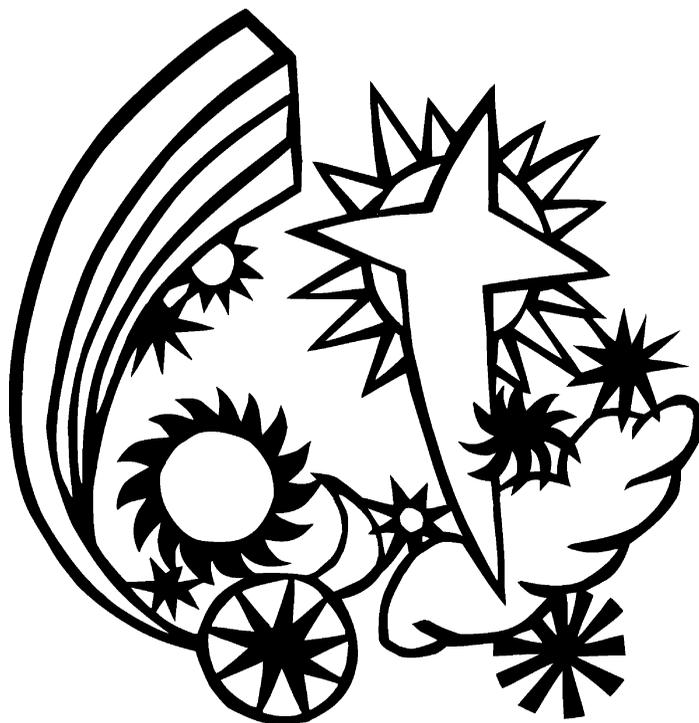


# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 13, 2022 – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Holy Communion – Autumn Setting

*\*Harmony Included in Hymnal*



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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have ignored voices that call for your justice.**  
**We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.**  
**We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**  
**We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!  
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Now the Feast and Celebration*

(ELW 167)

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Malachi.

'See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98

*The Psalm for the day is read responsively. Congregation speaks the bold portion.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and  
faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD.  
who comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying

for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

(ELW 172)

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

<sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name.

<sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. John Bell**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand* As Written (ELW 437\*)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye  
2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;  
3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;  
4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?



to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way,  
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition will be concluded using one of the following responses*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

## OFFERING

An offering is gathered in the narthex for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

## ANTHEM

### OFFERTORY HYMN: *As the Grains of Wheat*

(ELW 465)

*Refrain*



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: "As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following or a similar prayer.*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.  
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,  
now gather our gifts,  
nourish us with this sacrament,  
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

(ELW 191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

**Christ spreads a table before you.  
Gather here with all the saints.**

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

**The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*and each person may respond*

**Amen.**

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. The ministers commune before the assembly. For those unable to come to the front, notify an usher and communion will be brought to your pew.*



COMMUNION HYMN: *When Peace like a River*

As Written

(ELW 785\*)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



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

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

*The presiding minister may say a table blessing, and the assembly responds*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.  
Enliven us to be your body in the world  
and to serve those who are in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION** *Karen Carter and Lee & Yvonne Lacy*

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger,  
bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters  
and brothers who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. May they be sustained by the love  
and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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 Celene Welch, Pianist

## Serving In Worship

<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lori Shelton	Yvonne Lacy
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lori Shelton	Beth Willoughby
<b>Reader</b>	John Rademacher	Susan Clarkson
<b>Usher</b>	Karen Carter	Thiele Family
<b>Counter</b>		Greg Thiele
<b>Cantor</b>		Nathan Graham

<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Suzanne Terry	Nathan Graham
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Carter	Sandy Schurter
<b>Reader</b>	Karen Carter	Andy Waite
<b>Usher</b>	Karen Carter	Ron Davis Dennis Schurter
<b>Counter</b>		Lori Shelton
<b>Cantor</b>		

# **Bake Your Thanks**

Last year we gathered cookies at the beginning of December for Bake Your Thanks, an event where we box the cookies up to give to first responders in Denton. We will do the same again this year! We are planning to collect cookies on December 3 from 11 am - 2 pm. However, if you are bringing prepackaged baked goods, you can also bring them to Advent service on November 30 and leave them at the church at that time.

We will need volunteers on Sunday December 4 to bring the boxes to the fire stations around town and the police station!





# Welcome

The congregation of Christ the Servant  
welcomes *all* who worship with us today.  
We consider it a privilege to share with others  
the love we have come to know in Jesus Christ.

**So if you are:**

Young or Old  
Fair or Dark Skinned  
Married or Single  
LGBTQIA  
Democrat or Republican  
Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or something else  
Feeling guilty or feeling blessed  
or, just here because you're meeting your girlfriend's parents  
and you want to impress them.

**We welcome you.**  
**It's what Jesus would have done**

