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# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11 AM, Sunday, November 15, 2020

*Setting One, LBW*

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand/kneel*

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 321
*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*
ES IST GEWISSLICH

### APOSTOLIC 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 .....Pages 57-58

HYMN OF PRAISE
*Glory to God in the Highest*
Pages 58-59

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sit*

FIRST LESSON .....Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, RSV  
*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.*

- <sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
- <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees,  
those who say in their hearts,  
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill."  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
- <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the mighty man cries aloud there.
- <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.
- <sup>17</sup>I will bring distress on men,  
so that they shall walk like the blind,  
because they have sinned against the LORD;  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.
- <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them  
on the day of the wrath of the LORD.  
In the fire of his jealous wrath,  
all the earth shall be consumed;

for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90, 1 – 12 (Read responsively, by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup>**In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND LESSON .....1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, NRSV

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to

you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then



sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at

night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**A** The word of the Lord.

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

*Stand*

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL ..... Matthew 25:14-30, RSV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**F**or it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled

accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will

set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed?”

<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (*Sit, after the invocation.*)

HYMN LBW 346

*When Peace, like a River*

IT IS WELL

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

## THE OFFERING

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**C** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Preface for Sunday after Pentecost*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will,



even to giving his life.

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 the Lord's death until he comes.

**☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☩ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☩ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☩ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

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 the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION (*The Bread is broken*)

AGNUS DEI



- ☒ **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.**

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

- ✦ Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians who continue in the faith of the Church. If you would like to receive the Eucharistic Wine, please receive the small glass by the top edge, trying not to touch the minister's fingers. After communing, place the small glass on the tray, upright if possible.
- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly before or while receiving the Holy Sacrament, as many Christians do, here is one of Luther's prayers for that purpose:

*Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your Word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.*

- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly after receiving the Holy Communion, here is a possible such prayer. It is based on a prayer of St. Basil the Great (329-379):

*O Master, Christ our God: I thank you for all the good things which you have bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of your life-giving Sacrament. And I pray: keep me, my loved ones, and this congregation under your protection, and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto you we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

- ✦ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Communion Anthem

*If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)  
The Immanuel Choir

If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever,  
e'en the spirit of truth.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW 389

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

WEBB

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

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✦ NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Richard Kaefer (Emma's son), Michael Kaefer (Emma's grandson), Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Charlie Beckwith (friend of Thomas Wicks), Olga Beloded (John Imhof's wife), Susan Hermann (friend of Maria van der Merwe), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother), Ann Chomko, Steven Chin (Priscilla O'Carroll's brother), John Bradosky (Bishop Emeritus of the NALC), Ivan Sanchez (Luz Ortiz's brother), Caroline Magnotta (Ruth Wendland's granddaughter).

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