

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 2022

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: When you think about it, it is a silly question:

“Lord, will those who are saved be few?” (Luke 13:23). Why do you think you need to know that anyway? Maybe such a person is worried for others—for their family, for their children. Or maybe they are looking for a loophole for themselves. Of course, our Lord sets us straight by turning the question back so that we ask, “Am I going to be saved?” To answer that question, we almost automatically fall into the temptation to believe that the answer has to do with the sufficiency of our own merits or good works.

The “narrow door” and Jesus’ requirement to “strive to enter” seem to suggest some evidence of effort on our part. The surprise, however, is that there is no effort required; one only receives the work, the merit, the righteousness of Jesus Christ. In Holy Baptism, you receive that new status of “child of God,” bearing the righteousness of Christ. The striving and effort are but the daily dying and rising by repentance and faith by the power of your Baptism. The strength to persevere is nourished by the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Keep entering through the open door, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *LSB 791*

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.**

**Oh, enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1; 50:1*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,

People: (spoken) **a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and
summons the earth

People: (spoken) **from the rising of the sun to its
setting.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Invited by the grace of God, as His baptized
children, we entreat His mercy confessing our sins
and receiving His forgiveness.

**People: O merciful Father, hear our plea for Your
constant help in the struggle of living in the
strength of our Baptism into the death and
resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
We lay our sins on His own atoning death. Raise
us in the assurance of Your forgiveness and Your
power to create a new and contrite heart, that
we may serve You in holiness and forever sing
Your praises both now and forever. Hear us for
the sake of Jesus, our Lord and our eternal King.
Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit, strengthen you with His grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

People: It is He who remembered us in our low estate, for His steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: and rescued us from our foes, for His steadfast love endures forever;

People: He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” *LSB 940 vs 1*

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, You have extended Your invitation to forgiveness, life, and salvation to be proclaimed and heard throughout the world. Grant that all people hear and learn to respond to Your love in a constant faith empowered by Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:18–23 ESV*

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 12:4–29 ESV*

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord

disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages

be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:22–30* ESV

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED*Nicene Creed***People:**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come.
Amen.**

HYMN

“O Worship the King” LSB 804 vs 1-4

**O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise**

**O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm**

**This earth with its store of wonders untold
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old
Established it fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain**

++ SERMON ++

THE OPEN DOOR

Text: Luke 13:22–30 The Text for our Sermon

Theme: Don't ignore the Open Door.

Goal: That all listening confidently enter into the kingdom of God through Christ Jesus, who is the Open Door.

Sermon Outline

1. Posing Question: ***“Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”***
2. Open Door, Open Invitation: ***“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.”***
3. Closed Door: The door is now open, but the door is closing.
Don't Ignore the Open Door.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to remain constant in the struggle of faith empowered by the cross of

Christ, filled with hope and confidence. Lord, in
Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Save and defend Your whole Church and
strengthen Your faithful people through the Word
and the Holy Sacraments, establishing in them the
faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your
mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all
pastors and to those who hold offices of service in
Your Church that by their work and example faith
may abound and Your kingdom increase into all
the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and
grant health and favor to all who bear the offices
of government in our land. Guard and protect also
all who serve in the armed forces of our country,
[*especially . . .*]. Give them faithfulness and
success in their service and grant that their
homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are
in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, . . . Be
with those also who suffer persecution for the
faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws
near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who
suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, *especially* Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own bloody sacrifice on a cross as the pure and holy victim who bore our sins and the sin of the world, He

has opened the door to Your kingdom for all who put their trust in Him. 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 *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Receive our thanksgiving for the forgiveness, life, and strength to live given to us through His very body and blood in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

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 ✕ 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 ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *(sing) LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563 vs 1 & 2

Jesus Thy blood and righteousness

My beauty are my glorious dress

Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed

With joy shall I lift up my head

Bold shall I stand in that great day

Cleansed and redeemed no debt to pay

Fully absolved through these I am

From sin and fear from guilt and shame

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle, The Nunc Dimittis)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank You, O God, for making us Your own children through our baptismal death and resurrection by faith in Christ and for strengthening that faith this day in the very body and blood of our Lord. Help us daily to strive in this faith to live in love for You and for our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” LSB 680

**Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the
cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing
gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living
Thine the loving
evermore evermore.**

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at
Thy feast at Thy feast

Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor
Thine the brightness
only Thee only Thee

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study

Starting September 14th @ 10:30am
Studying the book of ACTS.

If you need a study copy, please see Ken Kosmalski

Sunday Bible Study

Starting September 11th after service
Studying Women of the Bible

Attendance

Sunday August 14th 9:30 am 32

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Ruth & Paul Pollatz – August 21st
Linda & Steve Hurst – August 24th
Val & Gary Mason – August 26th

Birthdays

Lucy Stamp – August 21st
Timothy VanHampler – August 21st
Mike VanHampler – August 24th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home
George Morton, at home
Carmell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at home
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Laraine Maynard, Friend of Pam Benford, in hospice for lung cancer

Amanda Hofnagle, Friend of Panich family, **health issues**

Nancy Dajos, high blood pressure to be normal again

Rachel Holt, Surgery Tumor behind the eye

Christian Monk, Pending Surgery

Pastor Pollatz, continued healing from recent surgeries

Mark Greenaway, father-in-law of Amy, maiden name Pignanelli, ill and has been placed on Hospice