# TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP 8:30 a.m., November 13, 2022 Tree of Life—Marty Haugen



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to <a href="mailto:adventwestminster@gmail.com">adventwestminster@gmail.com</a> or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

\*Stand if able, *P*– Pastor, *AM*- assisting minister, *C*-congregation, ELW-red songbook, W&P-purple songbook

#### CALL TO WORSHIP—WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose stead-fast love endures forever. **C: Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God, C: 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.
- P: 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 your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

# \* OPENING HYMN ELW #627 "O Day Full of Grace"

- 1. O day full of grace that now we see appearing on the earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.
- 2. O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.
- 3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.
- 4. God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.
- 5. When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

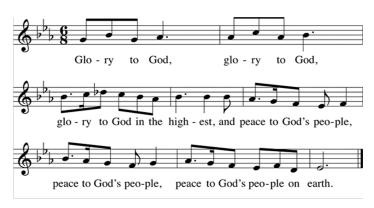
# \* GREETING

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

# \*KYRIE



# \*HYMN OF PRAISE



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. C: 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.

# **FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25**

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 98:1-6** (Read responsively by verse)

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. <sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his 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>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

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

6 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 labour 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. *After Reading*: L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**HOLY GOSPEL P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19 **C: 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, he said, 6'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.' They asked him. 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' 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. 9" 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.

After reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON Children please come forward Pastor Bonita Bock

# \* HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #800 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

- 1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find.
- 4. Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

# **PRAYERS** (please be seated)

AM: Lord, in your mercy C: Receive our prayer. AM: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

#### **SERMON**

#### **Pastor Bonita Bock**

# TEMPLE TALK—STEWARDSHIP TEAM Performance by Regina Vendetti, Silver Strings

# \*GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

#### OFFERING/OFFERTORY Advent Handbell Choir "Give Thanks"

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray. Blessed are you C: 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.

# \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 our thanks and praise.

# \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord's table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent's permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.

# ELW #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

- 1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain.**
- 2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain.**

# ELW #471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain.**
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. **Refrain.**

#### **BLESSING** (please remain seated)

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. We give you thanks most gracious God, C: 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \* BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

# \*SENDING HYMN ELW #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
- 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising 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.

#### \* DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. C: Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Holiday Radio Play is coming! Yes, we will have a holiday radio play at Advent on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary! Tryouts will be on Sundays, November 6th and November 13th at 9:45 a.m. following our worship service. There will be a read through on Sunday November 20th. NO rehearsal will be held on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27th. Dress rehearsal will then be on Sunday, December 4th with the performance on the following Sunday, Dec. 11th. If there is a congregational meeting after the worship service on any of these dates (except on the day of the performance, Dec. 11th), the tryout or rehearsal will take place immediately afterwards. Come and have fun performing as a cast member in our holiday radio play! Watch for the upcoming exciting announcement of the title of the radio play!

<u>The EEET</u> team is meeting via Zoom on Tuesday November 15th at 6:00 pm. Contact Denny Thompson for the link and further details.

<u>The Quilt Group</u> will be meeting Thursday November 17 from 10:00am to approximately 1:00pm.

# SOCIAL OUTREACH - THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Social Outreach committee will be collecting food items for the Thanksgiving baskets in November, so please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. These baskets will go to families with students at nearby Gregory Hills Preschool. Please bring all items by Tuesday, November 15th so baskets can be assembled on Wednesday and Thursday for delivery to the school on Friday, November 18th.

<u>Stewardship 2022, Advent's Great Adventure</u> You should have received a letter from us this week with your 2023 Statement of Intent card. If you have questions or don't receive your letter, please contact Cindy in the office. Please bring your Intent card next Sunday. You may also mail or drop off your card to Cindy in the office.

#### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.

Michael Adams (Lexi Larson's father)

**Steve Albert** (friend of Virginia Feighner)

Kath Andrews (MaryAnn Bradlev's sister)

**Scott Anhorn** 

**Nina Behrendt** (neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier)

Chris Blair (Warren's brother)

Donald Brzowsky (Hal Schweitzer's nephew)

\*\*Kathy, Bridget, and Malia Calip(Friends of Chris Borquez) Wally Campbell (friend of San-

dra Sphan)
Shawn Cantwell (nephew of Michelle Lamirato)

Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (Cheryl Swinhart's cousins)

Amber Carolus & family (friend of Chris Borquez)

Joann Conrad (Debbie Ezo's mother)

Nick Del Hierro (friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner)

Jo Dreher Marge Dorsey Martie Essebaggers

Cheryl Evans (Vonda's cousin)
Baby Everlee (Friend of Trevor
Gallegos & Theresa Hornbuckle)

**Esther Faires** 

**Marty Flaum** (Friend of Mark Moyer and Karen Trinidad) \*\* Shirley Frey (Vonda's cousin)
Doyal Furman (Jacob's father)
Tobias Funk (Jan Cole's nephew)

Gene (Al Muniz's brother)

Julie Gerrish and Family (Friend of Pastor Kaari)

**Scott Gerhardt** (friend of Chris Borquez)

**Julie Goerend** (Pastor Barb's friend)

Russ and Bob Goerend (Pastor Barb's friends)

**Joe Green** (friend of Donna Harris)

**Geneva Giuffre** (Family friend of Tom and Joan LaRose)

\*\*Lennie Gradert (Vonda's cousin)

Elizabeth Gryder (Family friend of Elizabeth Meier)

**Abbey Hammer** (Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece)

Andrea Hanson (Chris' sister-in-law)

**Geraldine Harmon** (Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law)

Candace Homestead

Dale Hundley( Lois' Wyble's son in law)

Karen Hutchinson (Friend of Pastor Barb)

Jess Kary (Jill Hartmann's father)
\*\*Jessica Kurschner(Pam & Jesse
Hammer's daughter)

\* Jay Mendoza (friend and neighbor of Hal and Lynee Schweitzer)
Julie McCawley

June McCawley
James McAllister

Samantha McCulla (Friend of Tom and Joan LaRose)

**Shirley Nelson** 

\*\*Barbara Obert (friend of Vonda)

Gail Pankow (Shirley Keith's sister)

Merideth Parker (Ann Hibb's Mother)

Harlan Redcay (Jesse Hammer's brother in law)

Reyna Sanchez

Marlene Seim (Cousin of Sandi Bordner)

Charlie Shaw (friend of Lisa Cook)

Mary Stein (Pastor Barb's sister)

Stacy Struessel Fred Vargas & Family (Diane Fuhrman's brother)

Ann Vespoli (LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law)

Helen Weingarten Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Ir Royanne

Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari (family of Kathy Zangari)

Special prayers for the citizens and victims and families who lost loved ones to gun violence. Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine.

Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.

Special Prayers for all of our military.

Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.