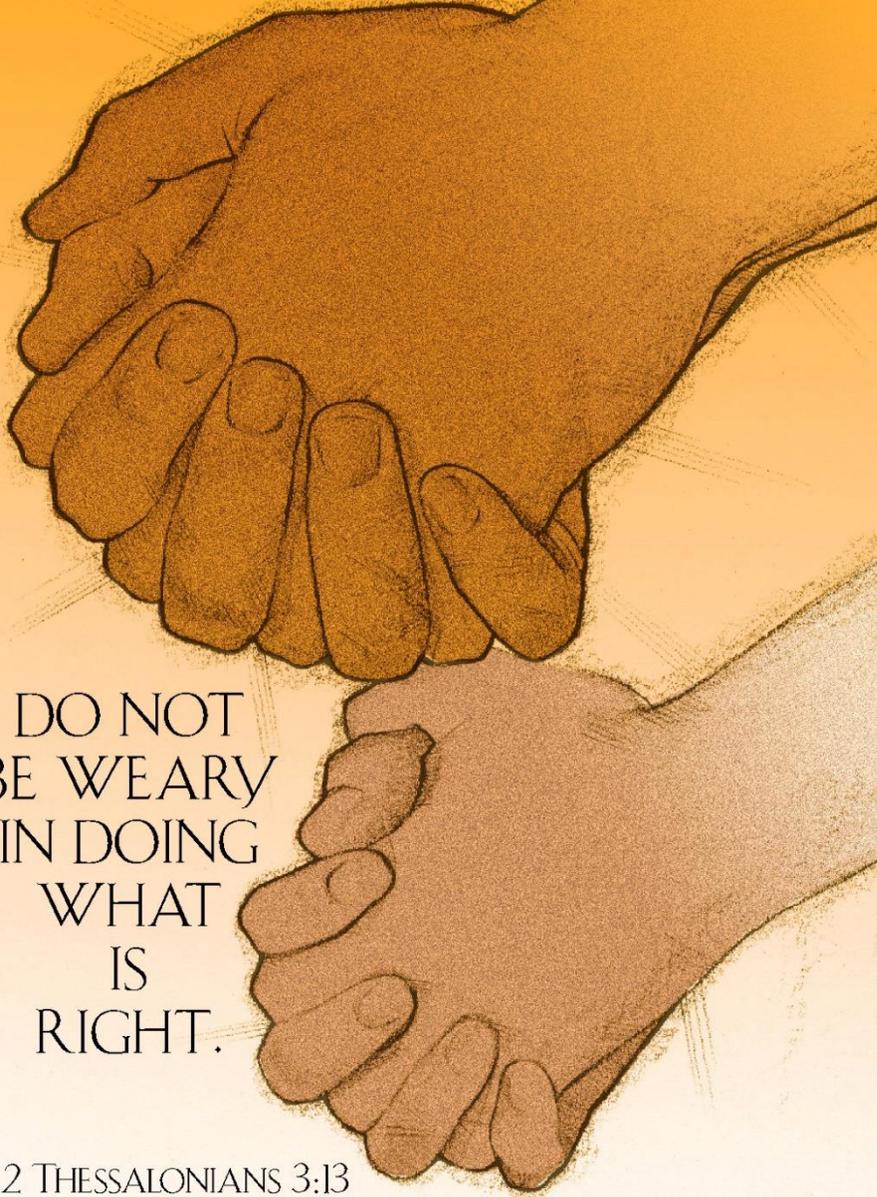


ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

◆Bethany ◆Immanuel ◆Lunder ◆Silver Lake ◆Winnebago

BROTHERS AND
SISTERS,



DO NOT
BE WEARY
IN DOING
WHAT
IS
RIGHT.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:13

Pentecost 23

November 13, 2022



ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

◆ Bethany ◆ Immanuel ◆ Lunder ◆ Silver Lake ◆ Winnebago

Ministers

Every member of the Parish

Pastors (#590-2737 – cell; email pastorbill@oneinchristlutheranparish.org)

Bill Peters

(#590-0727 – cell; email pastorrandy@oneinchristlutheranparish.org)

Randy Baldwin

web page - <http://www.oneinchristlutheranparish.org>

Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost

November 13, 2022

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

We joyfully welcome all guests who are worshipping with us this morning.

We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who excites us with the mission of the church - to be witnesses and share the "good news" to all people.

EMPOWER AND SEND US!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns are from the Green Hymnal.

(Stand as you are able)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✧ **GATHERING** ✧

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

ANTHEM “*God Is Watching Over You*”

Sunday School Choir

“*B-I-B-L-E*”

“*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*” Chimes

***CONFESSION**

Today’s great good news is this: God promises a new heaven and a new earth - where distress is absent, and the sound of weeping is a thing of the past.

This is the promise of a new and joyful future where people live long and productive lives - free of fear - blessed by the same love, peace and justice that shape God’s kingdom itself.

Let us therefore worship God, and rejoice in the promises of God. We praise and adore you, O God, source of our salvation.

We praise you for the vision and hope of a new and transformed future - one totally different from the present experience of so many people.

A future where long life would replace untimely death; when joy would replace sorrow, and hope would replace despair, and where violence and greed would be replaced by gentleness and generosity.

The landscape of your kingdom, O God.

A landscape which came into clearer focus with the birth of Jesus Christ.

We have done nothing to deserve such promises.

We believe you offer them simply because you love us and want the best for us. Accept our prayers and praises as we worship you as the source of our salvation and the hope of the world.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious and merciful God, the Apostle Paul encourages us to not be weary in doing what is right and we hear also Isaiah’s words about rejoicing and being glad over the new heavens and the new earth promised by you.

Yet so often we live out our faith in such a way that the newness and transformation for which many yearn is hidden.

Gracious and merciful God:

If we have become weary in doing what is right, forgive us.

A time of silent confession

Give us a new and urgent hunger to be active builders of communities with Jesus as their foundation. Fill and refill us with your Spirit so that we are faithful witnesses to the newness brought to birth in and through belief in

Jesus.

Transformation and newness dreamed about by many. You, O God, are not only the dream-giver, but the one who brings dreams to fruition.

Gracious and merciful God:

If we have become tired of dreaming dreams and seeing visions, forgive us.

A time of silent confession

Make our joy in following Jesus Christ be so contagious that others are drawn to its source and foundation.

Help us never to close ourselves off to the experience of newness and transformation when lives are united with

his. A union which leads to lives becoming anchored in a joy which is indestructible by outward circumstances.

Gracious and merciful God: If our witness has become apathetic and lacking in joy, forgive us.

A time of silent confession

Surprise us with joy, O God,

And energize us anew to be faithful and joyful disciples of Jesus Christ, builder and foundation of our lives. Amen

***EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – THE GOOD NEWS**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ.

Thanks be to God!

***OPENING SONG**

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

vss. 1-4 # 352

*I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!*

*He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.*

*He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.*

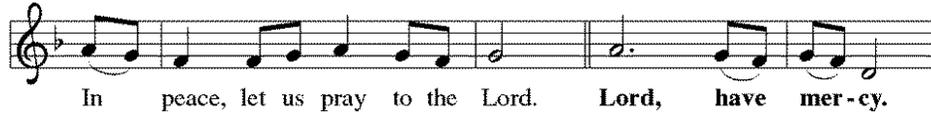
***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

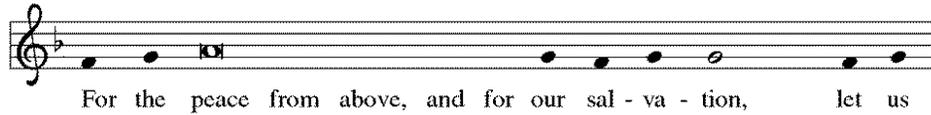
And also with you.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***KYRIE**



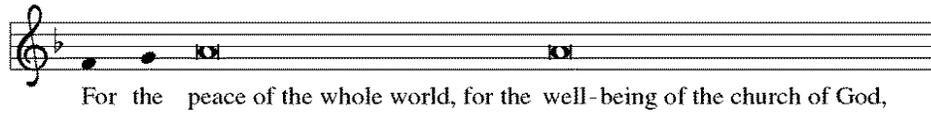
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



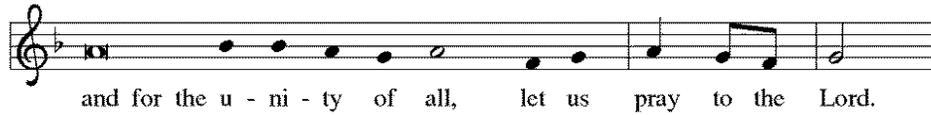
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



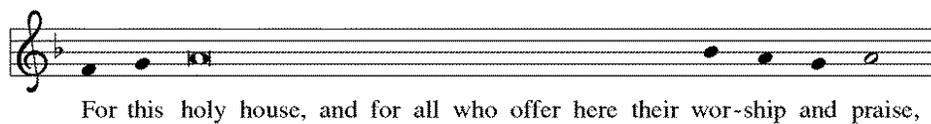
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



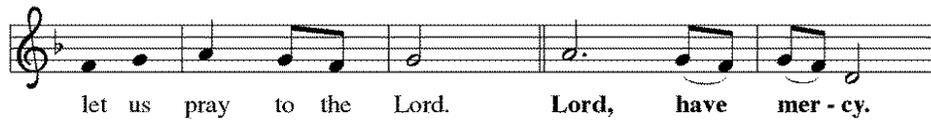
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** “Glory to God...”

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

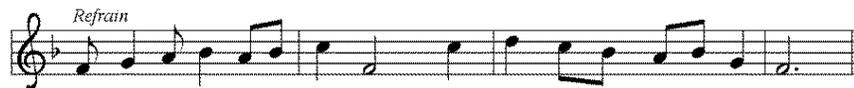


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

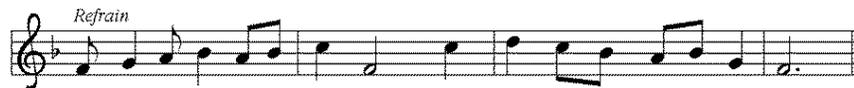


God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

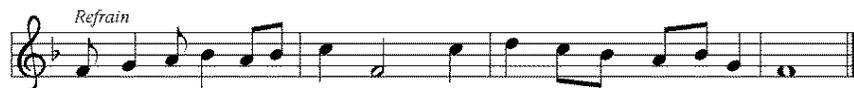


you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*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.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

SCRIPTURE 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.

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

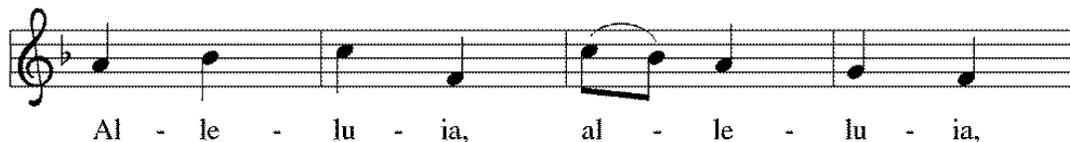
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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.

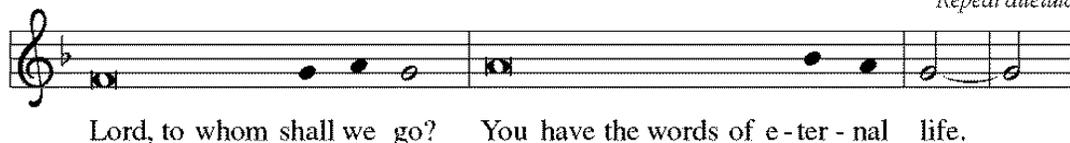
¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



*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 MESSAGE

Harlan Nyhus

SERMON

Natalie Estrem

LSI - Refugee & Immigration Services

SONG OF THE DAY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

143

*Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 COMMUNITY**

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

...Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

✠ **THANKSGIVING** ✠

God invites us to respond to His grace

NOISY OFFERING *(buckets) LSI - Refugee & Immigration Services*

OFFERING ELCA & NE Iowa Synod Mission Support

***OFFERTORY SONG** *"Create in Me..."* **ELW # 186**

*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 to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

✠ **SENDING** ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world

COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Sisters and brothers, let us stand and affirm what we have discovered God's will in the company of each other.

That we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service, we are summoned, by whose presence we are renewed;

To this we are committed:

That it is central to the mission of Christ to participate, by word and action, in the struggles of the poor for justice; to share justly the earth's land and resources; to rejoice in the diversity of human culture; to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty; to accompany each other spreading the Gospel and to be the stranger in other places in the world, and to witness - every day - to the love of God for people of the earth;

To this we are committed:

That we are called to witness in the world. To open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which come through relationships with the people in other lands, to take the risk of walking with, speaking for and ministering with those who are different from ourselves. This is the way we serve our Lord and Savior;

To this we are committed:

That God has called the church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to walk together in community with all nations of the world as a sign of God's new order, to celebrate in the streets and fields of every land the liturgy of heaven;

To this we are committed:

That Christ fully aware of our differences, prays that we might be one so that the world may believe.

To this we are committed:

**We are committed for the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

***BLESSING**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***SENDING SONG**

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

vss. 5-8 # 352

*He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!*

*He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



*From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20852.*

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

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).