

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2020

HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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Stand **OPENING VERSICLES**

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT**

Amos 5:18–24

L A reading from Amos, the fifth chapter.

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught

up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

RESPONSORY

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Stand TEN COMMANDMENTS

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

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.

Sit **HYMN**

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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SERMON

"Just getting by..."



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Stand PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

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

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

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

BLESSING

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 *He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the sufferers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.*
- 6 *His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Prayers

Continuing Prayer Concerns

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Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Irma Wentz
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Braden Eichenseer	Karley Kothe	Dylan McCoy	

Mission Prayer

Give thanks as you pray:

- Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.
- Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 11/8	Jeremiah 20:1-18; Matthew 24:29-51
Monday, 11/9	Jeremiah 22:1-23; Matthew 25:1-13
Tuesday, 11/10	Jeremiah 23:1-20; Matthew 25:14-30
Wednesday, 11/11	Jeremiah 23:21-40; Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday, 11/12	Jeremiah 25:1-18; Matthew 26:1-19
Friday, 11/13	Jeremiah 26:1-19; Matthew 26:20-35
Saturday, 11/14	Jeremiah 29:1-19; Matthew 26:36-56

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Next Communion Services—November 14 & 15

**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. **

Parish Council

Monday, November 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. @ Church Fellowship Hall

Public School Confirmation

Pastor will be starting a public school confirmation class soon. If you have a 7th or 8th grader and would like to join the class call the church office. A date and time will be decided when we know how many students we will have.

Home Visits

Many of our members are choosing to stay home during this pandemic but Pastor can bring communion to you. To schedule a visit, call the church office (965-3192).

Zoom Bible Classes

Pastor Mark has Zoom Bible classes on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to join the Bible Class send Pastor Mark an email and he will send you an invite to join the class.

Food Pantry

We will be collecting donations for the Food Pantry through November 23rd. We have placed boxes at each entrance for you to place your non-perishable items.

Wish List

- Church Ceiling Repair & Painting—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- Building & Maintenance Savings—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

Mission Weekend

Can you imagine teaching your young child about Jesus Christ—without having any kind of Sunday school materials, or even a basic Bible storybook? This situation is a reality for many Lutheran churches around the world, but the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is helping to change that. Next Sunday, Rev. Rod Benkendorf, an LHF representative, will preach at our worship services.

Christmas Decorating

Maggie Buch has stepped forward to beautify our church for the upcoming holiday season. She will be needing volunteers to help on Sunday, November 29th. If you would be available to help call the church office and we will add you to our committee.

Thank You

Our Wurstmart was once again a huge success. Thank you to all of our workers for their hard work. Thank you to everyone who drove by to pick up a delicious meal. We served 440 diners and will profit over \$4,000. Again, thank you to everyone for their help with this modified dinner.

2021 Lutheran Witness Renewals

It is time to renew your Lutheran Witness subscription. The new rate is \$18, and the deadline is November 18. Please make sure to let us know your correct mailing address when you make payment for your new subscription. We have the following subscriptions on file:

Rose Bartens
Darl & Janet Bollman
Janet Castens
Erna Edler
Carolyn Fritsche
Leonard Lampe

Mr & Mrs Herman Mayer
Mr & Mrs Michael Mayer
Christa Parker
Lynn Robb
The Salger Household
Wilbert Schnepel

Carol Smith
Mr & Mrs William Stegmann
Eldean Troue
David Wentz
Lorene Word

It's Angel Tree Time!

Our Angel Tree project will start soon so the tree is up in the Fellowship Room. Watch for the 'Angels' to appear. They may not start to appear until around the 9th, hopefully, sooner. There will also be ornaments on which especially needed items are written ~ if you would rather get an item or two instead. The project will end December 4th and that is when all the ornament's items, or Angel bags, MUST be returned, with the ornament and Angel tags attached.

When you pick an Angel or an ornament from the tree, please note that you must register both Angels or ornaments by writing your name and phone number beside the corresponding number on your Angel or ornament, on the register sheets. Before you leave, be sure to take an instruction sheet with you so you'll have all the information you need at home to help you through this project. And THANKS for participating!

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL NOTES

Unfortunately, due to restrictions by the Governor, St. Mark's Lutheran School will not be holding their annual Veterans Day chapel service and recognition. We would like to thank each and every Veteran for their service to our great country!

There is no school on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Let's remember those who served or gave their life so we could be free! Thank a Vet!

Picture retake day originally scheduled for Thursday, November 12th has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 19th. If you were not in attendance on the first picture day, please make sure and have your picture taken.

St. Mark's Lutheran School is very proud to announce the following student's winners in the 2019-2020 VFW Post #3553, Chester, Americanism Award. Coloring Contest – PreK 3-Sophia Hornbostel-3rd Place, Alex Knop-2nd Place, Walyn Stroud-1st Place; Coloring Contest-PreK-4-Elias Eppstein-3rd Place-Brett Berry-2nd Place, Stella Green-1st Place; Poster Contest-1st Grade-Madisyn Murphy-3rd Place, 3rd Grade-Robert Tepovich-3rd Place, Roselene Huey-2nd Place, Katelynn Vallett-1st Place; and Essay Contest-4th Grade-JJ Underwood-3rd Place. Congratulations students!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at *COS* will be November 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appointments and masks are required. To book your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, go online to www.redcross.org, or use the Red Cross Donor App.

***COS* Spirit Wear available:** Order new *COS* Spirit Wear through this link: <http://bit.ly/COSLHS-SpiritWear>. Orders should be placed by November 23 and should be ready by Christmas.

Thrivent Action Grants: Members of Thrivent can request two \$250 action grants each year. If you or a family member has a Thrivent Action team they have not used yet, please consider using it for a project for *COS*. We would like to update landscaping, do some deep cleaning, painting, and maintenance work. Please contact Lisa via email at enroll@coslhs.org or call the school if you would like to use an Action Team Grant toward one or more of these projects.

School Visitors: To help us follow Illinois COVID guidelines, we request that visitors to *COS* make an appointment for any visits or other deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school until Illinois changes its COVID mandates. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. *COS* will be closed for Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.