

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – ELW 8
November 16, 2025 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Dave Vagts

Liturgist

8:15 - Jen & Sean/10:45 - Rynn & Sean

ELW = the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Holy God,

You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
Amen.

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Liturgy of the Word

† *Greeting*

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

And also with you.

† *Kyrie*

ELW p. 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry
and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

† Prayer of the Day

Radiant God,

We live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem: *Come to Set Thy People Free*

Adult Choir

Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

† Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 188

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

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

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

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

† GOSPEL: John 8: 12

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

¹²Again Jesus spoke to the people, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

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

Children's Sermon

Jen Christy

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

Hymn of the Day: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **ELW 834**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

† 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

Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for
the church, the world, and all in need.

Isaiah's vision still sounds as far away to us as it must have for
his listeners. Forgive us when we despair, and plant within us
renewed passion for the work of your Spirit. God of promise,
Hear our prayer.

Your light is the source of all life. Make us loving stewards of
nature, which you feed with your life-giving light, and which, in
turn, makes our lives possible. Keep us ever mindful of our
sacred interdependence. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all those who dedicate their lives in
service to others, to the relief of suffering and the growth of
justice. Strengthen their witness, uphold them, and give them
rest when needed. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with those who bear daily burdens, be it mental or physical
illness, fear of homelessness or hunger, or other challenges

which test their resilience. Surround them with your presence and guide them to the help they need, especially Kim, Mary Margaret, Chris, Ernie, Marvin and family. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Whoever follows you, O Lord, will never walk in darkness. Shine your eternal light upon all your faithful servants, and surround them evermore with your blessing. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, we come to you with thankful hearts and set before you our gifts of time, money, and skill in gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless these offerings for the life of the world, that all might experience the light of hope. **Amen.**

*† **Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

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 God thanks and praise.

† Thanksgiving at the Table

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

† Holy Holy Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer

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.

Padrenuestro

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

*If you are communing at home, receive the bread with the words
“The Body of Christ given for you,” and the cup with “The blood
of Christ shed for you.”*

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

Postlude