

# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, November 15, 2020

### Prelude

J.S. Bach, "Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier"

### Opening Hymn (Sung by Musicians)

ELW 710 "Let Streams of Living Justice"

- 1 Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.
  
- 3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

### Greeting

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

C: Amen

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping mindful of you, we may be stirred up to holiness of life and look with joy to the life to come in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth 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 warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
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.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.  
L: Word of God. Word of Life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 90** (by musicians)

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.  
<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**  
<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."  
<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night; R**  
<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:  
<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**  
<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.  
<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**  
<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our | days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.  
<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are  
gone.**  
<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power | of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]  
<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. R**

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant

woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**L: Word of God. Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (setting 4—Alleluia—Musicians Sing)**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <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>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter 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 replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what

they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

#### ELW 785 “When Peace Like a River”

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### *Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

### Apostle’s Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Holy God, your Spirit guides us into truth and calls us to live lives of grace. Sanctify us through your Spirit that we may become like Jesus growing into his likeness and bringing your grace and love to witness in the lives of others, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, open all ears to hear your Word of salvation, for you alone give light and understanding. Increase our understanding and awe of your creation; guide the work of scientists and researchers to find a cure to the COVID-19 virus, that we may all live in safety, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, we pray for the healing of all in need: those who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed especially those we now name before you Nancy, Carol, Dennis, Rob, Pastor Steve Swanson, Renee, Arnie, Don, Susan, Vicki, Rhea, and all those diagnosed with COVID-19. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound, we ask in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. We give you thanks for your Church: bishops and ministers, congregations and lay leaders, chaplains, missionaries and all who serve in witness to Christ's Gospel. We praise you for the gift of Concordia in all its ministries that you have called us to serve in Jesus' name and through his Spirit. In your mercy,

#### **Hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharist Liturgy**

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: Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
Your abundant grace fills our lives with blessings.  
All of Heaven and earth sing of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
Who preached good news to the poor,  
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

We give you thanks and praise for  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,  
and on this gift of bread and all who share in the body of your Son.

May your saving acts be proclaimed  
and your name forever be praised, Almighty Father.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with your Holy Spirit in your holy church throughout the world.

C: **Amen. Your Kingdom come.**

A: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **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.

## Communion Distribution

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

## Anthem (sung by Musicians)

“Domine Deus” from *Petite Messe Solenne* by Gioachino Rossini

## Post Communion Blessing

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Holy and gracious God, you have blessed us at this holy meal and united us in the fellowship of our savior, Jesus Christ. Your generous blessings renew us to go forth to serve as your faithful people until your kingdom comes and your rule is established throughout the whole world.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus, Come.

## Closing Hymn Sung by Musicians

ELW 708 “Fill us with Your Love”

### Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

3 These are the ones we will serve,

these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

## Benediction and Dismissal

P: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
with deeds of justice and mercy!

**C: Amen.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Johann Krebs, "Fantasia"

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## Announcements

- Concordia Ministries invites you to participate in our "Thanks + Giving 2020" campaign during the month of November. Tell us what you are grateful for and support those facing food insecurity this season. Access our 'Thankful Thoughts' form via the QR code or our webpage [www.concordiafaith.org/thanksgiving](http://www.concordiafaith.org/thanksgiving). Your 'thankful thought' response(s) will be recorded on a leaf and added to our Concordia Community "Full of Thanks" tree.

Additionally, this Thanksgiving season, we invite everyone who is able to give a gift to Concordia's campaign to support those in our communities that are experiencing food insecurity. 100% of proceeds donated are going to support the Lakeview Pantry - providing food, mental health and social services to our Chicago communities. Learn more about the Lakeview Pantry at [www.lakeviewpantry.org](http://www.lakeviewpantry.org). You can give in several ways: (1) Send your check to Concordia Church - be sure to add "Thanks + Giving 2020" in the memo line, (2) Text "Concordia" to 73256 to complete your gift using your mobile device or (3) access our giving platform on your laptop via our webpage [www.concordiafaith.org/thanksgiving](http://www.concordiafaith.org/thanksgiving). *Be sure to choose the 'Thanks + Giving' Fund.*

Questions? Connect with Jen Phillips, Director of Mission Development at Concordia Church at [jphillips@concordiafaith.org](mailto:jphillips@concordiafaith.org) or via phone 773-463-1600 x 402.

- We want our children to be able to participate in Sunday worship and learn about God's love for them, even while we cannot hold classes or activities here at church. Concordia Church is mailing

(monthly) resources to families that include a weekly bulletin with fun activities/lessons that corresponds to that week's readings and a coloring page for each child in the home. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings of children's faith resources, or if you have any questions, please connect with Jen Phillips at [jphillips@concordiafaith.org](mailto:jphillips@concordiafaith.org) or call her at 773-463-1600 x 402. We also enjoy hearing from you – we invite you to connect and share how things are going for you and let us know how we can support your child's growth in faith at home.

- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
  1. Text-to-give: Text "Concordia" to 73256 and follow the link you receive
  2. Give online at [onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give](http://onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give)
  3. Send a check via mail to the church