



*Celebrating 65 Years*

**Holy Cross**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**PRAISE SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**  
**23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

**INTRODUCTION**

*Signs of the end fill today's gospel. Christ is coming to judge the living and the dead." How, then, shall we live, knowing that everything around us will one day pass away? We live with hope knowing that history is heading toward the God who loves us. We also live in the present moment ready for action, making the most of the time given to us as a gift.*

**WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING HYMN** *(Please rise.) "Does Jesus Care?"*  
*(Maj # 517 - request - Text: Frank E. Graeff; Tune: J. Lincoln Hall)*

1. Does Je - sus care when my heart is pained Too deep - ly for  
 2. Does Je - sus care when my way is dark With a name - less  
 3. Does Je - sus care when I've tried and failed To re - sist some temp-  
 4. Does Je - sus care when I've said good - by To the dear - est on

mirth and song; As the bur - dens press and the cares dis - tress, And the  
 dread and fear? As the day - light fades in - to deep night shades, Does He  
 ta - tion strong; When for my deep grief I find no re - lief, Though my  
 earth to me, And my sad heart aches till it near - ly breaks—Is it

*Refrain*

way grows wea - ry and long?  
 care e - nough to be near? O yes, He cares; I know He cares, His  
 tears flow all the night long? aught to Him? Does He see?

heart is touched with my grief; When the days are wea - ry, the

long nights drear - y, I know my Sav - ior cares. (He cares).

## INVOCATION ( = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

## A SHORT FORM OF CONFESSION (*Please kneel.*)

L: This confession is taken from Luther's Small Catechism, *Part V. Confession*, in response to the request for a Brief Form of Confession to be used in private confession between an individual and the Pastor. The penitent says:

**C: Dear confessor, I ask you please to hear my confession and to pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will.**

P: Proceed.

**C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. In particular I confess before you that as a servant, maid, etc., I serve my master unfaithfully, for here and there I have not done what I was told. I have made him angry and caused him to curse. I have been negligent and allowed damage to be done. I have also been offensive in words and deeds. I have quarreled with my peers. I have grumbled about the lady of the house and cursed her. I am sorry for all of this and I ask for grace. I want to do better.**

L: A master or lady of the house may say:

**C: In particular I confess before you that I have not faithfully guided my children, servants, and wife to the glory of God. I have cursed. I have set a bad example by indecent words and deeds. I have hurt my neighbor and spoken evil of him. I have overcharged, sold inferior merchandise, and given less than was paid for.**

L: [Let the penitent confess whatever else he has done against God's commandments and his own position.] If, however, someone does not find himself burdened with these or greater sins, he should not trouble himself or search for or invent other sins, and thereby make confession a torture. Instead, he should mention one or two that he knows:

**C: In particular I confess that I have cursed; I have used improper words; I have neglected this or that, etc.**

L: Let that be enough. But if you know of none at all (which hardly seems possible), then mention none in particular, but receive the forgiveness upon the general confession which you make to God before the confessor. Then the confessor shall say:

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen. Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C: Yes, dear confessor.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace.

L: A confessor will know additional passages with which to comfort and to strengthen the faith of those who have great burdens of conscience or are sorrowful and distressed. This is intended only as a general form of confession.

## **GREETING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

### **PRAISE SONG** *"Jesus Loves Even Me"*

*(Maj # 456 - favorite - Philip P. Bliss)*

1 I am so glad that my Fa - ther in heaven Tells of His  
2 Though I for - get Him and wan - der a - way, Still Je - sus  
3 O if there's on - ly one song I can sing, When in His

1 love in the Book He has given; Won - der - ful things in the  
2 loves me wher - ev - er I stray; Back to His dear lov - ing  
3 beau - ty I see the great King, This shall my song in e -

1 Bi - ble I see - This is the dear - est, that Je - sus loves me.  
 2 arms I would flee, When I re - mem - ber that Je - sus loves me.  
 3 ter - ni - ty be: O what a won - der that Je - sus loves me!"

I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me;

I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves e - ven me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together: **O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without You nothing is strong, nothing is holy. So rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with You forever in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 74 (congregation: indented)

Why have You rejected us forever, O God?

**Why does Your anger smolder  
 against the sheep of Your pasture?**

Remember the people You purchased of old,

**the tribe of Your inheritance, whom You redeemed—  
 Mount Zion, where You dwelt.**

Turn Your steps toward these everlasting ruins,

**all this destruction the enemy has brought on the sanctuary.**

Your foes roared in the place where You met with us;

**they set up their standards as signs.**

They behaved like men wielding axes

**to cut through a thicket of trees.**

They smashed all the carved paneling

**with their axes and hatchets.**

They burned Your sanctuary to the ground;

**they defiled the dwelling place of Your Name.**

They said in their hearts, "We will crush them completely!"

**They burned every place**

**where God was worshiped in the land.**

We are given no miraculous signs; no prophets are left,

**and none of us knows how long this will be.**

How long will the enemy mock You, O God?

**Will the foe revile Your name forever?**

Why do You hold back Your hand, Your right hand?

**Take it from the folds of Your garment and destroy them!**

But You, O God, are my king from of old;

**You bring salvation upon the earth.**

## **PRAISE SONG** *(Please sit.)* "Sun of My Soul" (Maj # 366)

John Keble, alt.

From *Katholisches Gesängbuch*

1 Sun of my soul, Thou Sav - ior dear, It is not night if Thou be near;  
2 A - bid with me from morn 'til eve, For with - out Thee I can - not live;  
3 Be near to bless me when I wake, As thru the world my way I take;

1 O may no earth - born cloud a - rise To hide Thee from Thy ser - vant's eyes!  
2 A - bid with me when dark is near, And with Thy love cast out all fear.  
3 A - bid with me 'til in Thy love I lose my - self, in heaven a - bove.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

**SECOND READING** ....Jeremiah 12:1-7 .....p. 1192  
52:12-14 .....p. 1270

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....2 Timothy 3:1-7.....p. 1854

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please rise.*)

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (Maj # 514 verse 1 - favorite)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 I need thee ev-'ry hour, most gra-cious Lord; 4 I need thee ev-'ry hour, teach me thy will; no ten-der voice like thine can peace af-ford. and thy rich prom-ises in me ful-fill. *Refrain* I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev-'ry hour I need thee; oh, bless me now, my Sav-ior, I come to thee.

Text: Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835–1918, stanzas.; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain Music: LOWRY, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Luke 21:5-19.....p. 1635

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 4*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

## SERMON “Jeremiah & Timothy-Part X”

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

#### HYMN OF THE DAY (Please rise.)

“Father of Mercies, in Thy Word” (SBH # 256)

ANNE STEELE, 1760 ST. AGNES. C. M.  
JOHN B. DYKES, 1866

1. Fa - ther of mer - cies, in Thy Word What end-less glo - ry shines!  
2. Here the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice Spreads heaven-ly peace a - round,  
3. O may these heaven-ly pa - ges be My ev - er dear de - light,  
4. Di - vine In - struc - tor, gra - cious Lord, Be Thou for ev - er near;

For ev - er be Thy Name a - dored For these ce - les - tial lines.  
And life and ev - er - last - ing joys At - tend the bliss - ful sound.  
And still new beau - ties may I see And still in - creas - ing light.  
Teach me to love Thy sa - cred Word And view my Sav - our there. A - men.

#### SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism, *Part V. Confession:*

L: What is confession?

**C: Confession has two parts: First, that we confess our sins. Second, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, without doubting it, but believing firmly that our sins are forgiven by God in Heaven through it.**

L: What sins should we confess?

**C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess those sins alone which we know and feel in our hearts.**

L: Which are these?

**C: Consider here your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father? A mother? A son? A daughter? A husband? A wife? A servant? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you hurt anyone with your words or actions? Have you stolen, neglected your duty, wasted anything, or injured someone? These things confess.**

## OFFERING

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

*(Please sit.)*

**MISSION MOMENT** Share the Power (Dick Kovach)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy; C: hear our prayer.)*

## THE 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.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

### **BENEDICTION AND THREE-FOLD AMEN** (SBH p. 40)

P: The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Based on T. TERTIUS NOBLE

C: A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

### **SENDING HYMN** (*Please rise.*)

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* (Maj # 335 - favorite)

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,  
 5 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

1 Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!  
 2 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 3 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 4 Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A - men.

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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

GREETERS: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Darlene Treisner  
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer  
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski  
SONG LEADER: Pastor David  
LITURGIST: 8:30-Faith Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer Needed*  
CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler  
LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Kathy Ballek  
ALTAR GUILD: Diane Hahn / Darlene Treisner  
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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