

# ***St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

WOV Setting 5

8:15 am

## **PRELUDE**

*Many and Great -- Anthony Giamanco*

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice;  
but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.

*Please kneel for silent self-reflection*

L: 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.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

## GATHERING SONG      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)

### GREETING

L: 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.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

(Cantor sings the verses; Congregation sings the refrain)

#### Refrain (4 times)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

#### Refrain (4th time)



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Malachi 4: 1-6**

**L:** The first reading is from chapter 4 of Malachi.

<sup>1</sup> “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.” <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>3</sup> Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;**

<sup>5</sup> make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

<sup>6</sup> **with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

<sup>9</sup> let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

L: The second reading is from chapter 3 of  
Second Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching<sup>[a]</sup> you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

<sup>11</sup> We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup> And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-28**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup> He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

<sup>20</sup> “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. <sup>22</sup> For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. <sup>23</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will

be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup> They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      If You But Trust in God to Guide  
You (ELW 769)**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *Praise Him! Praise Him!*  
-- *Lyndell Leatherman*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:**      Let us pray. Merciful God,  
**C:**      we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what you have  
first given us – our selves, our time, and our  
possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive  
them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:**      Lord in your mercy,  
**C:**      Hear our prayer.



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG Jesus, Still Lead On (ELW 624)**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory  
-- Jason W. Krug*

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

*Mal. 3:13–18, Psalm 46, Col. 1:13–20, Luke 23:27–43*

## **WELCOME!**

*We are so excited that you have joined us today. You are important to our church family. Please complete the connect card in the pew before you leave worship this day. If you need to speak with a pastor or pastoral leader, please call the church office at 724-352-2333.*

### **THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:**

	<b>8:15 Service</b>	<b>10:45 Service</b>
ACOLYTES	Megan Edder	Garrett Weston
ALTAR GUILD	Shirley Ekas and Linda Heade	Lynn Fox and Donna Bowman
READER/ASST MINISTER	Jeff Markwell	Kelly Weston
GREETERS	Erika Schuelke and Karen Foertsch	Lynn Fox
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### Attendance on Sunday, November 10, 2019

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