

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER +
+ PREPARATION +

798 THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

sts. 1, 8–9



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
And “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!” cry, “Al - might - y King!
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!”
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–99, alt.

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(△ = Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

+ INVOCATION +

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION +

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

**Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”**

Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

**The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.**

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

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.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Sadducees Try to Trick Jesus"

713 FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME

sts. 1, 3, 5, 7



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
5 Praise God with ac - cla - ma - tion And in His gifts re - joice.
△ 7 For thus the Fa - ther willed it, Who fash - ioned us from clay;



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
Each day finds its vo - ca - tion Re - spond - ing to His voice.
And His own Son ful - filled it And brought e - ter - nal day.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend ex - press - ing
The Spir - it now has come, To us true faith has giv - en;



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
The love of God brings bless - ing That will for - ev - er last!
He leads us home to heav - en. O praise the Three in One!

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SERMON: “He Is the God of the Living”

(Stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with...

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

...

P ... for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

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(Stand)

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

(Sit)

461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

sts. 1-2, 4, 6, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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IN OUR PRAYERS

HEALING AND CARE: for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Frank Wagner, Barbara Feltner, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister), JoAnn Arb.

CONTINUED HEALING: Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Harley Browning, Ruby Zorn, George Phoenix, Liz Eissler, Karen Persinger.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH:

-  Bill & Amy Curtis
-  Clint & Candi Sturdy

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:

- ❖ Julie Anschutz
- ❖ Mary Elder
- ❖ Phoenix Giesy
- ❖ Marcia Henderson
- ❖ Adam Herdman
- ❖ Ostin Howland
- ❖ Logan Keen
- ❖ Braeden Murphy
- ❖ Kelly Persinger
- ❖ Greg Schultz
- ❖ Lindsey Schultz
- ❖ Clint Silver
- ❖ Tabitha Stewart
- ❖ Meg Wendling
- ❖ Marvin Zorn

Record of Faithfulness

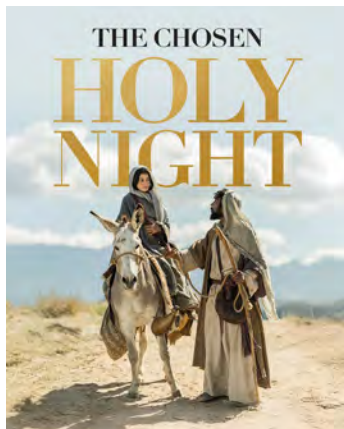
Attendance Last Sunday: 65

Offering Last Sunday: \$2686 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$180

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.



Join The CHOSEN Study!

Saturdays, 4:30-6 pm.

Each week, we'll gather to:

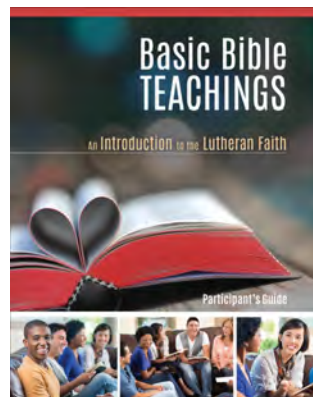
- + Read short Scripture passages connected to the episode.
- + Watch a full episode of "The CHOSEN."
- + Discuss the themes and "nuggets."

We continue with The Chosen "HOLY NIGHT" on November 15th

Free - INVITE someone!!!

NXT Youth Group is meeting TODAY! Meet in the Fellowship Hall, then head to the new "digs" downstairs. Bring your ideas and plans – we'll have Pizza at 11:00 am. We'd like to have Parents and Youth share **and consider bringing friends...**

I.F.B. Investigating Faith Basics – we are starting a course for ALL members and especially those who would like to become members. "Basic Bible Teachings" will be the workbook – bring yours if you have one already, and plan to take notes! Lots of lively discussion is encouraged as we learn from each other. **The plan is for 6 sessions, starting Nov 9th following the worship service.** Distributing Books Today!



ASSEMBLING GOODIE BAGS: Your help is needed as we assemble "Goodie Bags" to be distributed during Advent, inviting others to come for Christmas Services (and beyond!). See SueAnn Schultz for details... Christmas Web Page is now Online @ visit.ZionVassar.org/christmas25

HANGING OF THE GREEN! On November 23rd we will take some time to decorate the church following service – many hands make “light” work. (hint: the theme for this year’s Christmas is “Light” and we’ll be doing “14-Days of Light” as a TXT/Email Challenge).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Dec. 3, 2025: Save the Date!!

Again this year we will be going out among the neighbors and caroling and bringing cheer following the midweek meal on Wednesday evening. All are invited to join us... (whether you can sing or not)!

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

<i>Greeters</i>	Lavonne Rindt, Joetta Asbury
<i>Organist</i>	SOS (iPad)
<i>Acolyte</i>	Loren Eissler
<i>Reader</i>	Lindsay Silver
<i>Ushers</i>	Jeff Heidenreich ©. Lynn Silver © Reed Silver, Donice Browning
<i>Elder</i>	Greg Schultz

Serving Next Week

<i>Greeters</i>	Larry & Toni Wendling
<i>Organist</i>	Tanya Fraker
<i>Acolyte</i>	Jeff Heidenreich
<i>Reader</i>	Casey Monthey
<i>Ushers</i>	Clint Sturdy ©, Loren Eissler © Kelly Persinger, _____
<i>Elder</i>	Greg Schultz
<i>Lay Assistants</i>	Dwight Becker **, Phillip Wendling

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

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