

Sunday, November 8, 2020
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through Jesus' death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the
light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5: 18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or

sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Response after reading.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTATION OF 2ND GRADE BIBLE

PRAYERS

Response after each prayer petition...

Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.)

Your continued financial giving is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

- Drop your offering in the plates by the Sanctuary doors.
- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
- Give by texting 833.914.1465
- Simply Giving sign up by contacting Financial Secretary Scott Mueller at 608.588.5702 or scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com.
- GIVEPLUS Vanco Payment solutions, Go to the App Store or Google Play and search "give plus church"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST COMMUNION LITURGY - Based on Luther's Small Catechism

P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

First Communion Youth: The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and drink in remembrance of him.

P: Jesus Christ's introduction of the Lord's Supper is found in the gospels of Matthew (26: 26-28), Mark (14: 22-25), Luke (22: 14-20), and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (11: 23-26). Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given us through the words that Jesus says, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." Those who believe Jesus' words and partake in Holy Communion receive these gifts.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the parents and family members that support and love them, including their extended CLC family, and help every one of us to see ourselves, others, and the world through Jesus' eyes. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION (Please share in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your pew or home. Use whatever you have available for the hosts (such as wine or grape juice and bread or crackers) and remember that we Lutherans believe in Communion in one kind, so if you only have bread or crackers that is sufficient to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember and serve the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 8th, 2020

Those in prayer: Joan Utzig, Lynne Gordon (Sharon & Russ Jones' daughter), Clarence Taplin, George Buringa (Tara's father-in-law), Gaile Meister (Tara Buringa's mother), Bruce Scholler, Margaret Akins, David Williams, Derrick Gee, Bill Gruber, Ken Tiedt, the family and friends of the recently departed Gary Brown (Barb Baxter's brother), the family and friends of the recently departed Marcella Ikeler (Al Ikeler's mother), the family and friends of Glenn Seehusen (Brian Pittman's uncle)

Please notify the office when you are ready for your loved one to be taken off of the prayer list.

Upcoming Worship Services

Nov 8th In-person and virtual

Nov 15th Virtual worship

Nov 22nd In-person and virtual

Nov 29th Virtual worship

Congratulations to the youth and their families who are receiving their first communion today!

Alaina Eberle, Charlotte Stangl, Kyllie Smith and Kenley Straka

Congratulations to Konnor Straka on receiving his bible today!

Little Food Pantry

Thank you to all who donate to our Little Food pantry! Please keep the items coming! For now we are doing well on pasta. Some items that seem to be popular are canned veggies and fruits, macaroni and cheese with the cheese sauce packets, cereal, peanut butter, granola bars or crackers and spaghetti sauce.

Church Mailboxes

Will be cleaned out on Nov. 10, so please clear out prior to that if there is anything you'd like to keep. Thank you for your attention to this matter.