

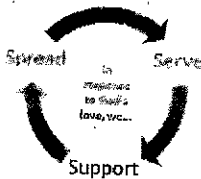
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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM  
+ Service of Holy Communion +  
Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

**AS WE GATHER** – *During Holy Week, Jesus announced that the temple would be destroyed, and that started a discussion about calamities in history and the Last Day. All that Jesus said would happen is already part of history: wars, earthquakes, famines, floods, and astronomical events. The signs of the times tell us the Last Day is near. For some people, it will be a time of judgment, but for followers of our Lord, His return will be a sign that our “redemption is drawing near.” Malachi says in joy they “shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.” And the psalm calls on all creation to rejoice. Even the rivers should “clap their hands!” Before that Last Day, Paul urges, we ought to rely on the Lord’s faithfulness, get to work, and try not to be a burden to anyone. Today is already a day to “sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things” (Psalm 98:1).*

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“A Morning Prelude”*

by Ernest H. Sheppard

### WELCOME

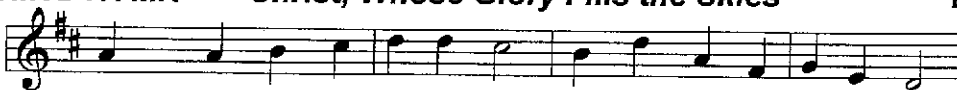
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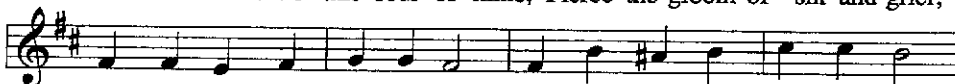
### ♫ OPENING HYMN

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

LSB 873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;

(continued)



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Luke 21

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{-I-}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *When many say, "The time is at hand,"*
- C** **do not go after them.**
- P** *When you hear of wars and tumults,*
- C** **do not be terrified.**
- P** *When you are brought before kings and governors for My name's sake,*
- C** **I will give you a mouth and wisdom.**
- P** *When these things begin to take place,*
- C** **straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
- C** **But, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
- P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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  $\text{-I-}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

## KYRIE



**C** **Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

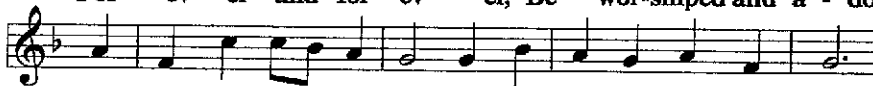
## Glory to God in the Highest



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** Heavenly Father, Your Son promised to return to judge the world. By Your Holy Spirit keep us strong in faith that we straighten up as our redemption draws near and welcome the joyful new day as it dawns; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**Malachi 4:1-6**

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ♩ ALLELUIA



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 21:5-28*

☐ *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.*

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

☐ *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

☐ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ♩ YOUTH MESSAGE

*[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

LSB 508



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

(continued)



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 SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

*Malachi 4:1-6*

- I. The prophet Malachi talks of Jesus' return as the "Sun of Righteousness" when "all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble."
- II. Tough we too are often arrogant and evildoers, God will shield us at Christ's return in His grace and forgiveness.

## ♪ NICENE CREED

☪ 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.

## ♪ OFFERING / HANDBELL SELECTION

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

# OFFERTORY

## Lift Up Your Heads, O Faithful Flock

James Pierce

MILWAUKEE  
August Lemke, 1820–1913



1 Lift up your heads, O faith - ful flock. Be - hold, our  
2 Like fire His com - ing shall de - stroy All those who



Sav - ior shall re - turn. Then shall a new day end the  
live in hate and sin. E - ter - nal peace and heav'n - ly



night, Then may we gloom and e - vil spurn. The sun of  
joy Our Sav - ior then shall ush - er in. Like calves giv'n



righteous-ness shall rise, With heat - ing in His wings, a sign:  
free - dom from their pen We'll jump for joy and sing a - gain:



The new day dawns with joy. New songs shall we em - ploy.  
Praise Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! The new day has be - gun!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

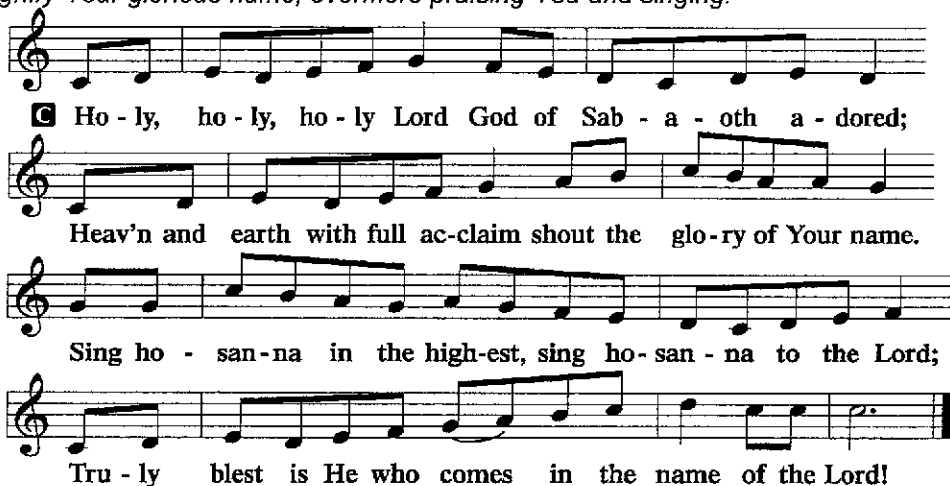
Based on Psalm 98:1, 3, 7–8

- P** *Let us pray for the Church around the world, all people in their various circumstances, and ourselves as we all await our Lord's return.*
- C** **Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**
- P** *Lord of the Church, strengthen the resolve and increase the joy of clergy and lay leaders as they bear the news of all the marvelous things You have done. Through their efforts and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, grant that many come to faith and rejoice on Your return.*
- C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- P** *In all the nations of the world, heavenly Father, guide those who are in seats of authority. Give them wisdom to rule in compassion and justice and provide for the common good of all their citizens.*
- C** **He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- P** *Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of those in ill health, sorrow, or stress, [including . . .]; bring Your wholeness to them that they return thanks and praise to You.*
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**
- P** *O Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, move musicians and poets, artists and actors to use their talents to praise Your name, confront the ills of society, and inspire those who hear and see them to acts of love and good works.*
- C** **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.**

- P** *Lord Jesus, accompany all who travel on the sea or land, in air or space; give insight to those who must deal with changing weather; and provide for all who farm, transport, and distribute the bounty of Your good creation.*
- C** **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**
- P** *Confident of Your ordering all things, we commend to Your care all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 suffered, died, and rose for us so that when He returns it will be like the dawning of a new day. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** *We give thanks, Lord our God, that You have shown Your people signs and wonders so that they know Your gracious promises and the fulfillment of all Your prophecies. You made us, called us to Yourself, and gave us faith to trust You. At the right time You sent Your Son into this creation of time and space. By His death and resurrection, He has opened eternity to us. The signs of the times that our Lord foresaw have all occurred, and now we eagerly await His return as the sun of righteousness. We give thanks for His redemption and ask that by Your Holy Spirit we faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*
- 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.")

[Remain standing]

### ♩ AGNUS DEI

### Lamb of God

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

### ♩ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### SOLO SELECTION *"In Remembrance of Me"*

Marisa Showalter

#### *Your Table I Approach*

LSB 628

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

(continued)





Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5. O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
 That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament  
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6. Oh, may I never fail  
 To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood,  
 O God, my peace and light.

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*Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray*

LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

5. But while watching, also pray  
 To the Lord unceasing.  
 God protects you day by day,  
 Strength and faith increasing,  
 So that still  
 Mind and will  
 Shall unite to serve Him  
 And forever love Him.

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## ¶ NUNC DIMITTIS

## Song of Simeon

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

¶ *Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.*

All: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

¶ *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.*

¶ Amen.

## DISMISSAL

¶ *Go in peace as you serve the Lord.*

¶ Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and  
 5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and  
 firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.  
 dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joice! Re-joyce! Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing!

6. At last the march shall end;                      7. Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The wearied ones shall rest;                      The Lord whom we adore:  
 The pilgrims find their home at last,            The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*                      One God forevermore. *Refrain Amen.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

by Jeffrey Blersch

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