

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, November 13, 2022



**So you will bear  
testimony to me.**

**Luke 21:13, NIV**

*“Touched by the Gospel, we see to be instruments of God’s Peace,  
for the sake of the World.”*

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

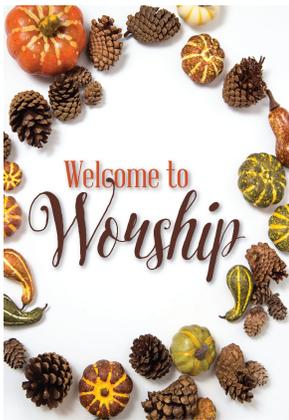
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## Welcome in the name of Christ!

### Worshiping with kids?

- ❖ We love having people of all ages and abilities worshiping together!
- ❖ Wiggles and noise are welcome!
- ❖ Coloring materials are available. Just ask an usher.

### Wondering about communion?

- ❖ We believe Christ is fully present in the meal and it is Christ who invites us to share it.
- ❖ All are welcome to share communion with us regardless of age or faith tradition.
- ❖ Wheat bread, gluten free wafers, wine, and grape juice are available.

### Want to know more about our community?

- ❖ We strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people.
- ❖ Pastor Rachel enjoys meeting people after worship but never wants anyone to feel pressured to talk to her. Come say hi!
- ❖ Visit the welcome table in the gathering space if you have questions about Lutherans, the Christian faith, or Prince of Peace; if you have a specific prayer request, or want to share your contact information so we can get back to you about something in particular.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Worshippers responses in bold.*

### Music for the Beginning of Worship

“Come Now, and Lift Up Your Hearts”

*Worship Team*

Karnatic Hymn Melody,  
arr I-to Loh

### Welcome

*Stand*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

**Gathering Song**

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

No. 327

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: 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.

*Sit*

**The Children’s Sermon**

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading**

Malachi 4:1-2a

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom won-ders be - long: re - jice in his  
tri-umph and tell of his power, O sing to the Lord a new song!

Reader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory. O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations. You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*Refrain*

Reader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

*Refrain*

Reader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Refrain*

**Second Reading**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now 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. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and 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. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Cantor then ALL

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Cantor then ALL

Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "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."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And 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.

“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.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“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. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

*Sit*  
**Sermon**

Pastor Rachel Laughlin

*Stand*  
**Hymn of the Day**

“Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping”

ACS No. 1050



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
 2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far-off  
 sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
 tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it  
 sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
 com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.  
 Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers  
 The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has  
 hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and  
 shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -  
 hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.  
 wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

## Apostles' Creed

Asst: Joining with the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith;

All: 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 the Church

5 Christ, our peace. You break down the walls that di - vide us;  
Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

*After "Generous God," worshipers respond "Pour out your Love."  
Repeat "Christ, Our Peace" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.*

## WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

### Sharing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,  
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you. . .and also with you"*

*Sit*

Offering

"Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus"

Marcilio de Oliveira Filho

Offering Response

"Come to the Table"

ACS No. 961

*Sung first by Cantors, then by All*

Part I  
Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II  
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

## Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. - Psalm 26:6-7*

## Offering Prayer

Asst: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Stand

## Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

The musical score for "Grace Before the Meal" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 God thanks and praise."

Presider: Congregation:  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: Congregation:  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: . . . and join in their unending hymn.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score for "Holy, Holy, Holy" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so love the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying : Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in the community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: With the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Meal**

Pastor: No matter the church of your membership, the form of your baptism or where you are on the journey with God, a place has been prepared for you at this table, God's Table. So come and eat, for all is ready and you are welcome.

*Sit*

### **Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper**

*All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will be masked and have sanitized hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (wheat) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick on of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.*

*If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.*

Lamb of God

1)Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 2)Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and  
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on  
 7 peace: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on  
 us. 3)Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 10 us.  
 world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

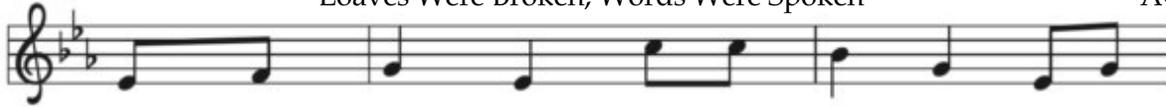
“Nothing Can Trouble”

ACS No. 1033

*Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.*  
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

*Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,*  
 Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

*na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.*  
 noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Table Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Asst: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Sending of Communion**

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*

Pastor: . . .the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

**WE ARE SENT TO OUT TO SERVE**

**Announcements**

*Worshipers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations: blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, please move to the microphone on the altar to give your announcement.*

*Stand*

**Final Blessing**

Pastor: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

No. 618

**Dismissal**

Asst: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Music for the Close of Worship**

“He Is Exalted ”

Twila Paris

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Fellowship:  
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Next Week's Servers  
November 20, 2022

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