

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Faith Lutheran Church
Steadfast and Faithful
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As We Gather: In today’s Readings, we hear warnings about the coming day of the Lord. Such warnings can fill us with fear and questions. But we are also encouraged by God’s faithfulness and steadfastness. He protects us from the assaults of Satan. He establishes us and keeps us. He directs our hearts toward love. “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ” (2 Thessalonians 3:5). God grant us such hearts!

PREPARATION

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

God's Kids Opening [Song, Message and prayer]

Children of the Heavenly Father #725 sts. 1–2

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.

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Sharing of Peace:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

(The people and pastor greet each other in the name of the Lord.)

Hymn O Sing to the Lord #808 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
5 For Je-sus is Lord! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! For Je-sus is



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Lord! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! For Je-sus is Lord! A-



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blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
men! Al-le-lu-ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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Opening Sentences

- P** The Lord is faithful.
- C** He establishes us and guards us against Satan.

- P** The Lord is steadfast.
- C** He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.

- P** We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.
- C** May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.

Confession and Absolution

- P** In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son 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.

C Amen. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.

WORD

Introit *Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

C Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

C who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Hymn The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

#348 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading*Malachi 4:1–6*

(The day of the

Lord is coming.)

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*2 Thessalonians 3:1–13*

(Paul warns against

idleness.)

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s

bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Luke 21:5–28* (Jesus prophesies the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the

synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment #511



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; Tell the
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— Those re -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
 news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
 pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
 come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
 des - ert For the one who brings God near.
 chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
 pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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Sermon "In Christ, We are Secured" - Luke 21:5-28

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove from our lives those things that are not beneficial and to lead quiet, peaceful lives that honor You. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord, we are frequently tempted toward laziness and slothfulness. Strengthen us to not be idle or lazy, but to work diligently for the good of our neighbors. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord, we pray for all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance. Be with them, Lord, and surround them with friends and community so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C **but hasten our salvation.**

P Lord, we pray that Your Word might speed ahead so that all people hear the Good News of Your salvation. Embolden us to share that Good News with others. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C but hasten our salvation.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

C but hasten our salvation.

Other Petitions. [O Jesus Christ, do not delay, **but hasten our salvation.**]

P Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering and Contemporary Song “10,000 Reasons”

Prayer Before Communion:

P Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank You for Your mercy to those You created, sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Saviour. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.

C **Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He taught us.**

Lord’s Prayer

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 Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution Hymns

For Me to Live Is Jesus #742



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,

No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

Text: Ein schön geistlich Gesangbuch, 1609, Jena; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615. Text and tune: Public domain

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide #355



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?

O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

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The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honour and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the † Son and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Built on the Rock

#645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



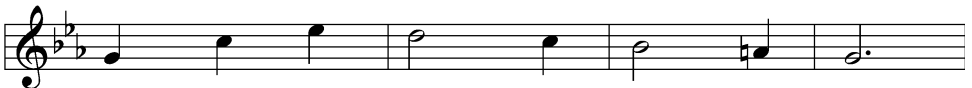
steeples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 11 we celebrated Remembrance Day. Today we pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour them now with 2-minute silence, and then we will sing 2 stanzas of O Canada (see insert or monitors.)

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