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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2022

The Pre-service Music, the Call to Worship & Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 592 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-
2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our

mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;

In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we

shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.
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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (p. 268 ff.) – Through Holy Baptism, our gracious heavenly Father creates faith in Avery Schuur’s heart, adopts her into His family, washes away her sins, and promises her everlasting life. We rejoice with Avery’s family, and we thank God for our own baptism when the Holy Spirit caused us to be born again through water and the Word.

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 946 “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4

L A reading from Malachi, chapter 4.

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children

and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Choir Anthem: “Offertory” (Micah 6:6-8)

The Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

L A reading from 2 Thessalonians, chapter 3.

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. ⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Shout to the Lord" (Darlene Zschech)

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You (**repeat song**)

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Darlene Zschech

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The Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5–28

P A reading from Luke, chapter 21.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing

infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 508 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
 6 May Christ our in - ter - ces - sor be And through His blood and mer - it
 7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
 Read from His book that we are free With all who life in -
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
 her - it. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His
 la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
 saints in that blest place Which He has pur - chased for us.
 judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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Sermon (*During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.*)

The Offering (*Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!*)

A Hymn: LSB 664, “Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound-less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt.
 Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York
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The General Prayer of the Church

The Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the
✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve
you.
- C** Amen.

A Closing Hymn: LSB 671, "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who

rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!

To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!

clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -

cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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Events of the Week: November 13 to November 20

Today	11:00 a.m. Voter's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ladies Painting Event
Monday	6:30 p.m. Communion service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. ISJ Board meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible study (Darrell) 5:00 p.m. Deacon's meeting
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Bell choir 7:15 p.m. Choir
Friday	Pastor's Day off
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotion on FB 9:30 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Rwanda Mission Trip Presentation (Pastor and Sandra)

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: November 5/6, 2022

General Fund	\$9,079.85
Building Fund	40.00
ISJ Academy	200.00
Tessaro Ministry	20.00
Memorials	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,389.85

Announcements

Paper copies of the November newsletter are available on the table in the foyer. The newsletter was also sent via email to those who are on St. James' email list.

Rwanda Mission Trip Presentation: Pastor and Sandra will show pictures and discuss their recent mission trip to Rwanda next Sunday following the service. All are invited!

A Voter's Meeting will be held TODAY following the service. We will be passing the 2023 Budget and appointing members to serve on St. James' Governing Board who have been nominated by the members and vetted by Pastor Schaeffer. With the upcoming LCMS convention in the summer of 2023, we will be accepting nominations from the members for the offices of LCMS President, LCMS; the LCMS First-Vice President and the LCMS Regional Vice President for the Great Lakes Region. Between now and our Voter's meeting please take a moment to pray and think of ordained pastors of the LCMS who you think may serve well in one of these offices and come prepared to make a nomination.

Lifting Our Hands in Prayer – Ladies Painting Event TONIGHT.
The event starts at 6:00 p.m.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good! Join us on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for a special communion service of Thanksgiving.

Would you like to make a Thanksgiving Day display for the chancel? The display might be set up for Sunday, November 20th and for the Thanksgiving Eve service. If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.

Those who serve Today:

Officiant: Pastor Glenn Schaeffer

Lector: Carol Bifulco

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Urbanski Family

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John, and Marjie Weiss

November Altar Guild: Sherry Schmidt