

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 27

November 8, 2020 11:00 AM

### FOR THOSE DESIRING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.)*



### THINK ABOUT THIS

We hear today these words from the apostle Paul concerning everlasting life: “We will always be with the Lord.” Our Lord makes His presence known today in His Word and in the Lord’s Supper. You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Immeasurably

**More”**

Bridge, Chorus) (based on 1 Corinthians 2:9 and Ephesians 3:20)

**More than all we ask**

**Than all we seek**

**All our hopes and dreams**

**You are immeasurably more**

**Than we can know**

**Than we can pray**

**All our words can say**

**You are immeasurably more**

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus,

**Chorus:**

**There's nothing greater than Your love**

**You're more than we can imagine**

**There's nothing sweeter on this earth**

**You're more than we can imagine**

**Our hearts respond to who You are**

**It's You oh Lord that we adore**

**You are more, You are more**

**You're more than we can imagine**

**You are more, You are more  
You're more than we can imagine**

**More than all our sin  
Than all our shame  
Stronger than the grave  
You are immeasurably more  
I can't help but sing  
Can't help but praise  
My heart can not contain  
You are immeasurably more Chorus**

**Bridge:  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard  
What is coming, what is coming  
Never-ending joy, never-failing love  
You are coming, You are coming [x2]**

**"All Who Are Thirsty"  
(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse)  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**All who are thirsty,  
All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy.  
As deep cries out to deep**

**Holy Spirit, come....**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come...**

**WELCOME**

## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

**O Lord, make haste to help us!**

May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!

**May we say evermore, "God is great!"**

For Christ is coming soon.

**Soon, He will descend from the heavens.**

Soon, He will raise the dead.

**And we will always be with the Lord.**

He is our help and our deliverer.

**O Lord, do not delay!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Heavenly Father,

**we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. 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 encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.**

God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. 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.

**Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

**"Everlasting God"** (Based on Isaiah 40:29-31)

*(repeat once)*

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,**

**We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.  
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.**

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, encourage us with Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments, that we be strengthened for service to You and our neighbors as we await the return of Jesus, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

##### **AMOS 5:18–24**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to...

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **MATTHEW 25:1–13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **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 men 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 worshiped 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.

#### CHILDREN'S SONG                    "Firm Foundation"

*(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)\*=echo*

Jesus, You're my firm foundation,  
I know I can stand secure;  
Jesus, You're my firm foundation,  
I put my hope in Your holy Word,  
put my hope in Your holy Word,

I have a living hope, \*  
I have a future; \*  
God has a plan for me, \*  
Of this I'm sure. \* Chorus

Your Word is faithful, \*  
Mighty in power;  
God will deliver me, \*  
Of this I'm sure. \*

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

##### SONG

##### "Even So Come "

*(based on Revelation 22:12)*

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus)*

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon  
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let every nation, shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon.

**Chorus**

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon. Chorus

**Bridge**

So we wait, we wait for You  
God we wait, You're coming soon  
So we wait, we wait for You  
God we wait, You're coming soon. Chorus 2x

**MESSAGE**

*(The offering will be received at the end of the service)*

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)*

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world have mercy on us.  
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world have mercy on us.  
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world give us Your peace.

## RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### SONG

#### "No Longer Slaves"

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Bridge)*

You unravel me, with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance, from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

#### Chorus:

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again, into a family  
Your blood flows through my veins

#### Bridge:

You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
My fears are drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God  
You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
My fears are drowned in perfect love

**You rescued me so I would stand and sing  
I am a child of God  
I am a child of God  
I am a child of God  
I am a child of God**

### **BLESSING AND PEACE**

May the true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

### **PRAYER OF THANKS**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

#### **SONG**

#### **“Benediction”**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse)*

**May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord smile on you  
Shine His light upon you  
May the Lord lift you  
Turn His face towards you  
Give you His peace  
Give you His peace**

#### **Chorus:**

**Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father  
The Spirit and the Son  
Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father  
The Spirit and the Son**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us  
May the Lord smile on us  
Shine His light upon us**

May the Lord lift us  
Turn His face towards us  
Give us His peace  
Give us His peace

**LEAVING** *(Please wait to be dismissed row-by-row. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.)*

**OFFERING** *(The offering plates are in the back of the church).*

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