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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

**THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**November 16 & 17, 2024**  
**5:30 PM & 8:00 AM**

**AS WE GATHER**

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576).

**WELCOME**

*(Please be sure to sign the Friendship Pads, available on the pews. Thank you!)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God the Highest Good" LSB 819, sts. 1,2,4**  
**Please stand**

**OPENING**

**P.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**P.** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

**P.** From the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C. the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

**COMMON VERSICLES**

P. Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P. Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C. Teach me Your paths.**

P. Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C. Your Word is truth.** Psalm 84:10; 25:4; John 17:17

P. From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C. the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**All: 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**

**PSALM 16** *(spoken responsively)*

P. <sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C. <sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

P. <sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C. <sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

P. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**C. <sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P. <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P. <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**C. <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

P. <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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.**

**Please be seated**

**FIRST READING**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some

**SECOND READING**

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have

**Please stand**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, from the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and

***Daniel 12:1-3***

to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***Hebrews 10:11-15***

confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***Luke 16:1-15***

said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself,   
(continued...)

'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## COMMON RESPONSORY

P. Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C. Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C. Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C. Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### Please be seated

## CATECHISM Sacrament of the Altar

P. Our Catechism Lesson for this weekend is focused on the Lord's Supper. Later in the service we will look at the liturgy for the distribution of communion in the Divine Service.

P. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**C. It 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 to drink.**

P. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

**C. These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

**C. Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”**

P. Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

**C. Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782, sts. 1-4**

**SERMON “MONEY’S USEFUL SIDE” (Text: Luke 16:1-15)**

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**Please stand**

**CREED *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.**

*(continued...)*

**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.**

**Please sit**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     **“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”**    *LSB 741, sts. 1-3*

**TITHES AND OFFERING** (8:00 ONLY – “Give Me Jesus” ~ *Trinity Handbells*)

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

**DISTRIBUTION – Parts of the Liturgy**

P. Try for a moment to picture the heavenly throng standing before the throne of God on the Last Day. The numbers will be staggering.

And yet, united as we all are to Christ, the Bridegroom, we will be one — His elect Bride. As the faithful make their way to the altar to feast on the Bread of Life in the distribution, they are given a glimpse of that holy Bride.

Oh yes, we see all of her warts and blemishes: the petty bickering over trivial matters, the deep disagreements on more weighty issues, and the painful ways in which we sometimes treat one another.

Yet, by our common confession of the truth, we are one in Christ. As Christ gives Himself to us in this holy meal, He strengthens that unity and bids us love one another with a deep and abiding love. How can it be any other way, as we are sent from the table with the blessing to depart in peace?

**Please stand**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P. Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, throughout this past year You have made known to us the path of life, the redemption from sin in the gracious sacrifice and life that is by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we contemplate the promise of Your covenant of eternal life coming in its fullness when He comes again in glory, grant to us and Your whole church, all pastors and believers, the hope and confidence of faith to endure times of trial until You bring us to the fullness of our eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

P. Lord of the nations, inspire the minds and wills of all, especially those leaders who are to care for all citizens, to choose the ways of justice and peace that we may live in peace and happiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

P. We pray for all who suffer illness, for those troubled by anxiety over their current circumstances or the unknown future, and for all who call upon You in their need, (*especially . . .*). Give hope, healing, and peace to all even in their sufferings. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

P. With fond remembrance we name all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are with You in Your nearer presence (*pause for remembrance*). Grant to all our departed loved ones Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

P. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

### **(5:30PM ONLY) LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

P. Let us pray the evening prayer of Martin Luther:

**C. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **(8:00AM ONLY) LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

P. Let us pray the morning prayer of Martin Luther:

**C. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P. Let us bless the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

P. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C. Amen**

**Please be seated**

**CLOSING HYMN**      “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”      *LSB 673, sts. 1-6*

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**\* \* \* To God Be the Glory \* \* \***

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