

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church
The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
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About today's lectionary readings:

The readings appointed for the Sundays in November deal with the end: the conclusion of the liturgical year, one's own death, the end of the earth as we know it, and even the "dying" of vegetation around those of us who live in the northern hemisphere. At the end of everything is God, and in the readings we encounter this God already arriving for us, with the promised feast begun in our meal of bread and wine.

From Sundays and Seasons

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of **☩** Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in 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 Concordia

LESSON AMOS 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an overflowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God

Reader from St. Mary's

Canticle L

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 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Deacon Fedorchak proclaims

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps,

they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those

bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready

went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 St. Mary's 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.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship

with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom.

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Pastor Marschhausen

PRAYER For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, and all who serve this country at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face

the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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***Let Justice Flow Like Streams***

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| 1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure. | 2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed. | 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through. |
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Deacon Winzler 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 9-14**Mon – Nov 9**

Amos 8:7-14
1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Psalm 63

Wed – Nov 11

Joel 3:9-21
Matthew 24:29-35
Psalm 63

Fri – Nov 13

Ezekiel 7:1-9
Revelation 16:8-21
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12

Tue – Nov 10

Joel 1:1-14
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Psalm 63

Thu – Nov 12

Ezekiel 6:1-14
Revelation 16:1-7
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12

Sat – Nov 14

Ezekiel 7:10-27
Matthew 12:43-45
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12