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## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost November 4, 2018



*“Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are...”  
Matthew 5:1-3*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN**      *“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”*      #671

*Please Stand*

## INVOCATION

Pastor:      In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:      Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:      Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:      He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor:      Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

**People:      Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors.**

Pastor:      They have washed their robes

**People:      and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Pastor:      The Lord takes pleasure in His people;

**People:      He adorns the humble with salvation.**

Pastor:      See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

**People:      that we should be called children of God.**

Pastor:      Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:      He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:      As we celebrate God’s salvation and remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we are reminded that all saints, both living and dead, have led sinful lives. Even though we are God’s children, what we will be has not yet appeared. We remain contaminated by sin and evil until Jesus returns. As we come before God, let us consider our sinfulness and ask God for His forgiveness.

Pastor:      Heavenly Father,

**People:      we are all guilty and ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We have not always lived as Your children. We have often failed to seek peace. We have not been pure of heart. Forgive us, renew us, and bless us, so that we may rejoice and be glad to be counted as Your children.**

Pastor: God has lavished His love upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise again for us all. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will be our shepherd, and He will guide us to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are God's children, and ours is the kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" #676 v1*

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST READING**   *Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17*  
*(Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb.)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 149**

*We read together Psalm 149 found in the very front of the pew hymnal.*

**EPISTLE**    *1 John 3:1-3*                    *(Beloved, we are God's children now.)*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1-12*  
*(Blessed are the poor in spirit.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE CATACHISM LESSON** *The explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article.*

**People:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

*Please be Seated*

**SERMON HYMN** *“For All the Saints” #677*

**SERMON** *“Blessed are You” Pastor Ron Flentgen*

*Please Stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in this world we are often overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, yet You have promised that in Your heavenly kingdom there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more scorching heat,

and no more tears. Strengthen us to keep turning to You in the midst of struggle, for You say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until Christ comes again. On this All Saints’ Day, we remember all who have died in the faith.

For You say, “Blessed are those who mourn,

**People: for they shall be comforted.”**

Pastor: Lord, this world is filled with power-hungry, prideful people who seek to rule the earth without any thought of You or care for Your creation. Keep us faithful to Your kingdom so that we do not run after the false gods of power and prestige, for You say, “Blessed are the meek,

**People: for they shall inherit the earth.”**

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Alice Vogt and Bill Hepting. Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, for You say, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**People: for they shall be satisfied.”**

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world of cruelty and indifference, but You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light so that we might love our families and friends, our neighbors and enemies. Cheer the hearts of all those who show mercy to others, for You say, “Blessed are the merciful,

**People: for they shall receive mercy.”**

Pastor: Lord, protect those who cannot protect themselves, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, for You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,

**People: for they shall see God.”**

Pastor: Lord, break and hinder the plans of Satan, for he always seeks division, war, and conflict in this world. Raise up those who will work for reconciliation and harmony, for You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they shall be called sons of God.”**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

*Please Stand and Sing "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2*

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### SANCTUS

♪ **Ho-ly; ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name  
Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink

His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

♪ **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*Please be Seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" #680*

*Please Stand*

## **NUNC DIMITIS**

♪ **O Lord, now let Your servant, depart in heav'nly peace.  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill;  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**    *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*                      #725

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