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And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Service of Holy Communion +
9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

by G. F. Handel

WELCOME

♫ [Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

♫ OPENING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.*
- C** **You have been our good and faithful Master.**
- P** *You have poured out blessings upon us.*
- C** **You have given us all we need to support this body and life.**
- P** *We meditate on all that You have done.*
- C** **We ponder the work of Your hands.**
- P** *On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.*
- C** **In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness. Heavenly Father,*
- C** **we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**
- P** *God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

INTROIT

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

- P** *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!*
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
P *Enter not into judgment with your servant,*
C **for no one living is righteous before you.**
P *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;*
C **I ponder the work of your hands.**
P *I stretch out my hands to you;*
C **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
P *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!*
C **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**
P *For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!*
C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**
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 *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!*
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: **Almighty and Ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7–16

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 25:29a

All: **Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

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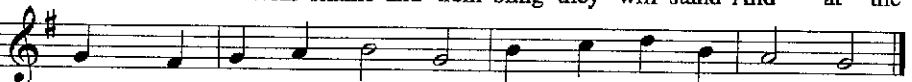
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
treas - ures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5. My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6. May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERMON

“THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD”

Zephaniah 1:7-16

- I. Zephaniah describes the Last Day as “a day of wrath.”
- II. Since Jesus took God’s wrath upon Himself, the Last Day for God’s people will be “a day of salvation.

✠NICENE CREED

C 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 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 worshipped 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Dear Heavenly Father, You have placed us in various vocations for the sake of Your people. Strengthen us when we face challenges and trials that would tempt us to abandon Your Church. Forgive us when we go astray. Bring back all those who have wandered from the faith. Hear our prayer, O Lord.*
- C** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in Your Church, that we work together for the common good and spread the good news of Your kingdom to all nations. Hear our prayer, O Lord.*
- C** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in the governments of the world, that citizens of all nations might be treated with fairness and justice. Hear our prayer, O Lord.*
- C** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Lord, the day of Jesus’ return is drawing near. Give us patience and faith as we await His return. Embolden us to serve our neighbors and never grow weary of doing good. Hear our prayer, O Lord.*
- C** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Lord, disease and devastation have infected so much of Your creation, but we know Your healing is always close at hand. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, and injustice, [especially . . .] Heal them according to Your will, and send justice for the oppressed. Hear our prayer, O Lord.*
- C** **Give ear to our pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P *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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

C **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

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

**During Communion: Trio
Communion Interlude**

***"O Who Are We, O Lord Our God"
"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"***

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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 in 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.**

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

G Amen.

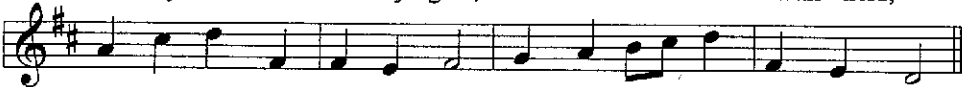
CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

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- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Lindsay Monasmith*]

POSTLUDE

"Jerusalem, the Golden"

by E. L. Ashford

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