

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Sunday In The Church Year

Saturday – November 14, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship  
Sunday – November 15, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed  
10:45 am. Worship



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## † Call to Worship †

Hymn # 663:1,2,4,5 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

- 5 But while watching, also pray  
 To the Lord unceasing.  
 God protects you day by day,  
 Strength and faith increasing,  
 So that still  
 Mind and will  
 Shall unite to serve Him  
 And forever love Him.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

*LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

**C** Amen.

**Exhortation**

*LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9*

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 151*

**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.**

## Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19–23]

- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Psalm 17:1-15

- P** <sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!
- C** **Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!**
- P** <sup>2</sup>From your presence let my vindication come!
- C** **Let your eyes behold the right!**
- P** <sup>3</sup>You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing;
- C** **I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.**
- P** <sup>4</sup>With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips
- C** **I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>My steps have held fast to your paths;
- C** **my feet have not slipped.**
- P** <sup>6</sup>I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
- C** **incline your ear to me; hear my words.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge
- C** **from their adversaries at your right hand.**
- P** <sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of your eye;
- C** **hide me in the shadow of your wings,**
- P** <sup>9</sup>from the wicked who do me violence,
- C** **my deadly enemies who surround me.**
- P** <sup>10</sup>They close their hearts to pity;
- C** **with their mouths they speak arrogantly.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>They have now surrounded our steps;
- C** **they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.**
- P** <sup>12</sup>He is like a lion eager to tear,
- C** **as a young lion lurking in ambush.**
- P** <sup>13</sup>Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him!
- C** **Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,**
- P** <sup>14</sup>from men by your hand, O LORD,
- C** **from men of the world whose portion is in this life.**
- P** You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children,
- C** **and they leave their abundance to their infants.**
- P** <sup>15</sup>As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
- C** **when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.**
- Al** **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.**

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155 Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## † Service of the Word †

### Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

***“I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire.***

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish

***everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
 and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.***

<sup>10</sup>“On that day,” declares the LORD,

***“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
 a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.***

<sup>11</sup>*Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.*

<sup>12</sup>*At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'*

<sup>13</sup>*Their goods 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."*

<sup>14</sup>*The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.*

<sup>15</sup>*A day of wrath is that day,  
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,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

**C** 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.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’*

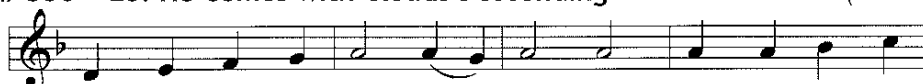
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 336 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

(Tune LSB 621)



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for ev' ry  
 2 Ev' ry eye shall now be - hold Him Robed in glor - ious  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion Still His dazz - ling  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee, High on Thine e -



Sin - ner slain; Thou - sand thou - sand saints a - ttend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 bo - dy bears, Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers. With what rap - ture, with what  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wai - ling, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glor - i - ous scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Sermon "These Are Matters of the Heart" Matthew 25:14-30, Etc.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn # 955 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

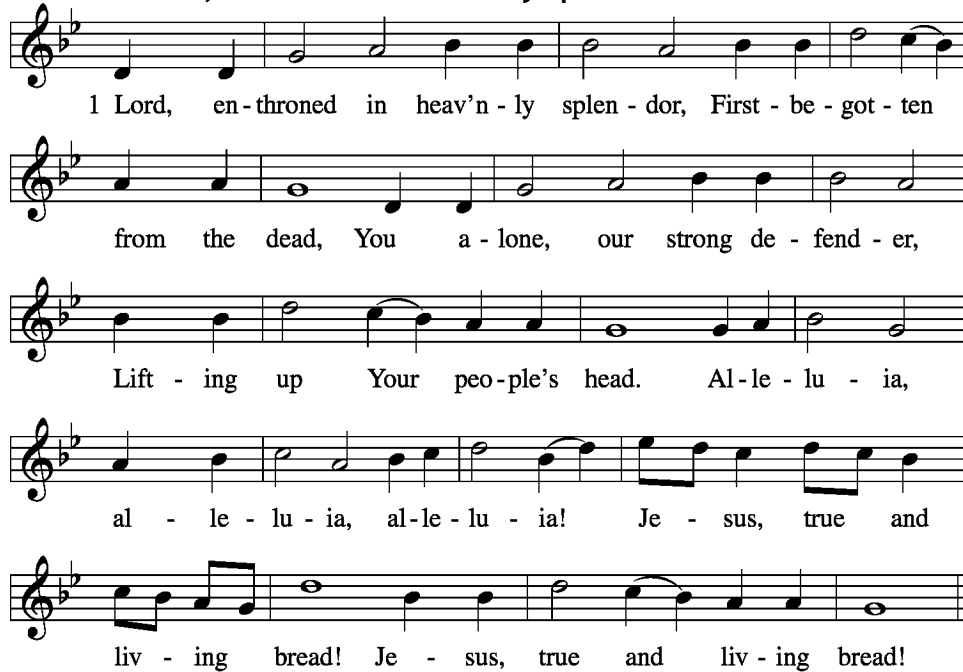
**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and reigning together with You and the Holy Spirit, now and into all eternity.  
**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Sacrament †

### Hymn # 534:1 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!

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### Proper Preface

**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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You saying:

### Hymn # 534:2 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”



2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162 Matthew 6:9–13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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.”***

## Proclamation of Christ

LSB 162 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## Hymn # 534:3 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.

## Distribution

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endures forever.

## Hymn # 534:4 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick-en rock with  
stream-ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na  
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,  
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be raised to share in eternal life; with Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166 Numbers 6:24–26

- 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn # 338 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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