



**November 13, 2022**

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



**Good Morning and Welcome**

Guests, we are glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering. Sound Assistance and unattended nursery with audio available.

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**SERVICE of WORSHIP**

*Healing Service*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

D Em<sup>7</sup>/D G/D A/D D Bm Bm<sup>7</sup>/A

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

G A F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm Em<sup>7</sup> F#<sup>7</sup>

hope be - yond our sor - row. sor - row.

G Em A D A D

*To stanzas* | *End*

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,

Bm F#m/A

grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all  
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your  
 ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all  
 teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

G F Em

*Refrain*  
 com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 vi - sion, God of love.  
 kind - ness, be our guide.  
 pas - sion, fill each heart.

D/F# G Bm A/C# G/B A

**\*THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
 And also with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

VIOLIN SOLO: *Waltz* by Polidini (8:30)

Gretchen Perry

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace* (11:00)

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3

<sup>61</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

## THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

## \*THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12

<sup>2</sup>When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —Jesus said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

## HOMILY

\*HYMN: "Canticle of the Turning"



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

(song continues next page ➡)



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

#### \*THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made, For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In your great mercy, hear us, O God.

#### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Those who wish to receive a healing prayer, laying on of hands, and/or anointing may come forward at this time.*

#### \*THE PRAYERS CONTINUE

We continue our prayers.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

**When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience; when dejected, give us hope; and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people.**

#### THE BLESSING

#### \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

## THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Refrain*  
F

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

B<sup>b</sup> F C

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>7</sup> Gm F/C C<sup>7</sup> Dm B<sup>b</sup> *Refrain*

but then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.  
you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

\*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, constant source of all healing,  
 we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank  
 you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we  
 wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to  
 be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through  
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the Prayers of the Church in the Livestream

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Neda & Adam Ballard in loving memory of Grandma Alice Holkko and Auntie Happy.

**A NURSERY** with audio is available through the double doors. Please check at the start of service if there is an attendant. Applicants or volunteers wishing to serve in this area are encouraged to call the office or contact Gary Heideman. Information is also on [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org)

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Parish Hall.

**MLC'S PLANNING FOR MISSION CONGREGATION MEETING** will be today at 9:45 a.m. This meeting is planned for the Parish Hall. Members are urged to attend and vote as 20% quorem is required.

**TODAY, DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL** Pastor Diana will host a "Why do we do what we do in worship?" class for grades 2nd and up in the Sanctuary. This fun, interactive class will help teach the children about our worship space and service. Pre-K & 1<sup>st</sup> grade will meet in their classroom. Sr. Youth who are confirmed should attend the Congregation Meeting.

**THE KIT MINISTRY BAKE SALE** is today in the Narthex. Stop by for a wonderful selection of homemade goods for fall snacking and entertaining! The money is used to purchase items for layettes, school kits, and personal care kits. Kit ministry meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m

**PASTOR DIANA'S LECTIONARY STUDY** Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and explore this coming Sunday's lectionary text.

**THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION** runs through Wed., Nov 30. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. Place your bid on the quilt's corresponding bidding form on the table. Highest bid wins. *Please note minimum bids on items.*

**HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS** surviving grief when everyone else is celebrating, First Baptist Church, Madison Tuesday, November 15 11:30- 1:00.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** - Cake Mix & Frosting

**'VINTAGE' MUSIC CAMP T-SHIRTS** in Education Wing. Suggested donation \$5 for Music Camp.

**COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED** for Greeters, Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinner

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	(8:30) (11:00)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff	<u>Greeters</u>	John & Mary Burke (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		Dagmar Miller (11:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Zach Dehm, Glen Long (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lector</u>	Tim Pitchko/ Kari Pitchko (8:30)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		(11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	M. Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Lee Linda Baggett (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, November 13**

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for youth/ No Adult Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. - *Planning for Mission* Congregational Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. - Kit Ministry Bake Sale
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

### **Tuesday, November 15**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, November 16**

- 9:30 a.m. - Pastor's Lectionary Class
- 10:00 a.m. - Dominoes Club
- 5:00 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, November 17**

- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, November 19**

- 9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service Planning Session

### **Sunday, November 20**

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: *Contemporary Service* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth "3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Dinner"
- \*These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**November 30, December 7, 14, 21:** Advent Services of Worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m.  
Theme: "Amazing Births"

**December 11:** Ring and Sing Concert at 6:30 p.m.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship at 5 and 7 p.m.

**December 25:** Lessons & Carols Services of Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

### **Attendance:**

October 30: Online - 72

November 6: 8:30 a.m. - 98, 11:00 a.m. - 47

### **Offerings Counted November 6, 2022**

Church Ministries  
Current Mortgages  
Wednesday Night Dinners  
Property  
Messiah Mugs  
*Music Camp*  
Owen's House

Comforters  
Inspiritus  
Flowers  
*Lunches for Learning Mission*  
Outreach  
Electronic Sign  
Advent

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