

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
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Opening Hymn

“Christ Is Surely Coming”

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- 1 Christ is surely coming
Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega,
First and Last and Lord:
Root and Stem of David,
Brilliant Morning Star;
Meet your Judge and Savior,
Nations near and far!

- 2 See the holy city!
There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy,
Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring
All He loves to give,
Come for living water,
Freely drink, and live!

- 3 Grace be with God's people!
Praise His holy name!
Father, Son and Spirit,
Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise
From the_ eternal home:
“Surely I come quickly!
Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



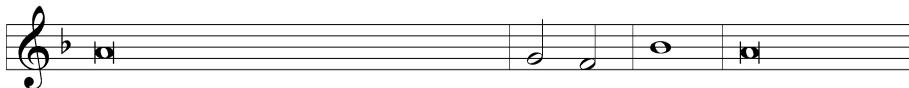
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



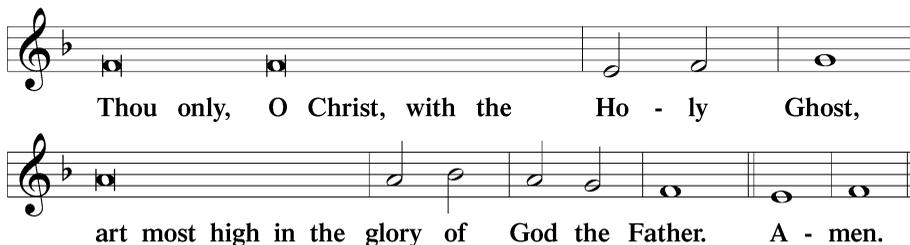
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹For 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. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, 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.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

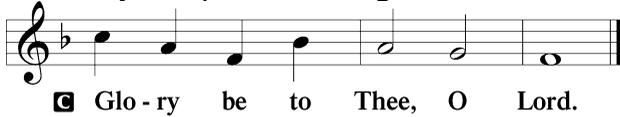
Alleluia

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Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



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.

²⁵“And 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.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
 When Jesus, God's anointed,
 In all His power shall appear
 As judge whom God appointed.
 Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
 And flames on flames shall ravage earth
 As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
 And all the earth be shaken,
 And all who rest beneath the ground
 Shall from their sleep awaken.
 But all who live will in that hour,
 By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
 Be changed at His commanding.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

Sermon

Luke 21:5-36

Offertory

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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P 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

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1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

November 14-20, 2022

MONDAY	
AA 7:00pm	FRIDAY
TUESDAY	Bulletin Assembly 10:00am
<i>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER</i>	Packing Thanksgiving Baskets 7:00pm
TOPS 8:30am & 6:00pm	SATURDAY
WEDNESDAY	Distributing Thanksgiving Baskets 9:00am
THURSDAY	Scrapbook Workshop 9:00am
Prayer Group 3:00pm	Communion Worship 5:30pm
Handbells 6:30pm	SUNDAY
Choir 7:30pm	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:00am
MOM Group 7:00pm	Communion Worship 10:00am

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

ABOUT THE COVER The Lord has placed a song of joy in our hearts to sing! It is the melodious work of His salvation, which He has orchestrated through history by sending Christ Jesus to be our Savior. It continues to echo into the ears of all nations. Christ is for all people, bringing all believers into harmony with one another around the Gospel of His forgiveness.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE Let us join together with choir and bells in giving thanks and praise to our gracious God at our annual ***Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm.***

TELLERS NEEDED We are in need of additional tellers to count offering on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704. Thank you.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD) Thanks to everyone who helped in some way to complete the total of 600 sandwiches done this year! If you are interested in helping with any portion of this program, please contact Roberta Hanka.

HOLY CROSS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **CAROL DEHNKE** and **ROBERTA HANKA**, our top two nominees for the 2023 Women of the Year. Final voting will be from November 1 - 20. Ballots will be provided at the Welcome Center (next to the wooden box) and in the bulletins. Thank you all for participating in this process. Remember everyone can vote.

MOTOWN SOUP

Sunday School and Ladies Guild will be selling Motown Soup! Payment is made by cash or check when you place your order. **Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.** *The First Order Deadline is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.* Visit our Motown Soup Display Table or call Linda; Roberta or Laurel. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We would like to encourage members once again to buy flowers for the altar. The cost is \$20.00 for each bouquet, you can buy 1 or both. When you purchase a bouquet you can take it home after the Sunday service. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so you can pick the week you would like to buy flowers.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides Missouri Synod lay people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The subscription also includes the Michigan In Touch supplement. Holy Cross subscribes to the Lutheran Witness at \$12.00/year for

each member household, and it is time to update your information. If you need to make any changes: address, add, or delete, please contact Becky, by December 1.

HELLO LADIES OF HOLY CROSS!

Come join us for "Ladies Night Out"...3-6-9-12 for a night of fellowship & fun at the Detroit Zoo Lights. Saturday night, December 10, 2022 @ 6pm. The cost is \$32 per person, plus \$8 parking (carpooling suggested). Included in the cost: admission to Wild Lights; access to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibit; entry into the Polar Patio & endless food buffet and a souvenir hot cocoa cup. The sign-up sheet can be found on the UWM Board by the parking lot doors. We need a final count by November 20th....any questions, please contact Michelle Hoeft or Maurya Withrow.

THANK YOU!!

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