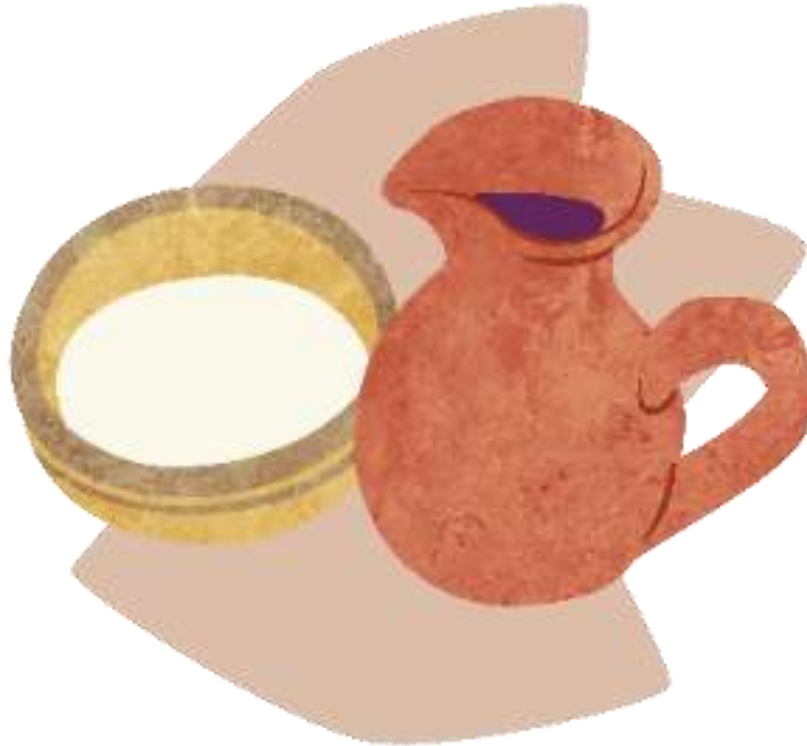


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 11, 2018

8:00 am



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/VETERAN'S DAY

The Way of Peace

AS WE GATHER

“Blessed be the Lord God!” The words of Zechariah the priest recorded in chapter 1 of Luke’s Gospel have been echoed by faithful worshipers through generations. We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Messiah, who shows us the tender mercy of our God. As He illuminates our steps, our Savior guides our feet into the way of peace. That peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. With Paul, we can be sure that, in our worship and in all parts of our lives, the God of peace will be with us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDES “This is My Country” arr. Fred Bock
 “Sortie on ‘National Hymn’” arr. Lani Smith

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL *Congregation, please stand.*

HYMN “Before You, Lord, We Bow” *LSB 966*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 29:11; 34:14–15*

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.

People: **Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: **Almighty God, who speaks peace to His people, Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.**

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of 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. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✧ WORD ✧

KYRIE "Kyrie - II"

LSB 944

1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
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 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"
 (Verses 1-3)

LSB 936

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16
 (The prophet Elijah aids the widow of Zarephath.)

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and

stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread--only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it--and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.' "

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC MINISTRY "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Peter Wilhousky
Ascension Chorale

CHOIR: Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

CHORUS: Glory glory hallelujah Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah His truth is marching on

I have seen Him in the watchfires Of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar In the evening dews and damps
I can read His righteous sentence In the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on **CHORUS**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom That transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy Let us live to make men free
While God is marching on **CHORUS**

**ALL: Glory glory hallelujah Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah His truth is marching on**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:24–28
(Christ will be appearing again.)

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

VERSE *2 Corinthians 8:9*

ALL: **Alleluia. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38–44
(Jesus honors the great gift of the poor widow.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

LSB 717

SERMON “Always Enough”

Pastor John Larson
Text: I Kings 17:8-16

CATECHISM *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess that God is our Creator and our Preserver. Not only does He graciously give us life, He also sees to it that we have all we need to support our body and life from year to year. We acknowledge His fatherly protection as we confess together:

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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.

We bless You, O God, for the gift of the Church, for our family of faith, and our place of fellowship and growth. As the Church, grant that we continue to walk in the way of faithfulness, joyfully proclaiming the message of salvation and sharing the gifts You have given. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We thank You, O God, for the world in which we live and for the human family of which we are a part. Today we remember our armed forces and the veterans of our nation, thanking You for the sacrifices they have made. Help us to walk in the way of peace as bringers of blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You know our needs and the needs of others even before we speak of them with our words or in our hearts. Graciously hear our petitions for those who are hospitalized or ill, for those who are shut in or find their lives limited in some way, for those whose work is unfulfilling or have no work at all, for those who are grieving on this day, and those who seek some special blessing, [*especially . . .*], that their lives know Your presence. Direct us into the way of sacrificial service that we ever be bringers of hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . *Other intercessions may be added here.* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."



OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Washington Post"

Sousa, arr. Joseph Linger

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tim and Kim McClaren (Transfer)
Amy Powell (Adult Confirmation)
Sharron Virdon (Reaffirmation of Faith)

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



The LORD'S SUPPER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

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

[Psalm 136]

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have called us to walk in the way of peace by the guiding of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that we walk daily as children of the day and of the light here on earth until that time when, by Your grace, we will walk in the courts of

heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Divine Service, Setting Three)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13) Text is in the back cover of your Hymnal.*



Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting Three)

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“God of Our Fathers”

arr. Jim Hammerly
 Diana Gaide, pianist
 LSB 527

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

“God of Our Fathers”

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al-might-y hand Leads forth in
 2. Your love di - vine has led us in the past; In this free
 3. From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence Make your strong
 beau - ty all the star - ry band Of shin - ing worlds in
 land by you our lot is cast; Oh, be our rul - er,
 arm our ev - er sure de - fense. Your true re - li - gion
 splen-dor through the skies: Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 guard-ian, guide, and stay; Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 in our hearts in - crease; Your boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: God the almighty Father bless you and keep you.
God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and lives with His glory.
God the Holy Spirit be with you that you ever walk in the way of peace.

People: Amen.

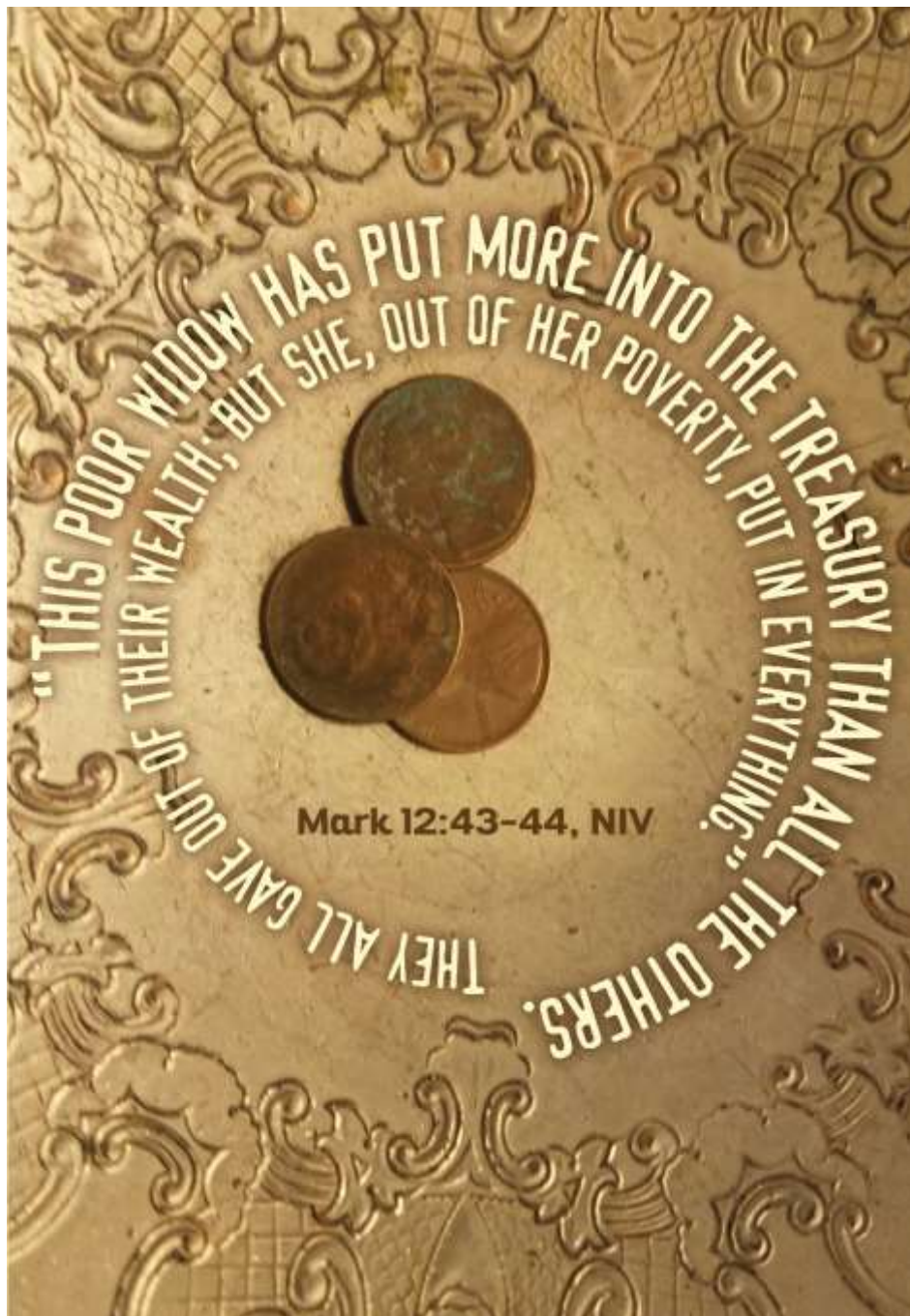
HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land"

LSB 965

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE "The Stars and Stripes Forever"

Sousa, arr. E. Power Biggs



Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST
AGAPE PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Diana Gaide
Rose Berger, Jenna Lawrenz, Lisa
O'Neal, Ken Price, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Michael Lawrenz
Roger Gaide

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Tom Munson
Jeanette Nelson

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Chrissy Coon
Hannah Schmitt

USHERS 8:00
10:30

Hank Peepgrass, Ian Avedissian, Ann
Ranisate, Members of the Congregation
Jason Dierking, Nolan Pierce, Holly
Schmitt, Members of the Congregation

SERVER 10:30
ALTAR GUILD

Denise Lucero
Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Dawn
Munson, Cathy Utecht

FLOWERS

Dennis & Joyce Lord in celebration of
Angelina Tacito's 100th birthday

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