

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church
The 24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2020

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Reverend Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.

Revelation 7:15

CONFSSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

Holy One,

We confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

THE INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Jubilate Psalm 100

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Reader from St. Mary's

LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit

them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God

Reader from Concordia

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A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

THE HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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| 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and
praise; with joyful hearts
and voices your alleluias
raise; by him the rolling
seasons in fruitful order
move; sing to the Lord of
harvest a joyous song of
love. | 2 God makes the clouds
drop fatness, the deserts
bloom and spring, the hills
leap up in gladness, the
valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his
fullness, all things with
large increase and crowns
the year with goodness,
with plenty and with
peace. | 3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness
gave, the golden sheaves
of harvest, the souls Christ
died to save. Your hearts
lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore
him who gave his life for
all. |
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Deacon Winzler proclaims

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five

talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those

who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this

worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.””

The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you,
Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY *Well Done, Good and Trustworthy Servant*

Pastor Marschhausen

Reverend Johnson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Pastor Marschhausen

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from Concordia leads

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of abundance, you have poured into our lives a large measure of earthly blessing: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you – on the mission to which you call us and so generously equip us – and not our material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us the faith and wisdom to use our blessings to your glory and to the service of our neighbors. Guide us in the

stewardship support we give to our congregations, so that St. Mary's and Concordia might be beacons of hope and promise to each other, to our community, and to our world. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; *N. and N.* God mercifully grant you the riches of grace, that you may please God both in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen leads

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

We give you thanks, dear heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We pray also that you would protect us this day from sin and every

evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels watch over us, so that the wicked foe may have not power over us. Amen.

Reverend Johnson

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son , and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

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| 1 Oh, happy day
when we shall
stand amid the
heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts
from ev'ry land the
new celestial song,
the new celestial
song. | 2 Oh, blessed day
when Christ shall
come and show
himself as Lord,
and thousands meet
in their new home
which Jesus has
prepared, which
Jesus has prepared. | 3 Oh, what a mighty
rushing flood of
joy and love and
peace will roll
down over us with
good and
blessedness and
grace, and
blessedness and
grace. | 4 O Lord, your grace
is ev'rything; your
love has made us
free to stand among
the saints and sing
the glory that we
see, the glory that
we see. |
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Deacon Fedorchak dismisses the assembly

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 16-21

Mon – Nov 16

Zechariah 1:7-17

Romans 2:1-11

Psalm 9:1-14

Wed – Nov 18

Job 16:1-21

Matthew 24:45-51

Psalm 9:1-14

Fri – Nov 20

1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Revelation 22:1-9

Psalm 95:1-7a

Tue – Nov 17

Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Psalm 9:1-14

Thu – Nov 19

1 Kings 22:13-23

Revelation 14:1-11

Psalm 85:1-7a

Sat – Nov 21

Isaiah 44:21-28

Matthew 12:46-50

Psalm 95:1-7a