

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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 our Father:

O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

C **We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed.**

Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed.

P O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

C **Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded.**

Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.

P O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us.

C **You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins.**

You know that without your mercy we can do nothing.

Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

C Amen.

Psalms

Psalms 143:1-2, 5-6, 10-11

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

C **Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

- C** I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- C** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- 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

Zephaniah 1:7–16

- ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
- ⁸And 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.
- ⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
- ¹⁰"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.
- ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
- ¹²At 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.'
- ¹³Their 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."

¹⁴The 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.

¹⁵A 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,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While 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. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn #525

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And 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.’ ²¹His 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.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His 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.’ ²⁴He 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, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰And 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 to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

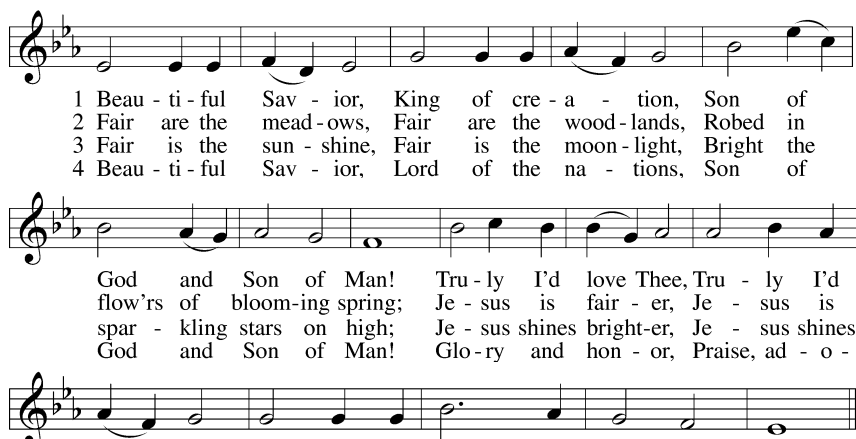
Lord's Prayer

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 #537

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more he Thine!

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Distribution Hymn #466

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength Je - by God was dis - persed.
 You look for the Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

CCLS Presentation Today

Matt Hoehner and Will Vann will be here today at 11:30 a.m. to present the CCLS microschool concept. If you are not able to attend in person, the presentation will also be livestreamed. Those who are watching livestream and have questions can text Pastor during the presentation and he will pass them along to Matt and Will.

Bible Study *

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 3 – Tonight 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

Youth Group

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Please join us on Tuesday nights at the church from 6:30-8:00pm. We will be studying Ephesians from now until Christmas. Ephesians gives us assurance that what God has started, He will finish. He chose us before the foundation of the world! This week, we are studying Ephesians 1: 15-23. In verse 17, Paul prays that the people would know God better.

What does Paul mean? How do we “know God”? How does God’s Spirit make that happen?

Operation Christmas Child

If you forgot your filled shoebox today, please bring it up to the church Tuesday night during youth group (6:30 - 8:00pm) so we can deliver them to the collection center. If you would like to track your box, you can go online to www.samaritanspurse.org to donate \$9.00 and receive a label to attach to your box. Thank you to everyone who donated a box!

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 [Thanksgiving Dinner](#) for donations. All items must be delivered to the church by November 22nd. If you are interested in donating, but do not have access to 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 [Christmas Blessings](#) for donations. If you are interested in donating, but do not have access to 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 **Shanna** at shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org .



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