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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Stephen P. Johnson

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Hymnal p. 516

“Wake, awake, for night is flying,”

The watchmen on the heights are crying;
 "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
 And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
 The Bridegroom comes, awake!
 Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare
 To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
 She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
 Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 Now come, Thou Blessed One,
 Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall
 To eat the Supper at Thy call.
 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
 With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
 Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
 We gather round Thy radiant throne.
 No eye has seen the light,
 No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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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.**

CONFESSION¹

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 155

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: Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1–3

L: The first reading for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter twelve of Daniel.

Those who are wise shall shine like stars.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

L: You make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C: You make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

L: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
In the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: You make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.**

L: I have set the Lord always before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
My flesh also dwells secure.
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
Or let Your holy one see corruption.

**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: You make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 11-25

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

A single sacrifice for sins

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 157

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13: 1-13

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

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

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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

The Lutheran Hymnal p. 605

The World Is Very Evil

**The world is very evil The times are waxing late;
Be sober and keep vigil, The Judge is at the gate;
The Judge that comes in mercy, The Judge that comes with might,
To terminate the evil, To diadem the right.**

**Arise, arise, good Christian, Let right to wrong succeed;
Let penitential sorrow To heav'nly gladness lead,
To light that hath no evening, That knows no moon nor sun,
The light so new and golden, The light that is but one.**

**O home of fadeless splendor, Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children Who here as exiles mourn.
Midst pow'r that knows no limit, Where knowledge has no bound,
The beatific vision Shall glad the saints surround.**

Strive, man, to win that glory; Toil, man, to gain that light;

**Send hope before to grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.
Exult, O dust and ashes, The Lord shall be thy part;
His only, His forever, Thou shalt be and thou art.**

**O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy brings us To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Carl F. Schalk

OFFERING SONG(*please rise and sing*)

Hymnal p.192

**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.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Hymnal p. 508

**The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,**

And all be known as they have been
In thought and words and actions.
Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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POSTLUDE

Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"

Gilbert M. Martin

¹*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.

²*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.

³Martin 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 T-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 Tuesday through Friday 9am-Noon. Please write on the clipboard to whom you are taking communion.

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