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November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Let us celebrate God's presence among us at all times. We know the unique gift we have of God meeting our every need. Let us give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Gathering Music (10:45 Service)

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar & Molly Mason

Strings and Piano

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Greeting

Please rise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ Grace be with you from the Holy Trinity; our true God, who comes to us with the love of a parent, redeemer, and upholder.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Gathering Song

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

ELW 755

Opening Sentences

- ☐ Come, let us celebrate, let us rejoice, let us give God the glory!
- ☑ **For the Lord our God reigns, Alleluia!**

☐ All nations come and worship you, Holy God.

☑ **Holy, holy, holy God, you are the beginning, the present and all that is to come.**

☐ All colors and races give hearty praise!

☑ **Let us share your love with all. Amen**

Song of Praise

Come, We that Love the Lord

ELW 625

Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray.... 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.**

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

☒ A reading from **Malachi**.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

📖 A reading from **2 Thessalonians**.

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.**

Arise in body or in spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

ACS 971



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

☞ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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's Time

Message

*Silence for reflection. After reflection,
Arise in body or in spirit to sing the hymn.*

Song of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Prayers

You may sit or kneel for prayer. The prayer response after each petition is, **We come before you, O Lord.** The assembly prays singing: **Oh, draw me, Lord, and I'll run after you.**

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

A brief silence

- Ⓐ 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 especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Saron Lutheran Church, St. Joseph; Seventh Day Adventist Church, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* We come before you, O Lord.

- ☞ **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after You.**

- Ⓐ 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. We come before you, O Lord.

- ☞ **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after You.**

- Ⓐ 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. Be with those who safeguard the world, *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke).* We come before you, O Lord.

- ☞ **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after You.**

- Ⓐ 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 *Frances Ann, Veronica Baarson, The Family of Elnora Beckwith, Keith Busheé, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Greg Franks, Bill Frutiger, Mike Gibbons, Amanda Haddix (pregnancy), Larry Hansen, Henry Heil, the Family of Jerry Knickerbocker, Norma Ludlow, Alexis Markwart, Mattea Markwart, Doug Mephem, Carolyn Moffit, Terri Neeb, Ron Neil, Ken Plourde, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Al Throop, Lindsay Varkula (pregnancy), Maryellen Wammock, and Cheryl Wilke.* We come before you, O Lord.

- ☞ **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after You.**

- Ⓐ Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. We come before you, O Lord.

G **Oh, draw me, Lord (3x), and I'll run after You.**

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

G **Amen.**

Arise in body or in spirit

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.

G **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.

G **Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Thanksgiving Prayer

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

G **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

G **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

G **We thank you, O God.**

P 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim that Jesus is among us.

P Remembering God’s love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

C **Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Songs

Holy is Your Name

David Haas

Strings and Piano

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

C **Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

To be Your Presence

ELW 546

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton

Lector – Dave Neeb

Cantor – Cindy Olson

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Kate Watson

Lector – Jack Vos

Cantor – Cindy Olson

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship – Watson Family

Beware and Trust

In an instant, documents are signed six thousand miles away, and suddenly you have no job. In an instant the walls rattle, the floors rumble, ceilings crack, and you have no home. In an instant the lights flicker, the signals weaken, the screens go blank, and you have no connections. In an instant a door slams, a voice shouts, a car screeches, and you have no one. In an instant the dam breaks, the fire blazes, the winds ravage, and . . . and what?

What is the world coming to? Shadowing every calamity, circling the grounds of every collapse, chasing every human tragedy, prophets and pundits are sure to announce that all is lost. They are eager to foretell all futures eroded, ready to broadcast that all hope is dead, all tomorrows canceled, all creation buried. But beware!

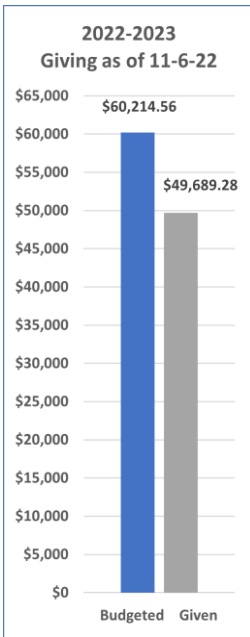
“Beware” hardly has the lilting tone of a glad good-news bell. “Beware” bites at our ears and strikes our heartbeat like the cold peal of a brass tongue slapping against a pitted funeral bell. “Beware” is the screech of the siren, the shout before battle, the shudder at the edge of lonely nightfall. “Beware” scarcely sounds like gospel, but it is the exact gospel word Jesus chooses to post like an iron stanchion into bedrock in the midst of uncertain and frightening times. Pay attention; listen closely to Jesus’ “beware.” It is not beware of wars and rising nations, plagues and earthquakes, arrests and persecutions. Jesus instead cautions: beware of those prophets and pundits, of their timetables of destruction, their signs of the end, and their oracles of despair. Beware of them. The world may tremble fiercely, you may be hated unjustly, you may know betrayal painfully, yet with the strength of iron in bedrock and the sound of the gospel bell ringing, Jesus encourages us: “Beware . . . do not be terrified” (Luke 21:8-9).

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PASTY PICK UP - DATE CHANGE Due to the funerals taking place on November 19, if you ordered pasties, please pick them up on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 between 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

Adult Forum continues to gather in the Gathering Area and will continue its study on the book of **Psalms** at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

ADVENT begins on the last Sunday of this month. You are invited to join us for a special service on the first three Wednesdays. We gather for a meal that begins at 6:30 followed by worship at 7:15 pm. This year we are having ***Holden Evening Prayer with a Flare!*** We hope you can join us for this unique worship and educational event.



Stewardship Information

Attendance: 72	Views: 230
Weekly Giving: \$5,829.00	Budget Amount: \$4,301.04
Online Giving for October: \$3,197.00	
Renew Campaign Needed \$2,300.00	
Renew Campaign Received \$ <u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding	\$2,200.00

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who first loved us, so that we can share love with others.

Today We Welcome Guest Musicians for our 10:45 worship service. Joining us today are Carla Neil, Kristi Winick, Beth Lepak, Dave Carr, and Sarah Hillary.

Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign. As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 toward a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.

God’s Creation 2023 Calendars. Available for \$5.00 each. This is not a fundraiser, but you can pick them up for a very reasonable price. These are made available by the Outreach Committee. Please put your money in the envelope provided and make sure you include “Outreach Calendar” on the envelope. Envelopes can be deposited in the collection plate or placed on Brenda’s desk.

Heating and Cooling Just a reminder as the seasons change. If you change the thermostats in the building, please push the run button when finished heating the space to the desired level. Thank you for your cooperation.

Psalms are for Singing Did you know that the Psalms were literally songs, sung to praise God or lament? Grace will soon return to singing the Psalm, starting in Advent, November 27th. If you would like to be a Cantor, or Singer of the Psalm, please let me know! Thanks, Cindy Olson.

Secret Santa Survey If you would like to participate in 2022 Secret Santa, please fill out a survey and place it in the offering plate, or on the Parish Administrator’s desk by Monday, November 14.

Save the Date Jesus Birthday Party after the 10:45 Worship Service on Sunday, December 11.

Caroling for the Homebound. Meet at the church at 1:00pm, as we set out to spread some cheer on December 11, 2022. Carpooling is available if it desired.