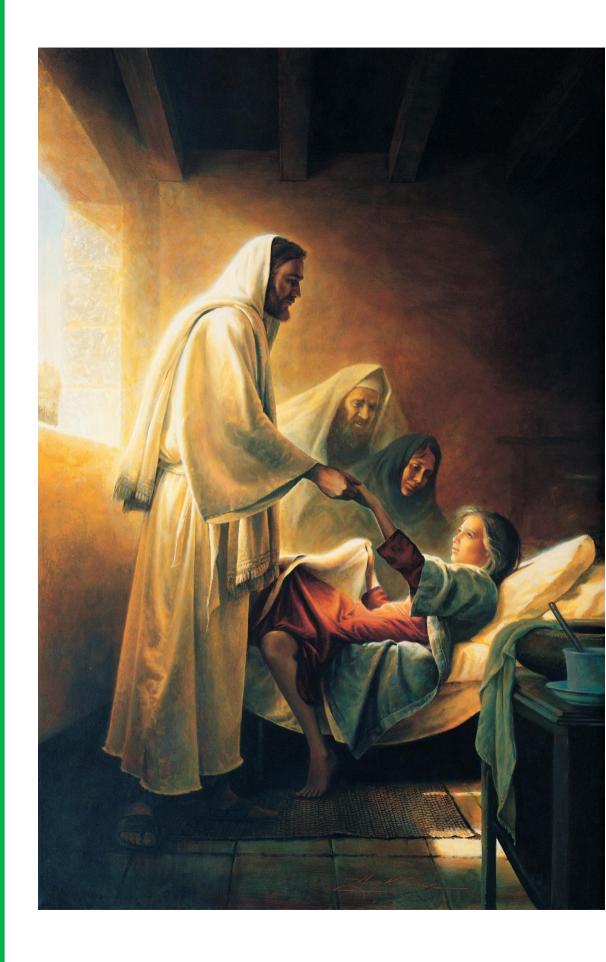


NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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E BELIEVE THAT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD ARE TRULY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PRESENT AND ARE TRULY ADMINISTERED WITH THOSE THINGS THAT ARE SEEN (BREAD AND WINE) TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT. WE CONSTANTLY DEFEND THIS BELIEF, AS THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND CONSIDERED. SINCE PAUL SAYS, "THE BREAD THAT WE BREAK, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST?" (1

CORINTHIANS 10:16), IT WOULD FOLLOW THAT IF THE LORD'S BODY WERE NOT TRULY PRESENT, THE BREAD IS NOT A COMMUNION OF THE BODY, BUT ONLY OF CHRIST'S SPIRIT. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT NOT ONLY THE ROMAN CHURCH AFFIRMS CHRIST'S BODILY PRESENCE. THE GREEK CHURCH ALSO NOW BELIEVES, AND FORMERLY BELIEVED, THE SAME. THEIR CANON OF THE MASS TESTIFIES TO THIS. IN THE CANON THE PRIEST CLEARLY PRAYS THAT THE BREAD MAY BE CHANGED AND BECOME CHRIST'S VERY BODY.

-APOLOGY. ARTICLE X. THE HOLY SUPPER, 54-55.

# **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE**

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved". -*Augsburg Confession*. Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a.



# **PRELUDE**

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Bernard Schumacher

#### **WELCOME**

# Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross.



# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

#### Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Tenth Commandment:

- Am I discontented with the spouse the Lord God has given me?
- Am I discontented with the job I have or the employees I supervise?
- Have I neglected to urge someone to remain faithful to his or her spouse?
- Have I wanted my neighbor's husband or wife, boyfriend or girlfriend, workers or property to be mine?
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.

Standing

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 95:1-4; antiphon: Psalm 95:6-7a



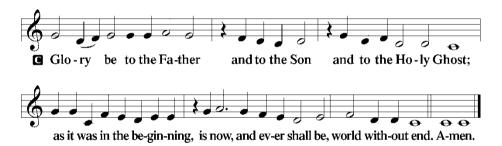
- Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

  let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

  For he | is our God,\*

  and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.
- Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*

  let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
- Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\* let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
- For the LORD is a | great God,\* and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- In his hand are the depths | of the earth;\*
  the heights of the mountains are his | also.



Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

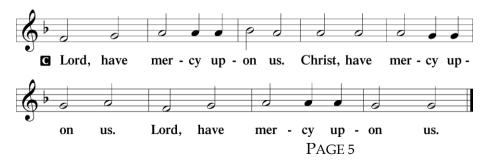
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# KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- E Let us pray.

  Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sitting

PROPHECY Isaiah 51:9–16

A The Prophecy for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

- A In those days the prophet Isaiah spoke, saying: "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, and wounded the serpent? Are You not the One who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a road for the redeemed to cross over? So ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away. I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die, and of the son of a man who will be
- made like grass? And you forget the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth; you have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor? The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed, that he should not die in the pit, and that his bread should not fail. But I am the LORD your God, who divided the sea whose waves roared—the LORD of hosts is His name. And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I plant the heavens, lay may foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, 'You are My people.' "

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

GRADUAL Psalm 116:8, 1



- You have delivered my | soul from death,\*
  my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.
- I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*
  my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

# EPISTLE Colossians 1:9b-14

- **A** The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter one.
- A Brethren: We do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and
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- **C** Thanks be to God.

longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ALLELUIA AND VERSE



L With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

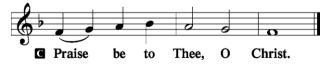


HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:18–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



- P At that time: While Jesus was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has saved you." And the woman was made well from that hour. When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4
the Father Almighty, Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible. Colossians 1:16

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God, John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds, John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light, John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God, Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made, John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father, John 10:30
by Whom all things were made; Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3

Who for us men and for our salvation 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23

came down from heaven John 6:41; Luke 15:20

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary Luke 1:34-35

and was made man; John 1:14

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18

He suffered and was buried. John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures  ${\tt 1}$  Corinthians  ${\tt 15:4}$ ; Luke  ${\tt 24:6}$ 

and ascended into heaven Acts 1:9

and sits at the right hand of the Father. Acts 7:55

And He will come again with glory Matthew 26:64

to judge both the living and the dead, Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12

Whose kingdom will have no end. 2 Peter 1:11

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38

the Lord and giver of life, Genesis 1:2; John 3:6

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, John 15:26

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14

Who spoke by the prophets. Ezekiel 11:5

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, Ephesians 4:5

and I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthians 15:35-49: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

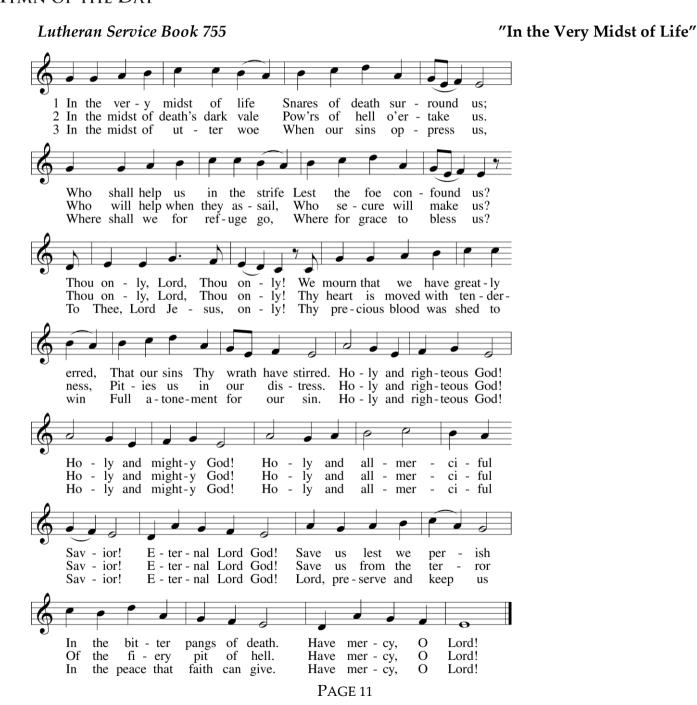
and the life + of the world to come. Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42

Amen. Psalm 106:48

- **P** What is the Introduction?
- Our Father who art in heaven.
- **P** What does this mean?
- With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear fathers.

Sitting

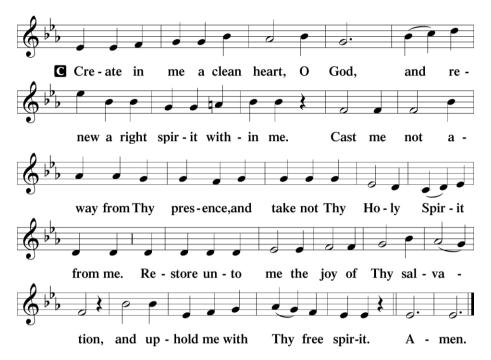
### HYMN OF THE DAY



### **SERMON**

Standing

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10–12



Sitting

# **OFFERING**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

George J. Elvey

Standing

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- Awake, O Lord, and heal the wounds of Your people. Strengthen those You have redeemed, that they may lead worthy and fruitful lives in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who preach the whole counsel of Your Word. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our bishop; David, our circuit visitor; and all who serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that they may proclaim the saving Gospel with boldness and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Teach us to resist temptation and walk in the good works that You have prepared for us beforehand. Give us faith, that we may always believe Your Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, You have established all authorities for the good of Your creation. Bless our leaders, including those recently elected, that they would serve with the general welfare of all always in view. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father in heaven, remember in kindness all who cry out to You in affliction [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_]. Grant that they would rejoice in Your faithfulness and await deliverance from their suffering with patience. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, Your presence abides with us in the body and blood of Christ in His blessed Sacrament. Call us in faith to worship and receive Him here, adoring Him as our rock and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3* 

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

# **PREFACE**

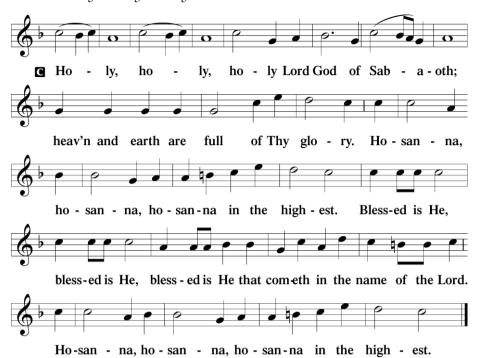
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Kneeling or sitting forward.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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,

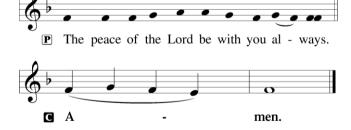
but deliver us from evil.

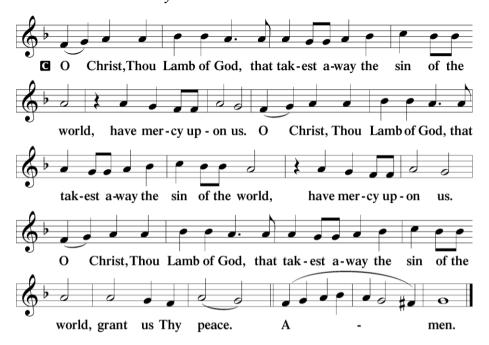
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



# PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord







Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

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 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. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

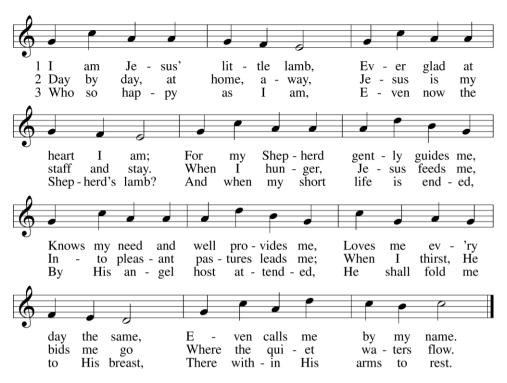
For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

#### Lutheran Service Book 752

"Be Still, My Soul"







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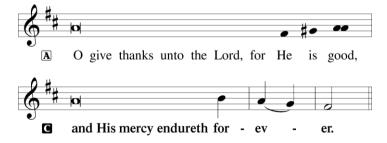
# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

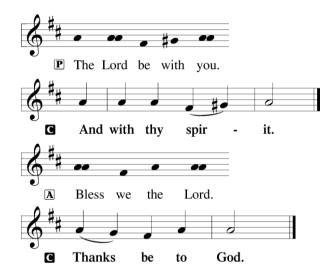


#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- **P** 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. Keep us firm 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.
- C Amen.

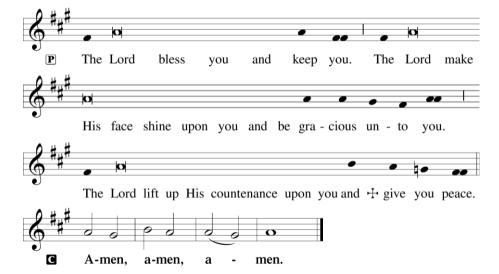
# SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Lutheran Service Book 474

#### "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"



# **POSTLUDE**

Before the Lord We Bow

John Darwall



# SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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The Rev. David V. Miller, Pastor

#### Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders* Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte* Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer* 

#### **Organist**

Laura Darden, Director of Music

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

#### Altar Guild

Lucie Woolery/Kati & Hank Durden

#### Usher(s)

Isaac Beckman/Tracy Woolery

#### Fellowship Host(s)

Darlene Beckman

# SERVING NEXT WEEK

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The Schoellen family



OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

This Week's Calendar		
Sunday 11/10	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity  Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship
Monday 11/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 11/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 11/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Staff Appreciation Reception	Closed Closed 4:30 PM
Sunday 11/17	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Chili Cook-Off	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship

# LOVING THE LORD

#### + Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel

Sundays at 9:00 A.M. Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

#### + Small Group Bible Study: The Books of the Church

Sunday January 26 at 3:30 P.M.: Judith; Wisdom of Solomon; Tobit Sunday February 23 at 3:30 P.M.: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach); Baruch; The Letter of Jeremiah Sunday March 23 at 3:30 P.M.: 1 & 2 Maccabees Pastor Miller's home (see church directory for address)

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website (cph.org). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via apocrypha.org.

#### + November Is Stewardship Month!

Pledge Sunday is November 24

During the month of November, please take a moment to prayerfully consider the many special ways the Lord will work through you in the next calendar year. Your time, talent, and treasures will be used to bless His kingdom here at Ascension as well as the greater community. You will receive a packet of stewardship materials to serve as a guide for how you will make a difference for the Lord. At the end of the month, please submit your pledges to the Lord, as we also recognize all our current volunteers and their service. God has a lot to do here at Ascension, and we're excited for you to be a part of it!

#### **→** ON BREAK: Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Cancelled for Thanksgiving Holiday

On Sunday, December 1 there will be no 9:00 A.M. education classes for adults or children.

#### + Advent Midweek Mass

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 P.M. Church sanctuary

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path!" We heed John the Baptist by preparing our hearts to receive our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming. Advent Midweek Mass will help us to do so. Join us during the three Wednesdays in Advent as we focus on our Lord's return. This year's theme is, *Rejoice: The Lord is at Hand!* 

# **+** Advent Party

Sunday, December 8, following Mass. Church sanctuary

Join us as we decorate the Lord's house for Christmas. A lunch of bratwurst and hotdogs will be served for all volunteers in attendance for the event. Thank you!

# + Donations for Open Arms Christmas Reception

Donations of baked goods for the hospitality table at the Open Arms Christmas Program reception are being received. Please bring your donation to the church office no later than the day of the program, Friday, December 13. Also, we are looking for volunteers to attend the program at 4:00 P.M. and greet and serve families afterward. Please let Pastor or Darlene know if you are available to serve in this way. Thank you!

#### + Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the sanctuary with seasonal poinsettias. These beautiful red blooms lend a festive air to the church chancel. If you would like to place an order, please do so using the green card located by the bulletins in the narthex along with a form of payment in the amount of \$18. When placing your order, please be sure to indicate if the poinsettia is being dedicated in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a loved one who is living. Please remember to take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Day Mass. The deadline to receive orders is Sunday, December 15.

#### + Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass with Carols by Candlelight: Tuesday, 12/24 at 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Mass: Wednesday, 12/25 at 10:00 A.M.

#### + Sermons on YouTube

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

# + Staff Appreciation Reception: Homero & Samantha Salgado/Patrice Merkerson-Moore

Saturday November 16 at 4:30 P.M. Church fellowship hall

We give God thanks to Homero and his wife Samantha Salgado for more than two decades of service to our church and school as they have served us tirelessly on the staff. Also, Patrice Merkerson-Moore is celebrating 30 years as a teacher at Open Arms. In honor of them and in gratitude to the Lord, we are inviting both members of the congregation and friends from Open Arms to join us for drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. By doing so, we wish to express to them our appreciation for the many things God has done for us through their many years of gracious service. If you wish to attend, please register on the signup sheet in the narthex.

#### + Eleventh Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday November 17, following Mass Church fellowship hall

For eleven years, the Chili Cook-Off has been held every November at Ascension. Contestants have had opportunity to win one of three awards: Tastiest; Spiciest; and Most Original. Anyone may enter their chili. If you would like to register, please print your first and last names, as well as print the name of your chili. The number next to your name on the signup sheet is the number by which you should place chili on the day of the Cook-Off. Numbers will be set up. Anyone may also attend the event to taste the chilis and vote as a judge. One suggestion for all contestants: please bring your chili in a crock-pot to keep it warm and ready to serve.

#### + Ascension Goes to the Movies: Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.

Saturday November 23 at 4:00 P.M. AMC Parkway Pointe 15 3101 Cobb Pkwy, Atlanta (Marietta)

Did you know that Dietrich Bonhoeffer was not only a Lutheran pastor, but a brave dissident to Adolf Hitler's regime? His story is fascinating! Join the Ascension family on Saturday, November 23 for an evening at the movie theater to check out the new release, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin*. The story is all about how Bonhoeffer joins a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler and save millions of Jews. Tickets will be purchased at a 50% discount as part of a group bundle, so please email Jeni Miller at mrsjenimiller@gmail.com by Sunday, November 10 if you would like to attend.

### + Diaper Shower for Baby Boy Licht

Sunday November 24, following Mass Church fellowship hall

Ryan, Haley, and Oaklen are looking forward to meeting their new baby boy this December, so let's help them prepare with a diaper shower! Please stay after church for cake and a brief reception to celebrate. Members and friends of Ascension are invited to drop off gifts at a designated table in the narthex. The Lichts are also registered online at Amazon.com, but diapers of any size and wipes are especially welcome. No RSVP necessary, but you're welcome to direct your questions to Jeni Miller at (847)401-0479 or mrsjenimiller@gmail.com. Hooray!

#### + The Nutcracker Ballet

Friday 11/29 and Saturday 11/30 at 7:30 P.M. Sunday 12/1 at 5:00 P.M. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre at the Cobb Civic Center 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060

The Ascension family (and friends) are invited to come out and see the classic ballet *The Nutcracker*, presented by Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre, from November 29 through December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend). Ascension member Eden Miller will be dancing in all three evening performances. For more details or to purchase tickets, please visit georgiametrodance.org/tickets.

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#### Celebrations

Birthdays:

♣ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

♣ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

♣ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

♣ None this week

#### **Recent Requests**

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- → Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- H Michelle Lovell (mother of Grayson Beckman's fiancée)
- + Hellen Kalugendo
- + Donald Licht
- ♣ Michelle Noel
- + Evan Woolery (son of Tracy and Lucie Woolery)

For those requesting special prayers:

- + The health and wellbeing of all the unborn, especially the children of Isaac & Bekah Beckman and Ryan & Haley Licht.
- + Faith Lutheran Church and School in Marietta, that God would provide them with a faithful pastor and principal.

#### **Ongoing Requests**

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ♣ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- → Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
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   Zachary Harmon (grandson of Steve and Patty Harmon, friends of Ascension)
- + Ruth Henry
- + Betty Licht
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- +
   Jackie Sherwood (grandmother of Bekah Beckman)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- 🕂 Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- $oldsymbol{+}$  LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- 🕂 Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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