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## The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Jonathan Kohrs

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Hymnal p. 814

O Bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives the sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;  
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

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## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to set forth Your praise, to hear Your Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ, and sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**This Is the Feast**

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all Creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and  
the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia. *Refrain***

**COLLECT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and hear us. Call us to Yourself today, and grant us healing, hope, life, and salvation. Grant us also the strength of faith to take up our cross and follow You, who lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 31:7–9

**L:** The first reading for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter thirty-one of Jeremiah.

*The LORD will turn mourning to joy.*

*Following the reading...*

**L:** This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126**

L: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**C: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for  
them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

**C: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negeb!

Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seeds for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**C: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 7:23–28

L: The second reading is from chapter seven of Hebrews.

*Jesus, our perfect High Priest forever*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:46–52

**P:** The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark, chapter ten.

**C:** (*sung*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus heals Bartimaeus.*

*Following the reading...*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**From God Can Nothing Move Me**

Hymnal p. 713

**From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside  
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.**

**He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,  
My life with grace adorning Wherever I may stand.**

**When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure**

Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.  
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.

The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?  
In His good time He changes All sorrow into joy.  
So let me then be still: My body, soul, and spirit  
His tender care inherit According to His will.

Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.  
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ His Son.  
He every gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven  
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!

Praise God with Acclamation and in His gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing  
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!

Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.

*(Please rise)* For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;  
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.  
The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;  
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in one!

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## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## VOLUNTARY

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Paul D. Weber

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Annette Bowen**

**Bette Cottom**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## **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 the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**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 His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C:** (*sung*) **Amen.**

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things  
God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.

O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender  
That dance for joy in summer air.  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
You flowers so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praises alone.  
Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea and sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion.  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost powers can never quite  
Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King

## POSTLUDE

### Lift Every Voice and Sing

Ruth E. Mackie

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Home communions are available after worship and at the church office Monday through Friday 9am-Noon. Please write on the clipboard to whom you are taking communion.

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