

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 6:30 PM



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

### Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 557  
*Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

### Divine Service Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book p. 167

### The Introit

*Psalm 34:1-4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

The Lord is near to the broken- | hearted\*  
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

**I will bless the Lord at | all times;\***

**His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;\*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the | Lord with me,\***

**and let us exalt His name to- | gether!**

I sought the Lord, and He | answered me\*

and delivered me from | all my fears.

**When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears\***

**and delivers them out of all their | troubles.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Lord is near to the broken- | hearted\*

and saves the crushed in | spirit.

**Kyrie**  
**Gloria in Excelsis**  
**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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**The Old Testament Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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

**The Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 4:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

**The Alleluia and Verse**

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**The Holy Gospel**

*Mark 10:23-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Hymn of the Day**

LSB 690  
*Hope of the World*

**The Sermon**

“*Leaving All*”  
Mark 10:23-31

Text:

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Preparation of the Altar**

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**Distribution Hymns**

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**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Collect**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn**

LSB 563  
*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

*Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the ( ) if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	10/10/24	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	10/13/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	94 39

**FLOWERS** are given by the Gerloff family in celebration of Jessica's 28th birthday. Flowers are given by the Feller family in celebration of Ricky Feller & Briana Evans' Wedding.

**BULLETIN** is given by Anna Farkas in memory of Peg Malenchek.

**WE PRAY** for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), and Sherri Syta.

**THANK YOU** to the Martin Luther Brass Choir and their director, Mrs. Jessica Kindschi-Walter, and the Martin Luther Concert Choir and their director, Mr. Ernest Brusubardis, for providing music during both Sunday services. Please follow the bulletin for the order of service.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Ficken for leading the Wednesday Chapel Service on October 16 and to Pastor Moldenhauer for leading us in worship last Thursday, October 17.

**REMINDER** There will be no Wednesday Bible Class this week, October 23, due to Pastor Nuckols' at the WI District Pastors Conference. Bible Class will resume on October 30.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** If you have a family member who has entered eternal life this past year that you wish to remember with the congregation on All Saints' Day, please complete a form in the narthex and give it to one of the ushers or return it to the church office by Wednesday, October 30.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** The District has provided us with 24 pastoral candidates for our consideration. The committee has met and now the task of reviewing all their information begins. Files of the potential candidates' profiles are in the church/school office and are available to the congregation for reading. They are not permitted, by the SWD Office, to be removed from the church office, nor can members request photocopies of them. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber.

**THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - CHICAGO WIND SYMPHONY**, under the direction of Dr. Richard R. Fischer, will be performing a concert as part of their Fall Tour this **Saturday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, West Allis. The Wind Symphony will be performing a variety of both sacred and secular works from the Symphonic Band repertoire. The concert is free, with a freewill offering being collected in support of the Wind Symphony. St. Paul's is located at 7821 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis. Our Father's member and Church Worker Scholarship recipient *Erika Johnson* is a member of the ensemble, playing in the percussion section.



**TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK** There were several highlights this week. The students were excited to kick off our annual Read-a-Thon on Monday. We're using this year's funds to purchase new Chromebooks that will replace those that are at "end of life." However, more important than the funds raised is the goal of fostering in our students a love for reading! On Wednesday, we were treated to Martin Luther HS performances by their Jazz Ensemble and also their special choir, the Troubadours. Finally, our week closed with a fun Dress-up day and Trunk or Treat.

**FALL BAND FESTIVAL** Next **Sunday, October 27**, the Martin Luther High School Instrumental Department will host a Fall Band Festival. This concert features the ML Woodwind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Kadet Band. Along with individual performances, the festival includes a special 55-piece combined 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade band. This concert, free to the public, will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Martin Luther High School in the gymnasium. A free-will offering will be taken. Please come and enjoy God's gift of music with some very talented young adults!

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** will collect mite boxes on October 29, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

**GIVING TREE** Please see the flyer in the narthex for information on the changes to the Giving Tree this year.

**ADULT BELLS** rehearse next on *Tuesday, October 29*. It is not too late to join us! Previous bell ringing experience is not required (although the ability to read music will be very helpful). Questions - ask Stephen Johnson ([sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org](mailto:sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org))

**DID YOU KNOW** that October has long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month, or Clergy Appreciation Month. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to St. Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, St. Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sunday	10/20	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Martin Luther HS Sunday	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	10/23	<b>CHAPEL SERVICE</b> (in gymnasium) NO Morning Bible Study	<b>8:10 a.m.</b>
Thursday	10/24	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	10/27	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*"Leaving All"*

October 20 through October 26, 2024

*For the next two weeks I want to familiarize you with Martin Luther. Martin was born November 10, 1483, in Eisleben and named for St. Martin of Tours (c.316-397), a monk bishop who was one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages. Luther was a devout Romanist and yet was troubled by the question of how he might please God for the Roman system emphasized (and still does) man's works. While lecturing on the psalms at Wittenberg, Luther began to realize that one does not please God, rather God justifies men, that is, declares them righteous in His sight for the sake of His Son. The faithful stand in the heavenly court constantly with the Judge declaring them "not guilty." It was in the psalms that Luther found Christ. Indeed, every psalm is really about Christ and His Church so that it is about the individual Christian who has been joined to Christ also.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.  
**Isaiah 53:5**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 40

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Behold, evil surrounds me on every side; do not withhold Your mercy from me, O my God. Think upon me and deliver me that my lips may speak of Your righteousness in the great congregation. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Kings 14:21-31
Tuesday	1 Kings 16:29-17:7
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:8-24
Thursday	1 Kings 18:1-19
Friday	1 Kings 18:1-19
Saturday	John 8:31-36

### CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles' Creed

#### The Second Article: Redemption

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**Luther, Sermon on Luke 10:23-37, (September 3, 1531):** In this Samaritan, Christ pictures and shows the kindness, help, and comfort which He provides in His kingdom through the Gospel; this is just what He initially spoke to His disciples: "Blessed are the eyes which see what you see," etc. [Luke 10:23]. He paints most comfortingly what faith has in Him and how very different His Gospel is from the teaching of the Law (which the priests and Levites also have). I have previously spoken about this abundantly. But in this picture, we need to look at how we have fallen into sin against God's commandment, lie under God's wrath, and must die eternal death--and at how we have been rescued by Him, so that we receive God's grace, comfort and life for our conscience and even begin to keep the Law. This is our chief article, the doctrine of faith, which tells us that we cannot help ourselves, nor can any works or teaching of the Law, but He must begin it in us. He does not drive us with the Law if we perceive our sins and misery (for that belongs to the secure spirits such as this scribe, who do not want to be called sinners), but He sincerely takes pity on us, befriends and comforts us through His Word,

Himself binds up the wounded, puts us on His animal, nurses and tends to us. He Himself had to carry out our redemption by Himself, take our place, and bear on His body our sins and need. He Himself also proclaims this to us and gives us the comforting words through which we are bandaged and healed. (*Church Postil V, LW 79:62-63*)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** *LSB 555 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (stanza 1)*

