

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Service – November 15, 2020

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Song: As The Deer

WF 17B

1. As a deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength and shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee. *Rit.* (You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.)

INVOCATION:

- P: In the name of God the Father:
C: Praise to our creating God!
P: In the name of His Son, Jesus:
C: Praise to our redeeming God!
P: In the name of God the Spirit:
C: Praise to our sanctifying God!
P: Let us join our thankful voices,
C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

LITANY OF PRAISE:

- P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the creator's praise arise;
C: Alleluia, alleluia!
P: Let the redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.
C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
P: Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Your Word;
C: Alleluia, alleluia!
P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading:

Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are

saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful

servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: Great Is the Lord

WF12A

1. Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by his power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice; Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

2. Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by his mercy He proves He is love. Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory. Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice; Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

Rite of Adult Confirmation

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Words of Confession: I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us, from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains clean in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

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Distribution Hymns:

That's Why We Praise Him

WF 22A

1. He came to live, live a perfect life; He came to be the living word, our light. He came to die so we'd be reconciled; He came to rise to show His pow'r and might. *Chorus*

Chorus That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing; That's why we offer Him our ev'rything. That's why we bow down and worship this King, Cause he gave His ev'rything.

2. He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our conqu'ring King and friend. He came to heal and show the lost ones His love; He came to go prepare a place for us. (*Chorus*)

Father, I Adore You

WF9B

1. Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.
2. Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.
3. Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Thy Loving Kindness

WF15C

1. Thy loving kindness is better than life. Thy loving kindness is better than life. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee. I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.
2. I lift my hands up unto Thy name. I lift my hands up unto Thy name. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee. I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Praise God!

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him in His holy temple, in the firmament of His power.

C: Praise God!.

P: Praise Him in His mighty acts and His excellent greatness.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet, with harp, with timbrel and dance.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him with strings and organs and with loud, resounding cymbals.

C: Praise God!

P: Let everything that has breath praise Him.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Alleluia!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: You Are My All In All WF19B

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek. You are my All in All. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All. *Chorus*

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

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2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name; You are my All in All. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my All in All.

Chorus, 2 times

Soli Deo Gloria

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