

Sanctuary Worship Service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday November 16, 2025, 8:00 AM

PRELUDE

Now We Thank Our God

ELW 840

Now Thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in your grace.
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878 ONELICENSE #731020-A

WELCOME

PASTOR

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PASTOR

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:

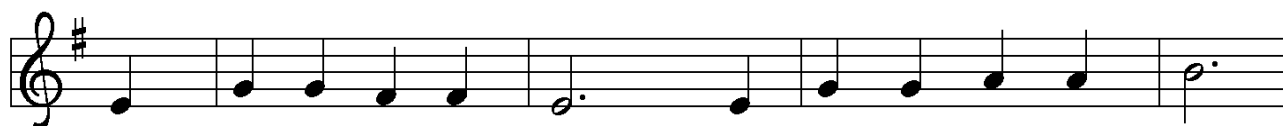
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

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. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

ELW 458 (vs. 1 & 4)

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,
and we adore you.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.
Here now renew your church through this symbol given;
grant peace from heaven.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL WHO SERVE

PASTOR

FIRST READING

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Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, 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

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 98

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- ⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

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2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ 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. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in

order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The holy gospel according to Luke 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

PASTOR

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When 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.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ 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.

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.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there 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. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Love and Serve Your City ELW 724 (tune ELW 659)

All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless,

In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
off'ring peace from Calv'ry's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

APOSTLES' CREED

PASTOR

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 PEOPLE

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Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

WOV 767

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning

that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them ev'ry one.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt. ONELICENSE #731020-A

OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 206

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 our thanks and praise

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**PASTOR****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 glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION**PASTOR**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870 (vs. 1 & 3)

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
 we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer
 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us,
 your strong arm will guide us.
 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963 ONELICENSE #731020-A

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less **ELW 597**

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. ONELICENSE #731020-A

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children With My Blessing ELW 543

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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GOOD NEWS

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**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
ELW 884**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 ONELICENSE #731020-A

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.