



WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY, TO
SHOW THAT THE SURPASSING POWER BELONGS
TO GOD AND NOT TO US.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7



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Pentecost 21

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

Today's Worship

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations." Psalm 90:1

Greeting and prayer

Opening hymn 651: *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-7 NKJV

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns.
The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the Lord will name.
You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the Lord,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.
You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,
Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;
But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the Lord delights in you,
And your land shall be married.
For *as* a young man marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you;
And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So shall your God rejoice over you.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent,
And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Choir: *The Light of the World*

Jesus is the Light of the World, He is the Light of the World,
He is the Light of the World. Hallelujah!
Jesus is the Light of the World and we will follow Him.
Jesus is the Light of the World! Hallelujah!

When there is trouble, no need to go astray.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine.
Jesus will help you find your way.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine.
Take His hand, let Him lead.
When you follow Jesus He will set you free.
Keep Him in your life and let Him shine!

When there is darkness, no need to be afraid.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine.
Jesus will bring a brighter day.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine.
Follow Him, strong and true.
Look at what the power of His love can do.
Keep Him in your life and let Him shine!

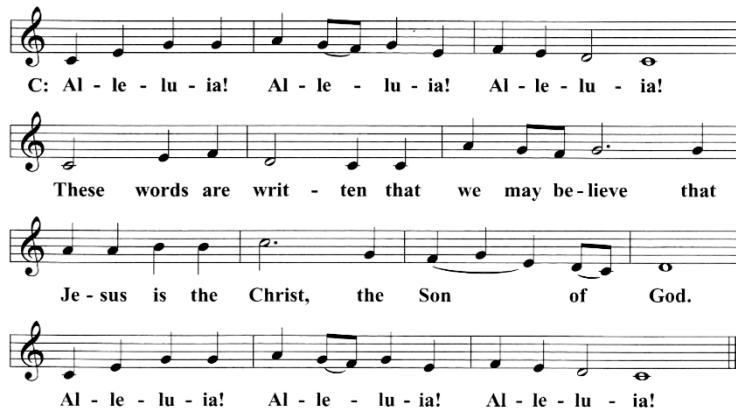
New Testament Reading: Luke 24:44-53 NKJV

Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is a treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, with notes and rests corresponding to the lyrics below. The lyrics are: 'C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff has lyrics: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a clear, legible font.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, And let there be light!
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your Word, Lord, And let there be light!
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your Word, Lord, And let there be light!

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 NKJV

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

THE CROSS MARKS THE SPOT

Treasure hunting is successful if you look at the cross of Christ. History is full of men and women who sought this treasure above all else. Through them the light of Christ still shines.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

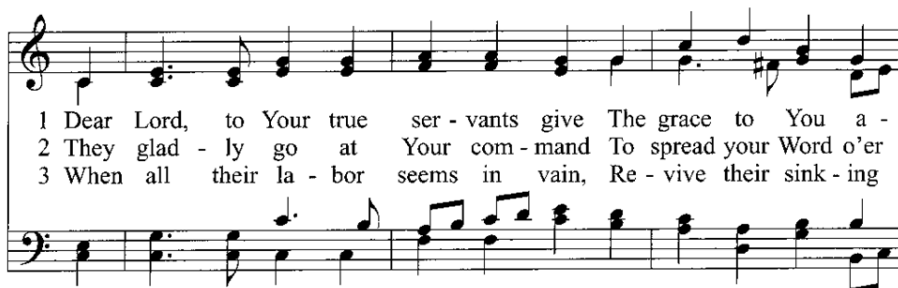
Lord's Prayer

Hymn WS 780 (p. 9): *Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*

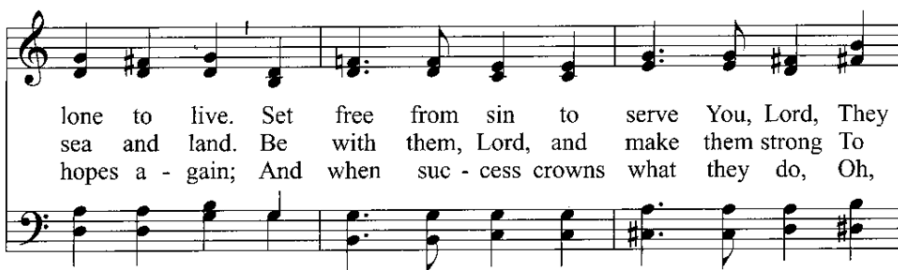
Benediction

Closing hymn 979 (p. 10): *God, Whose Almighty Word*

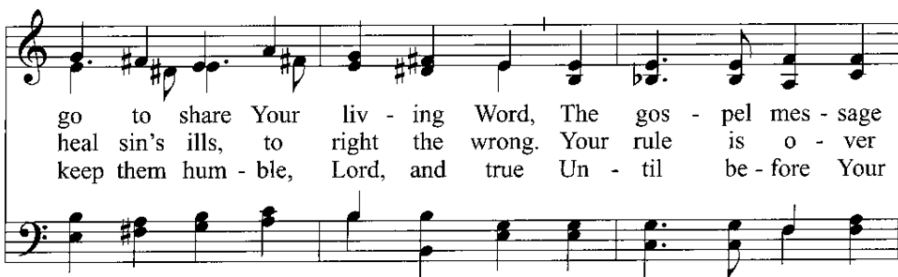
DEAR LORD, TO YOUR TRUE SERVANTS GIVE



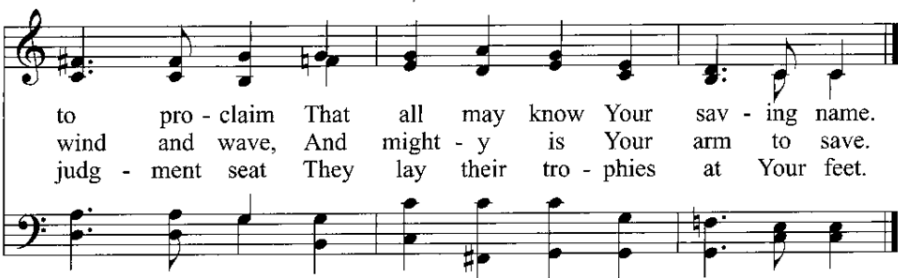
1 Dear Lord, to Your true ser - vants give The grace to You a -
 2 They glad - ly go at Your com - mand To spread your Word o'er
 3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve You, Lord, They
 sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong To
 hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns what they do, Oh,



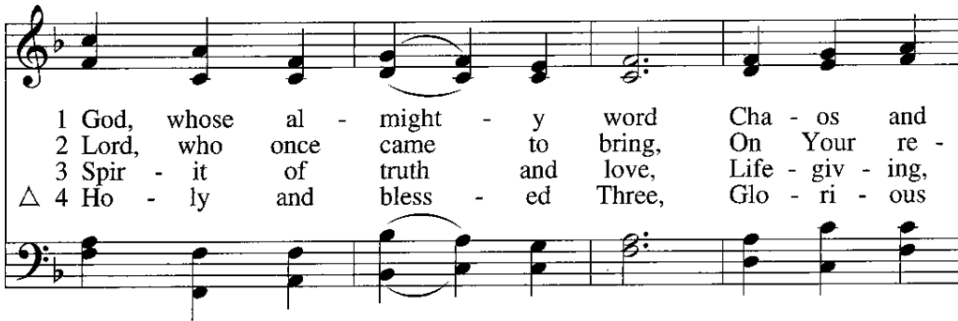
go to share Your liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage
 heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver
 keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true Un - til be - fore Your




to pro - claim That all may know Your sav - ing name.
 wind and wave, And might - y is Your arm to save.
 judg - ment seat They lay their tro - phies at Your feet.

God, Whose Almighty Word

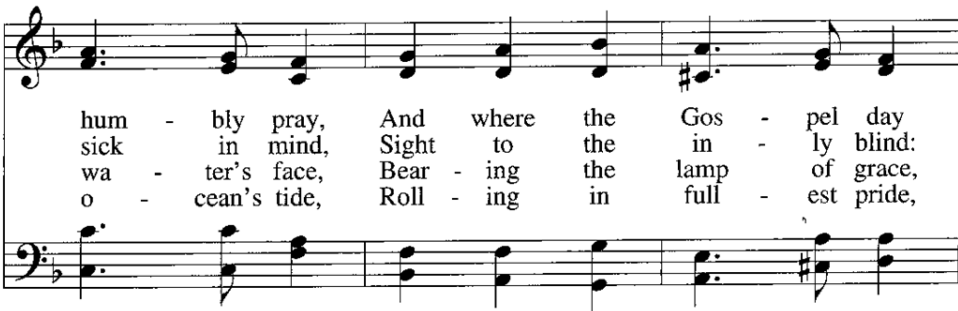
979



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 Δ 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick - in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

Announcements

Thank you We thank Pastor Matt Ude for conducting today's worship service.

Note of Appreciation The Board of Elders would like to extend their thanks to the many members of the congregation who have shared in the responsibilities of our pastoral vacancy. The Board of Property also thanks all those who shared their time and talents in preparing the parsonage for the Bernthal's.

Arrival and Moving Schedule

October 19—Bernthal's arrive at parsonage and first moving pod delivered

October 26—remaining moving pods scheduled to arrive

Requests for help unloading, especially on 10/26, will be made as more details are available.

Reminder Pastor Bernthal's installation is **next Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 AM** with brunch to follow. Your help with providing food items is appreciated. Please check the sign-up sheets on the cupboard doors.

Advent by Candlelight - Save the Date! The ladies of Luther Memorial Church will be hosting an Advent by Candlelight for all women and their female family members and friends on Sunday, **December 8, 2024 at 3 p.m.** There is no charge for this event. This will be a wonderful afternoon of the Word, music and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holiday gets into full swing!

Call News Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be installed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

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Bible Readings:

10/13	Isaiah 53-55; 1 Thessalonians 2
10/14	Isaiah 56-58; 1 Thessalonians 3
10/15	Isaiah 59-61; 1 Thessalonians 4
10/16	Isaiah 62-64; 1 Thessalonians 5
10/17	Isaiah 65-66; 2 Thessalonians 1
10/18	Jeremiah 1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2
10/19	Jeremiah 3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3



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Last Week:

To Date:

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Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$119,998.06
Over (Under) Budget:	\$6,514.82	(\$15,078.55)
Sunday School:	\$0.13	\$20.36
Kinship:	\$130.00	\$1,361.96
ILC Building Fund:	\$100.00	\$500.00
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*Offerings in memory of H. Nelson

Attendance Last Sunday: 141

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