

# **The Divine Service**

## **The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### **November 8, 2020**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

*Good stewardship, or "management," of God's gifts to us includes the people He puts in our lives. God gives us the people in our lives—in our families, in our churches, and in society—to love and serve in our vocations. By God's grace, we also strive to love and serve our neighbor differently than the worldly wisdom of "how to win friends and influence people." The world would have us love our neighbor for our own benefit, but Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor for his or her benefit. He calls us to "do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves" Philippians 2:3. Being good managers in our relations with others also leads us to love and serve them by bearing witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

#### **Call to Worship / Check In**

#### **Words of Welcome / Theme of the Day**

#### **Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.**

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.**

**Processional Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348**



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

**Greeting**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, You have made us to live in relationships and in community. In the waters of Baptism You have redeemed us to be Your holy people. By Your Holy Spirit lead us to bear one another's burdens, loving and serving our neighbors in our various vocations, especially as we bear witness to Your redeeming love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## The Old Testament

*Leviticus 19:9-18*

Reader: <sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup> You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup> “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life<sup>[a]</sup> of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 6:1-10*

Reader: Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23-37

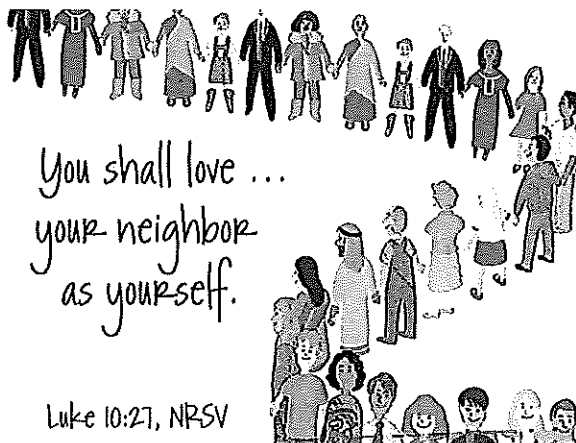
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." <sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**Hymn of the Day "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848, verses 1,2,4**



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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**Sermon**

**"Who Are You"**

*Pastor Scott Henze*

## Apostles' Creed

**People:** 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. 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.

## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"*

## Gathering of Gifts

### Offertory Prayer

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Pastor:** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## Announcements

## Benediction

Recessional Verse

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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**Dismissal**

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

### **Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser!**

Saturday, November 14. This year's Trivia Night will be played VIRTUALLY! Players will be able to connect via Zoom to Trivia Night. Teams will be put in their own Break Out Room to answer questions together. Trivia Teams can gather together in person or virtually through zoom from anywhere in the world. Please remember that only 8 people can play on a team. Proceeds go to support the youth going on Spoke Folk trips and the National Youth Gathering.

### **Stewardship Sunday**

Sunday, November 22; Pastor Henze's three week sermon series will conclude with our commitments during worship services.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Gather together to give thanks. Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 PM. All offerings will go to LifeNet4Families Food Pantry.

### **Drive Thru Live Nativity**

Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6  
Come see the Christmas story come to life! Camels, sheep, donkey and more!

**Call the church office at 954-384-9096 for more information.**

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM—Via Zoom

Adult Bible Study in person or livestreamed at 10:00 AM