



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, November 12, 2023

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

Call to Worship

- P** For the LORD is good
C **and His love endures forever;**
P His faithfulness continues through all generations.
C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C **And to the Holy Spirit;**
P as it was in the beginning,
C **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Opening Song: LSB 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near v. 1,2, 5-7

1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

This Is the Feast LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

First Reading, Amos 5:18–24

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

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as 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.

²⁰Is 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.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel, Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C Glory to You, O Lord

[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."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Sermon (Guest Pastor – Rev. Robert O. Bartz)

Sermon Hymn Encouraged (to the tune of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less")

When we are worn down by life's trials,
Discouraged by the Devil's guiles,
As Christians we can rise anew
Refreshed by God and others, too.
Encouraged, comforted, built up
We are renewed by God's sweet Love.

Our Jesus died and rose for this
That we might live with Him in bliss.
When circumstances bring us grief,
We cling to this sincere belief.
Encouraged, comforted, built up
We are renewed by God's sweet Love

As we receive God's precious Word,
We share with others what we've heard,
And urge them to live blessed lives
Enheart'ning everyone who strives.
Encourage, comfort, strengthen all
And help them hear our Savior's call

(Please stand, as you are able)

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Peace of the Lord

(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **☩** Lord in your mercy **☩** Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

☩ Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

☩ 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.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

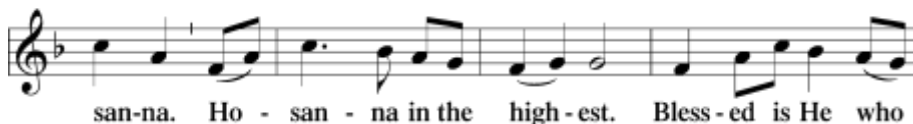
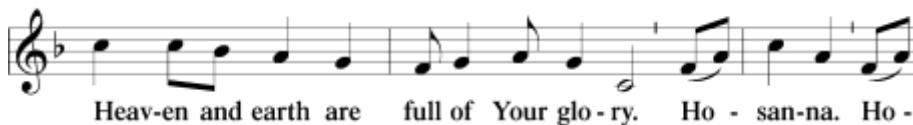
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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



The Word of Our Lord

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord? Words and Music by John Fischer

Chorus: Have you seen Jesus my Lord
He's here in plain view
Take a look open your eyes
He'll show life to you

Have you ever look at the sunset
With the sky mellowing red
And the clouds suspended like feathers?
Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Have you ever stood at the ocean
With the white foam at your feet
Felt the endless thundering motion?
Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Have you ever looked at the cross
With a man hanging in pain
And the look of love in his eyes?
Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Have you ever stood in the family
With the Lord there in your midst,

Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say, you've seen Jesus, my Lord

Chorus

“Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there we are going to see the King!
No more crying there we are going to see the King!
No more crying there we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

(Instrumental)

No more dying there we are going to see the King!
No more dying there we are going to see the King!
No more dying there we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.

Without Your grace and favor

I go astray;

So take my hand, O Savior,

And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,

I need not fear,

For You, the Rock of Ages,

Are always near.

Close by Your side abiding,

I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding,

In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen

And night has come,

I know that You will strengthen

My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn – Build Your Kingdom Here

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Chorus: Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

1. Come, set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church
And we need Your pow'r in us

Chorus

2. We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released;
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
And we pray revive this earth

Chorus

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

(Please be seated)

Announcements

If you are interested in becoming a member of St Peter, please see Pastor, an Elder, or Brad, and they can get you the paperwork to get your journey started!