

24th Sunday after Pentecost

11-12-2023

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PRELUDE

Please stand, as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P 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**

P 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

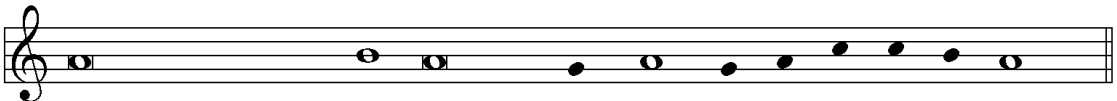
GATHERING HYMN [ELW#696 "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"](#)

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.



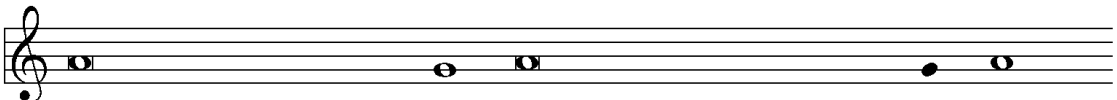
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE [ELW#595 "Jesus Loves Me!"](#)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, apart from you nothing is true, nothing is holy. Do not look on our faithless ways, but on the faithfulness of your Son. Deliver us from doing evil, remove the shame of your people, and restore us to joy and gladness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 98

L ¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C ²**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C ⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L ⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

L ⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

HOSEA 11:1-9

L A reading from Hosea: ^{11:1}When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will

not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY [ELW#717 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"](#)

SERMON: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Please stand, as you are able.

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

- L** O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- L** O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- L** O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- L** O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. We pray especially for Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Angela Hays, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Rich Wohkittel, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**

L O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN [ELW#685 "Take My Life, That I Might Be"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming Events!

- **November 12** - Congregational Annual Meeting (following service)
- **November 14** - Venture Crew – Spaghetti Dinner, 5 pm – 8 pm, Tuesday
- **November 26** – Opening of the Fontanini Nativity Village, after the service
- **December 2** – Saturday, 5 pm – Family Craft Night
- **December 9** – Saturday, 10 am – Putting Up the Greens
- **December 17** – Chocolate and Carols with the Community and Scouts
- **December 24** – 9:30 am Regular Service, 7 pm Christmas Even Service

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