

Thank You to Those Serving Today:  
November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk  
November Communion Assistants: Lyle Horrmann & Steve McConley (11/8 and 11/29)  
Choir Director: David Hinrichs  
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot  
Counters for 11/15: Adam Horrmann & Lynn Oolman  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Reader: Please sign up in the "welcome" alcove.  
Recorder: James Blomberg  
Ushers: Ed Copeland & Kim Blomberg

Prayers are requested for Jack Risser who has transitioned into hospice care.

Worship Arts will meet Thursday (11/19) at 7:15 PM.

Offering Envelopes for 2021 are on the table in the back of the room. Please pick yours up today!

Thanksgiving worship service will be on Thanksgiving Day (11/26) at 9:30AM.

Mites -- The next collection will be December 6. This continues our collection of mites on the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Happy Birthday to Mark Newfield (11/16)

Last Sunday the attendance (indoors only) was 28 and the of-fering was \$6,035.

Office Hours for the week of Thanksgiving will be Monday through Wednesday, 10AM—3PM.

December Newsletter Deadline will be Nov 23.

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*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 15, 2020*

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Theme of Today's Readings: God's gift of forgiveness engenders our forgiveness of others.

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. In the multitude of your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter your house to worship and confess your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Opening Hymn, "When All Thy Mercies, O My God (TLH 31)"

1 When all Thy mer-cies, O my God, My ris-ing soul sur-veys,  
2 Ten thou-sand thou-sand pre-cious gifts My dai-ly thanks em-ploy;  
3 Thro' ev-'ry pe-riod of my life Thy good-ness I'll pur-sue

Trans-ported with the view, I'm lost In won-der, love, and praise.  
Nor is the least a cheer-ful heart That tastes those gifts with joy.  
And af-ter death, in dis-tant worlds, The glo-rious theme re-new. A-men.

4 When nature fails and day and night  
Divide Thy works no more,  
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,  
Thy mercies shall adore.

5 Through all eternity to Thee  
A joyful song I'll raise;  
But, oh! eternity's too short  
To utter all Thy praise.

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession of Sins

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those that believe in His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised us His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading, *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Epistle, *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel, *Matthew 25:14–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who 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 scattered no seed,

<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 scattered no seed? <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 everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles Creed

**C** 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.

### Sermon Hymn, "At the Name of Jesus," (LSB 512)



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name  
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.  
 All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,  
 From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,  
 Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
 Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,  
 Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,  
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
 All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.  
 Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;  
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone Him;  
 There let Him subdue  
 All that is not holy,  
 All that is not true  
 Crown Him as your captain  
 In temptation's hour  
 Let His will enfold you  
 In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus,  
 Shall return again  
 In His Father's glory,  
 With His angel train;  
 For all wreaths of empire,  
 Meet upon His brow,  
 And our hearts confess Him,  
 King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,  
 Who, the Prince of light,  
 To a world in darkness,  
 Brought the gift of sight;  
 Praise to God the Father;  
 In the Spirit's love  
 Praise we all together,  
 Him who reigns above.

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## Sermon

## Prayers of the Church

### 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

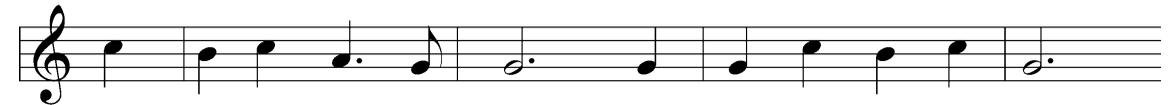
☐ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☒ **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, "When Morning Gilds the Skies," (LSB 807)



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round  
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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