

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 23rd, Anno Domini (The Year of Our
LORD) 2025

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - “Glorify Thy Name”

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of
their Baptism.*

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

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.

Stand

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!
May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!
**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.**
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Kyrie

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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

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The LORD be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
 O LORD, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

13 - 18

Malachi 3:

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle

Colossians 1: 13 - 20

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

All: Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 924 - “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Sermon

"Ending Strong"

*Num. 6:22-27, Luke 24:50,
2 Corinthians 13:14*

MEMORY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 13: 14

¹⁴ “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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**

Prayer of the Church

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD,
saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

Offering and Offertory

Benediction

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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 favor and ✠ give you
peace.
C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the
Closing Song with percussion instruments*

Stand

**Closing Hymn - LSB 917- “Savior, Again to Thy
Dear Name We Raise”**

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