—our being made right with God—comes as a gift from His storehouse of mercy. Even when sin is at its worst, the mercy of God is more powerful. Knowing that we are justified by His triumphant grace shapes our prayers and enlivens our praises. The song of our lives is one of triumphant joy in Jesus, the justifier.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Take This Bread”

by Edward Broughton

WELCOME [Please fill out prayer request cards.]

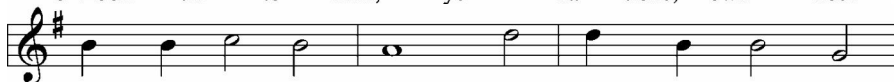
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🎵 **OPENING HYMN**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n. Amen.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Titus 3:4–7; Romans 3:22b–24

P *In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

P *When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,*

C **not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,**

P *by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

C **so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

P *For there is no distinction:*

C **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

P *and are justified by His grace as a gift,*

C **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

[Congregation sings: *tune: To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All*; Cantor sings: *tune: God Loved the World So That He Gave*]

C **To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**

*Cantor: God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.*

C **O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!**

*Cantor: God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.*

C **O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**

*Cantor: Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.*

C **Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

P *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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 56:10-13; antiphon: Ps. 56:3

P When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

C In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,

P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

C I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Firm Foundation

Chorus

1 Je - sus You're my firm foun - da - tion I know I can stand

4 se - cure Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion

7 I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word I put my hope in Your ho -

10 **Fine**

13 **Men** I have a liv - ing hope, **(Women)** (I have a liv - ing hope,)
Your Word is faith - ful (Your Word is faith - ful,)

16 I have a fu - ture (I have a fu - ture;) God has a plan for me,
Might - y in pow - er; (Might - y in pow - er;) God will de - liv - er me,
D.C. al Fine

(God has a plan for me.) of this I'm sure. (of this I'm sure.)
(God will de - liv - er me,) of this I'm sure. (of this I'm sure.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

REMEMBRANCE OF ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM *Matthew 13:55–56; Acts 15:13–14, 19*

P *We remember St. James of Jerusalem on this day, October 23. Known in historical Church writings as the brother of our Lord, James played a crucial role in the growth and development of the first Christian congregation in Jerusalem. The place of James in the family circle of Jesus is established in Matthew when local villagers at Nazareth ask of Jesus, "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And are not His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all His sisters with us?" James is numbered among the saints. We remember those special people of God as we sing the first stanza of the following hymn.*

By All Your Saints in Warfare [sung by congregation]

1. **By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.**

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P *The important role of James in the formation of the Early Christian Church was to a great part determined by the stand he took at a council of church leaders in Jerusalem in early apostolic times. When there was a debate as to whether or not Gentiles should be included with those who had been Jews in the Christian assembly, James opened the door of inclusion to them. Luke records the words of James, "Brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for His name. . . . Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God." After this time, Gentiles were welcomed by the Church in Jerusalem and beyond. We thank God for James as we sing.*

27. **We sing of James, Christ's brother,
Who at Jerusalem
Told how God loved the Gentiles
And, in Christ, welcomed them.
Rejoicing in salvation**

May we too, by God's grace,
Extend Christ's invitation
To all the human race.

👉 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Genesis 4:1–15

P / L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

P / L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

👉 ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 18:16b

C **Alleluia. Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–17

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

👉 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Thou Faithful God

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

1. O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing.
Who good and perfect gifts in mercy art bestowing,
Give me a healthy frame, and may I have within
A conscience free from blame, a soul unhurt by sin!
2. Grant Thou me strength to do with ready heart and willing
Whate'er Thou shalt command, my calling here fulfilling;
To do it when I ought, with all my might, and bless
The work I thus have wrought, for Thou must give success.
4. If dangers gather round, still keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross when life is dark and cheerless;
And let me win my foe with words and actions kind.
When counsel I would know, good counsel let me find.
6. If Thou a longer life hast here on earth decreed me;
If Thou through many ills to age at length wilt lead me,

Thy patience on me shed. Avert all sin and shame
And crown my aged head with honor free from blame.

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SERMON "THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR" Luke 18:9-17

- I. It's easy to think that "good" people go to heaven, and "bad" people go to hell.
- II. Jesus' parable this morning reminds us though that salvation isn't based on our works or goodness.

APOSTLE'S CREED

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING "D Minor Voluntary" by George Frederic Handel

OFFERTORY Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the whole Church, that through it, the goodness of God may be shared. We pray for those who lead the Church, as did St. James, the brother of the Lord, in the very first days of the Church in Jerusalem, that they may do so with devotion and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *We pray for the nations of the world, asking that voices that call for peace may be heard and that the rich bounty of creation may be carefully developed and thoughtfully shared. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer**
- P *We pray for our families and everyone in them. Especially we ask that there may be relationships between and among siblings that are marked with kindness. Remove any sense of envy from all of us, Lord, that we may rejoice in the gifts You have given to each of us. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *We pray for those whose work is dangerous and for those who feel that what they are doing is not noticed by others. Grant a sense of satisfaction to all people in their various vocations, that together we may rejoice in times of prosperity and in times of adversity may support one another. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *We pray for those whose lives know burdens and challenges. This day we commend to Your benediction [names] and all of Your children who are in need of the prayers here offered. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *We pray that our offerings are sacrifices acceptable to You, O Lord, and that, with Your blessing, they be used to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *With gratitude, we remember those who have completed their earthly journeys and who by faith now rejoice in the wonder that is the eternal home You have prepared for all who love You and all who await Your return with joyful anticipation. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P *These things and whatsoever else we should have asked of You, grant us by Your mercy, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.* C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- 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.**

BENEDICTION

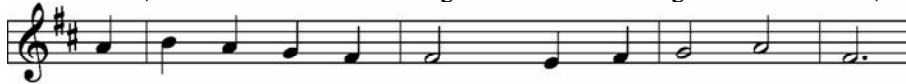
P The Lord bless You and keep you as His own.
 The Lord make His face to shine upon you with love and compassion.
 The Lord grant you His abiding presence and indwelling peace today and forever. C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: *Maxine Garber*]

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'Azmon'"

by Don Phillips

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

October 30: **"The Best Bequest"**; Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, Speaker

A legacy of faith is the best bequest, giving the gift of Jesus to those who come after you.
(Luke 12:19-21)