Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 pm, November 21st
8:15 am, November 22nd

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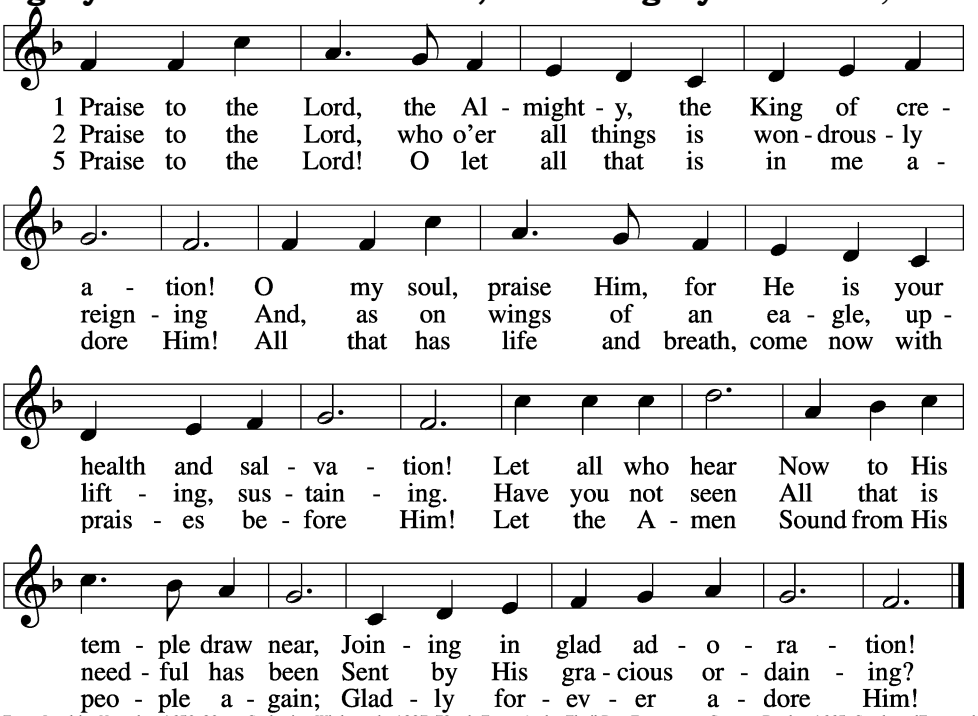
We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LSB 790, sts. 1–2, 5*



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CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Psalm *Psalm 95:1–7a*

P: [1]Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
P: [2]Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
C: [3]For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
P: [4]In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
C: [5]The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
P: [6]Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
C: [7]For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation *LSB 213*

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 213*

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.**

Absolution *LSB 213*

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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray… Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

6:00pm ~ SOLO: Connie Sherd & Kim Hintz

8:15am ~ SOLO: Ramona Lubeck

SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Prophet *Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–16*

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for
my sheep and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his
flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will
I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will
make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them in justice.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–26*

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits
of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by
a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in
Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each
in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he delivers the
kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Third Reading ~ Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats. 33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats
on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we
see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And
when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and
clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit
you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you
did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you
cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did
not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in
prison, and did not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them,
saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least
of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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.**

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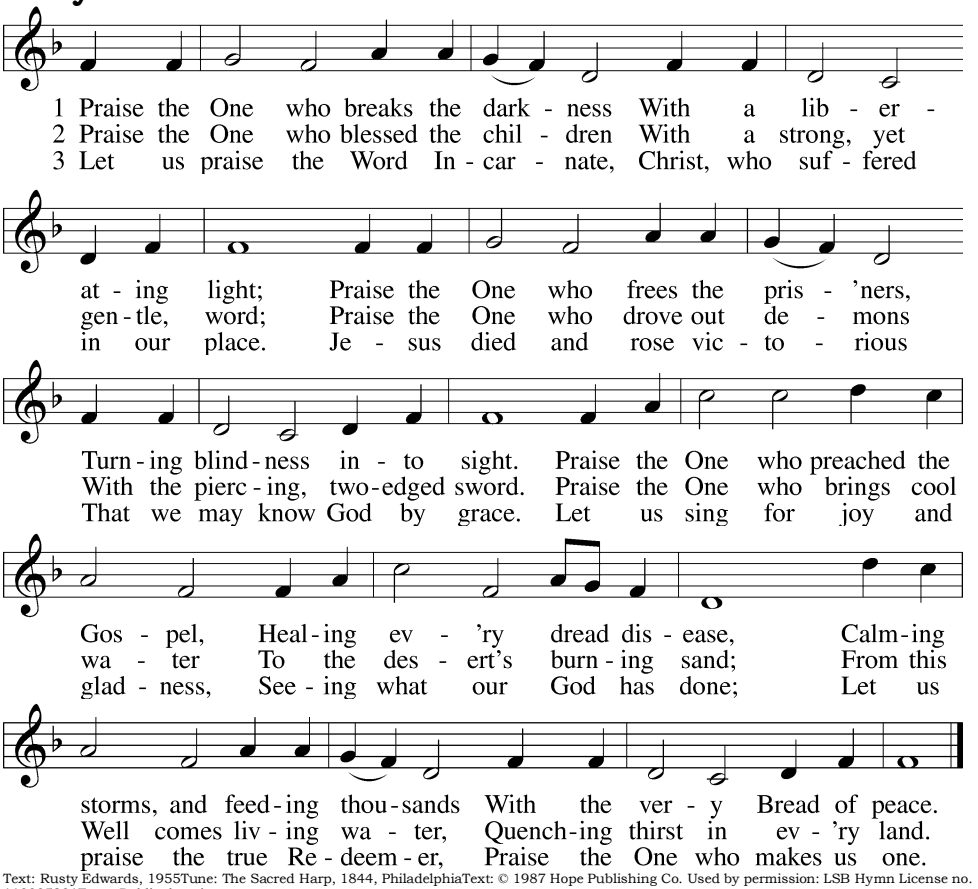
CHILDREN"S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward for a brief lesson and treat.

Sermon Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness *LSB 849*



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SERMON ~ "A Kingdom That Turns Everything Upside Down" (Philippians 2:8–11)

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THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

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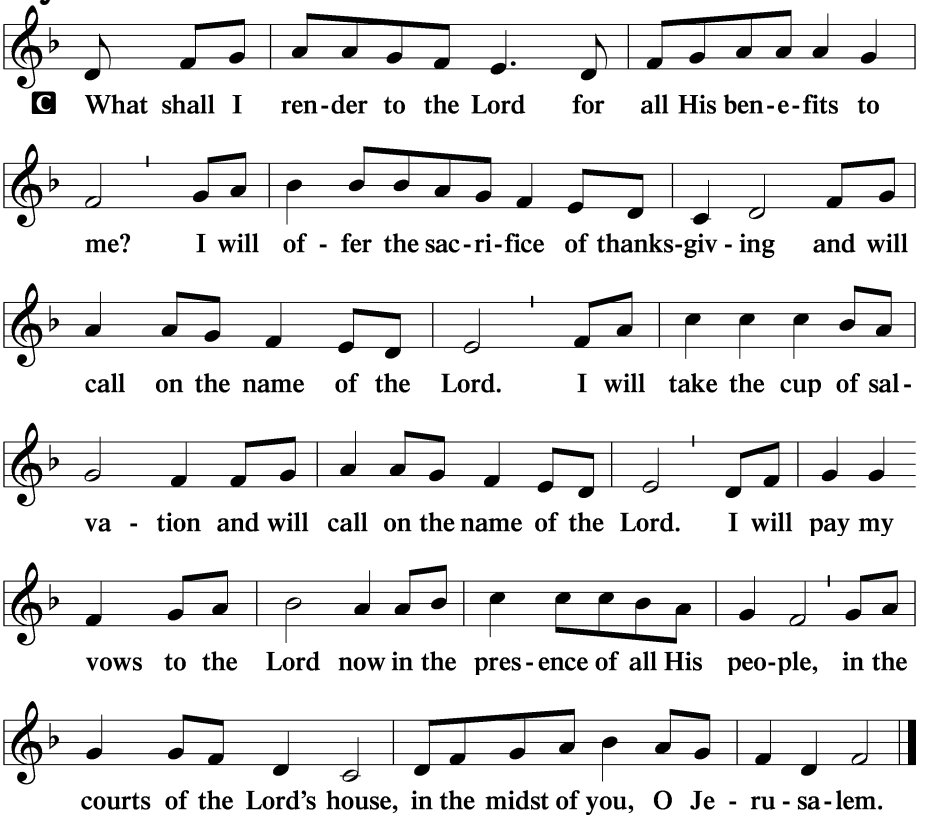
Offertory *LSB 159*



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

Each petition ends with the following prompt from the Pastor and response from the Congregation:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer. (***After the final petition:* ***Amen.)***

Lord's Prayer

C **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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus *LSB 218*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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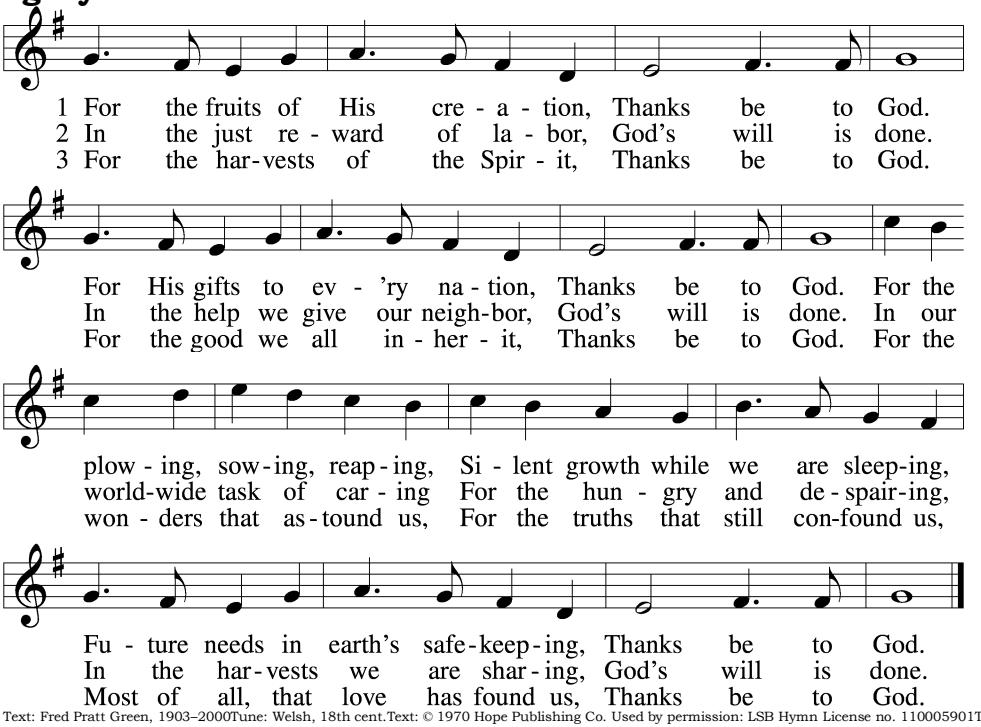
Sending Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation *LSB 894*



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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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