

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Resurrection of the Body

November 11 & 12, 2017

5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with “the last things.” The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives. In the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God’s good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord. Paul writes, “We shall all be changed.” Our faithful worship helps us prepare for that glorious event!

PRE-SERVICE BELL ANTHEM (8:00) *“An American Medley”*

WELCOME

MINISTRY MOMENT Groundwork Guatemala

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. (Psalm 84:4-5, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL

“God of Our Fathers”

LW#501

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies;
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day’
Fill all our lives with heav’n born love and grace
Until at last we meet before your face.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy.

Pastor: All nations will come and worship you,

People: for your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Father, we bring before you our confession, imploring your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to you. O Lord, grant us your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

HYMN #763 **“When Peace, Like a River”** Stanzas 1 & 4
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18–24* (The Lord calls for justice.)

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, 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. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18* (The Day of the Lord is coming.)

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 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. 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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00) *“In Christ Alone”*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1–13* (The parable of the wise and foolish virgins)

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 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.’ 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. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #509 **“Christ Is Surely Coming”**

Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and Stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star;
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!

See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring All He loves to give,
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

SERMON ***"Looking Forward With Hope"*** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

(Rise)

CREED *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article, we confess that our bodies are a gift of God. It is the gracious action of our Creator that continues to preserve us during our earthly life. That care continues beyond death as we look forward to everlasting life. We confess:

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty God, as we await the Day of the Lord with eager expectation, we pray that you would keep us in constant readiness through the pure preaching and teaching of your holy Word, that we remain steadfast in the faith until your Son returns in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, as we await our Lord's second coming, we must endure many trials, troubles, and tribulation here on earth. Bless and we with the family and friends of those who died in the tragic church shooting last weekend. Comfort their hearts and fill their souls with faith and hope as they long for deliverance from this troubled world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Everlasting Father, grant that your people may remain faithful in receiving the spiritual nourishment that You provide for them in Word and Sacrament, that they may not be found lacking when the Bridegroom comes for His Bride, the Church. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all, we thank and praise you for the sacrificial service of our veterans on this Veteran's Day weekend. Grant us to give them the honor and respect due for their service to our nation. Guard and protect all the men and women of our armed services, and grant them to serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Church is a beacon of light to a dark and dying world. Grant your Church zeal in proclaiming the light of Christ to others as the day approaches, that many may be gathered into your Kingdom and saved from wrath. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, we pray that you would grant your help to all who are in need, especially those who are sick, including John, Dee, Dan, Jeff, Doris, Judy, Jonathan, Manley, Jerry, Debbie, Pat, Charles, Ruth, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Ervin, Matthew, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, LuEva,

Jean, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Helen, Leonard, Cliff and Sarah, that they may receive healing as you will and that they may be strengthened and comforted in their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of every blessing, you pour out your goodness upon us day by day, and we are thankful. We join with the Burkee family as they rejoice in Marge Becker's 96th birthday as well as Nick and Jeannie Fischer who celebrate their 2nd Anniversary.

People: Bless us with the eyes of faith that see all your earthly gifts and hearts that are truly grateful to you, our God.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you give us the very body and blood of your Son to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Grant that we receive this great gift with thankfulness and to our everlasting benefit. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, as the end approaches, we have continual need of faithful preachers and teachers who will speak to us the Word of truth. Grant us pastors, teachers, deaconesses and other church workers who will not shrink from proclaiming the full counsel of your Word, that your people may be blessed through them. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, grant that we may not mourn and grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life that is everlasting. Bless and comfort the Krueger and Ross families, as they remember Ralph. In times of grief, may we always find our hope and comfort in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

"Lamb of God"

Stanzas 1 & 3

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**
(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

BELL ANTHEM (8:00) "There is a Redeemer"

HYMN #663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'er taken; For the foe, Well we know,
In a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.

Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
Lest withhold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.

Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within, All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.

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.

HYMN #941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that you will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

HYMN #911 “Lord, This Day We’ve Come to Worship”

Lord, this day we’ve come to worship; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Grace us with Your blessed presence; Blessed Savior, be our host.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Lord!

In the pow’r of resurrection We have come to praise the Lord,
Celebrate His blessed supper, And to learn His holy Word. **Refrain**

May Your Word enrich our spirit, Give us strength to do Your will,
Show the kingdom we’ll inherit, When at last our voice is still. **Refrain**

As we meet our blessed Savior At the Table of the Lord,
May this body broken for us Strength and comfort, Lord, afford. **Refrain**

Celebrate the resurrection In the church and sing His praise,
Till we come to true perfection: Serve the Lord through all our days. **Refrain**

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at your gracious Table. Strengthen us through this blessed gift as we prepare for and await the final coming of Jesus, our Lord, the Bridegroom of the Church. Keep us steadfast throughout our sojourn on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in your kingdom, where perfect joy abounds eternally. This we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God the Father bless your lives and your deeds with His peace. God the ☩ Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and your days with hope. God the Holy Spirit be with you to make your lives expressions of God’s gracious and abiding love, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Stanzas 1,2,3,7,8

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;

He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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