TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY November 14, 2022

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us, Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation, Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

Confession and Absolution

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- ${\sf P}$ ${\sf I}$ f 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.

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm* 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; *antiphon: Luke* 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. 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. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

P The Lord be with you.

you.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

And also with you.

С

C Amen.

Ρ

Old Testament Reading Malachi 4:1–6

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

Psalm *Psalm 139:1–18*

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,

behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

¹³For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

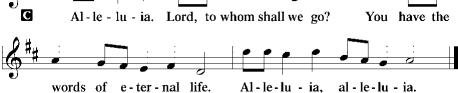
¹⁸If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Epistle 1 John 3:16–18

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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





Holy Gospel Luke 21:5–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors

and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: "Before I Formed You" *tune LSB 439*

Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You Conceived in sin, My Word of life still drew you. Bought with a price, you are My holy treasure, Loved beyond measure

Lo, you first parents I made in My image, But through their fall that kinship they did damage. \I made a promise, My Son would redeem them. Thus I redeem them.

You are a temple of the Holy Spirit. You are My own; the Kingdom you inherit. You are My child and your holy Father – I and no other.

All life is Mine; I jealousy possess it. I gave you life, and with My Word I bless it. My Word shall speak to unborn generations

Of their salvation

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Sermon

The First Article

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Offering

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

- 1 On what has now been sown, Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear, And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread, Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup, Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be, Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry, Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes, Thine the table we the guest, Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be, Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war, Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the justice of Thy ways Thine the glory Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night, No more dying only light Thine the river Thine the tree, Then the Lamb eternally Then the holy holy holy, Celebration jubilee Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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