

Sunday, November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday of Pentecost

*Then they will see
“the Son of Man
coming in a cloud”
with power and
great glory.*

Luke 21:27, NRSV





For Veteran's Day: This is a day to give thanks and remember our veterans as we celebrate the gift of life and freedom that they fought and served for our country.

Thought: Lord, we are here at church attempting to listen to you, without telling you what you ought to say to us, trying to follow you, without telling you which way you ought to lead us, doing our best to serve you, no matter what you ask us to do.

Walk with us Lord. Keep coming to us, calling us to do your will.

Prelude - Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer for those who served and our country

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. Amen

Opening Hymn - "This Is My Song" ELW 887

<https://youtu.be/H8FPOjgX07c>

This is My Song - Memorial Church

Greeting

P: 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.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen and Amen!

Hymn of Praise - "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW 767

<https://youtu.be/aWC8aXDq6WQ>

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me - Epiphany Lutheran

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

C: 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.

The Word

Old Testament reading - Malachi 4:1-2a

For you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**
³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of
Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**
⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
⁸**Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,**

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Epistle reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Working till the end comes

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<https://youtu.be/TaDw28LAmNQ>

History is moving towards God's fulfillment

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 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 plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God's Time

<https://youtu.be/zpL-jZb7-2U>

Homily - “What Are You Waiting For?”

https://youtu.be/jxc_JUdgdUM

Hymn - "Lord of Our Life" ELW 766

<https://youtu.be/nLnwC-poLEs>

Lord of Our Life - The Bach Chaconne

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A: Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Almighty God, you have given us every good thing.

C: More than we need...more than we deserve.

A: Accept these signs of our love. And fill us with your Holy Spirit,

C: that we may never be weary in doing what is right.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW 204

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, the workings of this world instill fear in our hearts.

C: But at your table we find comfort and grace.

A: Give your people peace, O Lord.

C: Make us heavenly ambassadors to this dying world.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - "How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

<https://youtu.be/M7uHzSa2pmQ>

How Firm a Foundation - Broadway Festival Choir

Dismissal

A: Jesus calls us to testify, to take the opportunity to tell the world what God can do. We go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Lillian Pinkston

