



SERVICE OF COMMUNION – 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader [TFF]=This Far By Faith Hymnal *=Stand if you are able

OPENING

PRELUDE

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] Amen

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*** SHARING THE PEACE:**

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

***OPENING HYMN – Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise Him**

[Congregation] **Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!**

Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same,

He's worthy! Jesus is worthy! He's worthy to be praised!

Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory!

Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer, in Him I will always trust!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised. Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] **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.

First Reading: Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light;
¹⁹as 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. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I
hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even 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. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

MUSICAL SELECTION : If It Had Not Been For The Lord, On My Side

If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side, Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where Would I Be?
If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side, Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where Would I Be?

He Kept My Enemies Away. He Let The Sun Shine Though A Cloudy Day
Oh, He Wraps Me In The Cradle Of His Arms When He Knew I'd Been Battered And scarred,
So If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side Tell Me Where Would I Be? Where would I be?

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

[R] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks Be to God**

***ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**

[C] **Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah**
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. (Repeat)

***THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 1-13**

[C] **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

[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.”

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

[C] **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*** SERMON HYMN “I'd Rather Have Jesus”**

1. I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than have riches untold.
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand.

*Refrain: Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

2. I'd rather have Jesus than your applause. I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause.
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name. Refrain:

3. He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom He's sweeter than honey from out the comb
He's all that my hungering spirit needs, I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead. Refrain:

* THE APOSTLES CREED

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

[Congregation] **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary. Those worshipping off-site should mail their offering or visit the congregation's website (abiding-savior-lutheran.org) to give online.

ANTHEM: MY EVERYTHING

* OFFERTORY:

[C] **God Has Smiled On Me –**

God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He's been good to me. (Repeat)

* OFFERING PRAYER

[A] Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed

Holy, holy, holy Lord , God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

EUCCHARISTIC 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. Amen**
[P] All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

I Surrender All

**All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.**

*Refrain: I surrender all, (I surrender all),
I surrender all, (I surrender all), all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. Refrain**

**All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessings fall on me. Refrain**

[P] Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. (Repeat)

SENDING

PRAYER

[A] Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
[C] **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN : We're Marching In The Light Of Christ

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The fall, semi-annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023 following the worship service. The congregation's 2023 spending plan will be considered at the meeting.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

[C] Thanks be to God.

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