

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age,

C **We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.**

We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway.

We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, serving ourselves with pleasures.

P O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

C **We know you are a God who delights in goodness.**

Grant that we too might delight in goodness.

We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice.

Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other.

P O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice,

with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy.

C **These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.**

Amen.

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

C Amen.

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

C **How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!**

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the
tents of wickedness.**

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C **O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

C **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.**

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.



Hymn #336

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



Apostles' Creed

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.

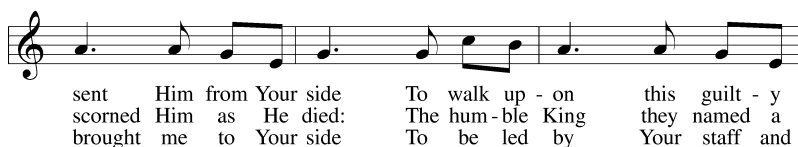
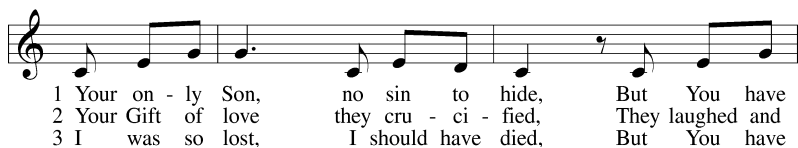
Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #550

Lamb of God



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Distribution Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above



Be-fore the throne of God ab - ove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
Be-hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per-fect spot - less right-eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

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Announcements

Bible Study *

Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

New Member Class

Week 2 – Tonight 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Please contact the church office if you or someone you know may be interested in attending.

Youth Confirmation – Week 2 – Today 11:30am - 12:30pm. Please contact Pastor Mueller if your child will be attending.

Jr. High/Sr. High youth group Tuesday Nights at the church from 6:30-8:00pm.
Come join us to study Psalm 23 together!

Mercy Ministries

Thanksgiving Meals

Please join us in providing seven Thanksgiving meals to local families. We will collect all items except the turkey, which will be purchased. You are invited to sign-up online at [this Sign-up Genius link](#) for donations. All items must be delivered to the church by November 22nd. If you are interested in donating, but do not want to use the online sign-up, please contact Cheryl in the church office for a list of items needed.

Glen Carbon School

We are collecting winter coats (children's sizes 6-8 / 10-12/14-16) , hats and mittens for girls and boys in need. They need 3 in each size for both girls and boys for now. These have to be new due to Covid Restrictions. Please keep in mind, this is for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Please drop off your donations in the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Christmas Blessings

We are excited to have been asked to sponsor a local family of 8 (ranging from 7 months – 13 years old) for Christmas! This is an amazing opportunity to share our blessings, and since the suggested gifts are modest, there are many opportunities to participate. You are invited to sign-up online at [this Sign-up Genius link](#) for donations. If you are interested in donating, but do not want to use the online sign-up, please contact Cheryl in the church office for a list of items needed.

Help St. James "Spread the Joy" with Residential Hospice in Glen Carbon! Currently they are in need of donations to place in their "Spread the Joy" bags which are distributed to patients in assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and those still living at home. For more information, please contact Cheryl in the church office.



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