

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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OPENING HYMN "WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING" 516

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠
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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; ANTIPHON: LUKE 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy spirit

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

MALACHI 4:1-6

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

REVELATION 7:14B; PSALM 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-28

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

C Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR” vs. 4-7 508

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Maya Radtke	+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Jeremy Radtke	+ Chad Feltmann
+ Darian Litzau	+ Angela Litzau
+ Karen Strei	+ Tracy Albers
+ Garland Birkholz	+ Les Parpart
+ Family and Friends of Amber Czech (Niece of Cheryl Birkholz)	

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 194-199

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and

love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	
“THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR”	619
“THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS”	348
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	

<u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 157 Sun School/Youth: 43 Bible Study: 26	<u>Scripture Reader:</u> Darlene Schmidt <u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING- A special voters meeting will be TODAY Sunday, November 16th between services. All communicant members of legal voting age are encouraged to attend as we discuss potentially calling a church worker and forming a call committee.

2. THANK YOU to all the congregation members for their support and encouragement during this past month. Your kind words, prayers, cards, and gifts were greatly appreciated! Pastor Barlau, DCE Ellie and Administrative Assistant Amanda.

3. BULLETIN DEADLINE- The deadline to submit items for the Sun., Nov. 30th bulletin will be Monday, November 24th at Noon.

4. THRIVENT-St. Paul Lutheran Church continues to serve as a beacon of faith, community, and support. To maintain and expand our efforts, we rely on the generosity of our community members. One meaningful way you can contribute is by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to our church. Please see Fred Holasek or Julie Dial if you have questions on where your contribution can be used. Thank you!

5. SANDWICH MINISTRY- A community-wide Ministry for the Marie Sandvick Center, Minneapolis. Sandwich Making events take place the third Thursday of every month at 8:30 AM. Volunteers and donations are needed. This month's date is November 20th at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to help with this servant event.

6. YOUTH PAINT NIGHT- Youth grades 5-12 are invited to come to a guided paint night TONIGHT Sunday, November 16th at 6:30! Art teacher Ashley Clemensen will lead us in a 1-hour painting session of a Christmas scene. Please note that the skill and speed level will be aimed at 7th grade and above, so if your 5th or 6th grader would like to come, please plan on joining them! Parents and friends of any age student are welcome to join too. Email Ellie or sign up on the youth bulletin board if you would like to attend!

7. FUNDRAISER-The ACT youth mission group will be selling 2026 calendars in November as a fundraiser for their 2026 mission trip. Watch for a table in the lobby!

8. DECORATING the church for Christmas will take place Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8 a.m. **ALL** congregational members are invited to help. Thank you!

9. THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 PM with communion. The church offices will be closed Thursday-Friday, November 27-28.

10. MITE CALENDAR- November Mite Calendar - If the October Mite calendar was helpful, the November calendar is available for pick up on the LWML table. There are still a few mite boxes available if you didn't get one on LWML Sunday. Also, thank you for Mites that were already given for missions. Please empty your mite box into the large

mite box and take the box home to continue filling it. Or, put coins into a bag and drop it in the box.

11. LWML-To LWML members - Since you may not be able to come to meetings, bring your Mites, offerings or birthday offering anytime you get to church and drop it in the Mite Box. Be sure and mark what the donation is for. Also, pick up Quarterlies and WOM's from the LWML table as they become available. Thank you.

12. SCHEDULE- *November 23*: Ushers: 1st Service- Brendan Feltmann, Jim Klaustermeier, Don Hoof; 2nd Service: Cory Schauer, Cole Ehrke, Leighton Buhr, Jason Lyons; Acolytes: 1st Service- A. Lind, T. Parpart; 2nd Service: B. Mike, W. Schauer; Greeters- 1st Service: Gaylen & Bonnie Schoenfeld; 2nd Service: Chuck & Kim Reed; Scripture Reader: N/A; Flowers: Lajean Hoof; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Nov 16	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sun. School/ACT Special Voters Meeting WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Youth Paint Night
Mon. Nov 17	Noon	Release Time Classes Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. Nov 19	Noon 3:05 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin 6 th Grade Release Time 7 th Grade Confirmation 8 th Grade Confirmation
Thurs. Nov 20	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry Release Time Classes
Sun. Nov 23	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM Sun. School/Adult Bible Study/ACT WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM

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