

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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(LCMS)

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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost The Order of Service (Daily Prayer)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 915, "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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The Versicles LSB 295

A In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for
You and watch.

A My mouth is filled with Your praise,
C and with Your glory all the day.

A O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

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.

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 729, "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:7–9*

⁷ Thus says the LORD: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’”

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 7:23–28*

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but

the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" (AGPS #128)

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

Chorus

**I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love**

Verse 2

I love to tell the story
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new new song

'Twill be the old old story
That I have loved so long **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

I love to tell the story
Of how, from heaven above
Our Lord and Savior Jesus
Was sent to show God's love
To ev'ry sinful creature
Upon this earthly place
How Christ, the gift from heaven
Is God's great gift of grace **(Chorus)**

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 10:46–52*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed (on the hymnal back cover)

The Sermon Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love"

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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The Sermon

The General Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (on the hymnal back cover)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Blessing

LSB 295

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 922 "Go My Children with My Blessing"



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra will be returning from vacation October 28th. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact one of our Deacons:

Craig Popma 531-6481

Bryan Ensing 589-6925

Jerry Talen 826-7342

John Weiss 773-0805

Events of the Week: October 24 - 31

TODAY: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, PK-4th.

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

3-5 p.m. Youth Meeting (Movie Night)

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship

Service w/ Holy Communion

Wed: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Bells

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday: Pastor's Day off



Saturday: 2:30-4:00 p.m. Trunks of Treats

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. REFORMATION WORSHIP w/
Communion at St. James & FBL.

KIDZ TIME during the sermon, PK-2nd

11:00 a.m. Pastor's Woke Bible study

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Lector: Carol Bifulco

Those who serve Reformation, October 31:

Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Walt & Karen, Ben & Ashley

Lector: Charlie Kirt



October Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennie Schmidt

November Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennie Schmidt

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: October 17, 2021

General Fund	\$3,805.00
Gift from Dorcas	919.11
Memorial	100.00
Plate Collections	58.00
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	Total: \$4,882.11
On-line giving	2,480.00
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	Total: \$7,362.11

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Donna Nacke has a new address. Donna is at Pilgrim Manner located at:

2000 Leonard St. NE, Room 104
Grand Rapids, MI, 49505.

Please note this change in your church directory.



On **November 7th**, as Sandra Schaeffer shares a second address around the theme "Christ Lives in Me!" This address was recorded as a banquet address for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada convention that was held this past July. In the

address, Sandra weaves together personal stories with the promises of God. ***Come to be encouraged! Come to get to know Sandra better! Come to fellowship with your sisters in Christ!*** The presentation is 40 minute video recording which will be shown in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 pm. We hope you will join us!



Service Opportunity - Friends in Faith, with funding from Thrivent Financial, is sponsoring a dinner at **North End Community Ministry** on **November 2, 2021**. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Melissa Ensing or Walt Kryzanowski.

The dinner is held at **St. Alphonsus Parish** at **224 Carrier St. NE**. You will park in the parking lot at the corner of **Leonard** and **Lafayette** and enter in the door in the corner of the two buildings. **Arrival time is 4:45 PM and you will be finished by 7:00 PM.**

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa or Walt. Thank you.

Life Quote for Sunday, October 24:

"Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or 'race' for election ploys. 'Wisdom from above' is needed, says James, lest there be 'wars among you.' Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross."

James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James

