

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 10:00 a.m. Watch and subscribe on YouTube:

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Prelude

Opening Hymn "Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth" Hymn #598

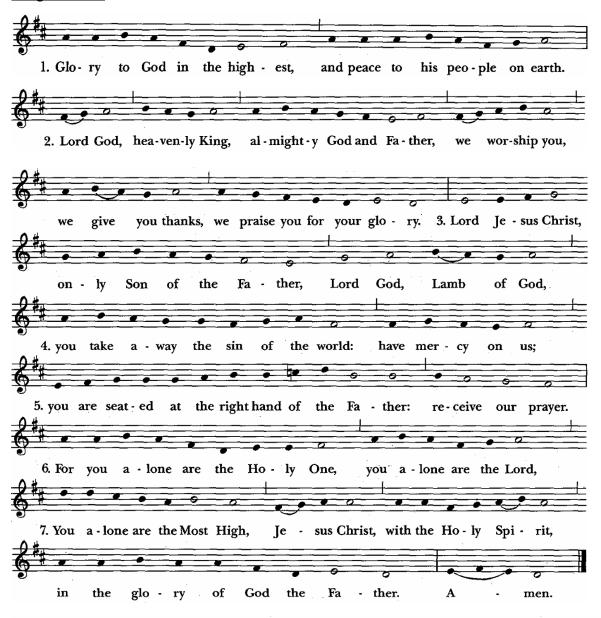
THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Isaiah 65:17-25)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth:

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-and their descendants as well.

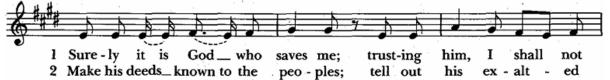
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

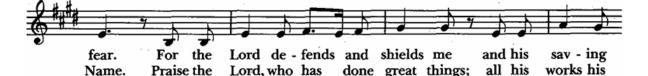
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

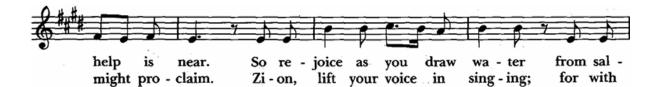
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

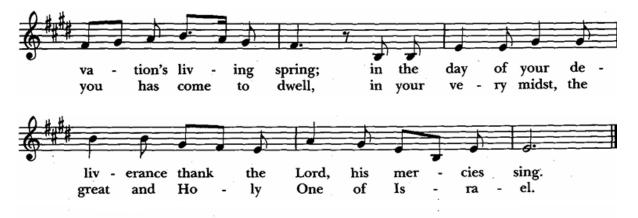
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah - 679 Surely it is God who saves me









Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of The First Song of Isaiah

Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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The Second Lesson

(2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Now 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. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and 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. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

<u>Sequence Hymn</u> "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy"

Hymn #482

The Gospel

(Luke 21:5-19)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "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."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And 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.

"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." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"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. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Sermon

the Rev. Dr. Nancy Eggert

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<u>Prayers of the People – Form V</u>

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond: Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our diocesan Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, and Cory the Mayor of Racine, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, especially the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Ministry, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives, [especiall	y:] , we pray to you, O Lord
For all who are sick or suffering, [especiall	y:], we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially: _____], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and People

Most merciful God
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.

Amen

The Peace All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Voluntary

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

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Celebrant

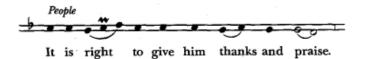
All things come of Thee, O Lord

People

And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

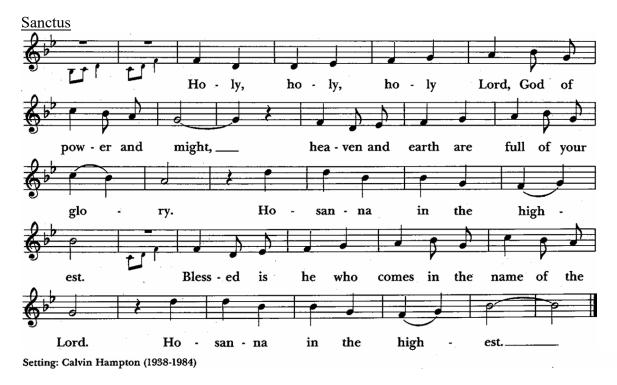
The Great Thanksgiving





Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

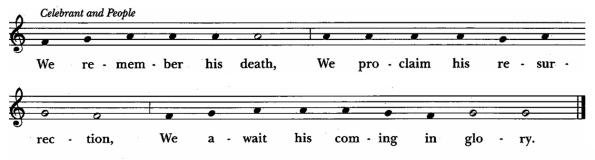


The people may kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . .

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,



Setting: Ambrosian anaphora chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The Celebrant continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

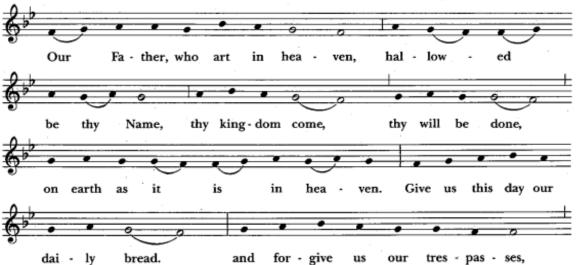
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

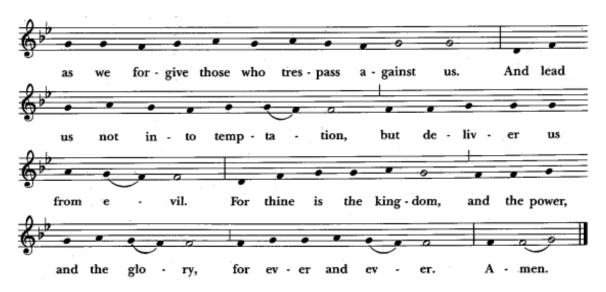


The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:



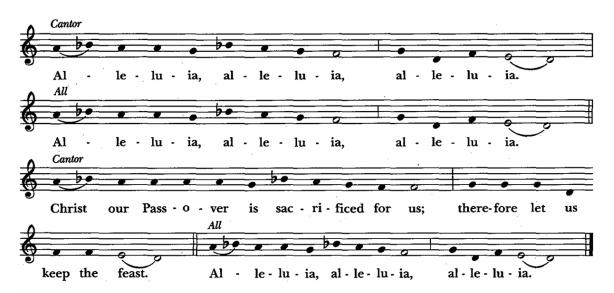


Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Setting: From Missa orbis factor; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymn

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee"

Hymnal #615

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of

Christ's presence.

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that

community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Blessing

<u>Closing Hymn</u> "O God of every nation" Hymn #607

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

<u>Postlude</u>

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE/S: Michelle and Sofia Reyes

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Hazel Dickfoss

SECOND READER: Mabel DuPriest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Mick Burke

USHERS: Becky Turk, Amber Beth, Mike Dillon

CANTOR: Jim Cook

SUPPLY ORGANIST: Jim Winfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER: Hazel Dickfoss

COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: All Parishioners

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Gregory, Andrea, DaMary, Elaine, Monte, **Homebound**: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill, Stan

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's
Brown Bag Ministry
Diocese of Wisconsin Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following: St. Luke's Discretionary Funds. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Grace Ellingham to the glory of God and in honor of her son, Eric's birthday.

Brown Bags Lunch: Saturday, December 13

We need volunteers to bring a food item, make sandwiches and enjoy some camaraderie with your fellow parishioners! Call, text or see me in person. Thanks! Tricia 262-498-6703

Estimate of Giving

If you have not filled out an Estimate of Giving pledge sheet for 2026, and would still like to, they will be available on the clip board by the door to Simpson Hall for the remainder of the year. They can be dropped in the offertory plate.

You can also fill one out anytime online by scanning this code:



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