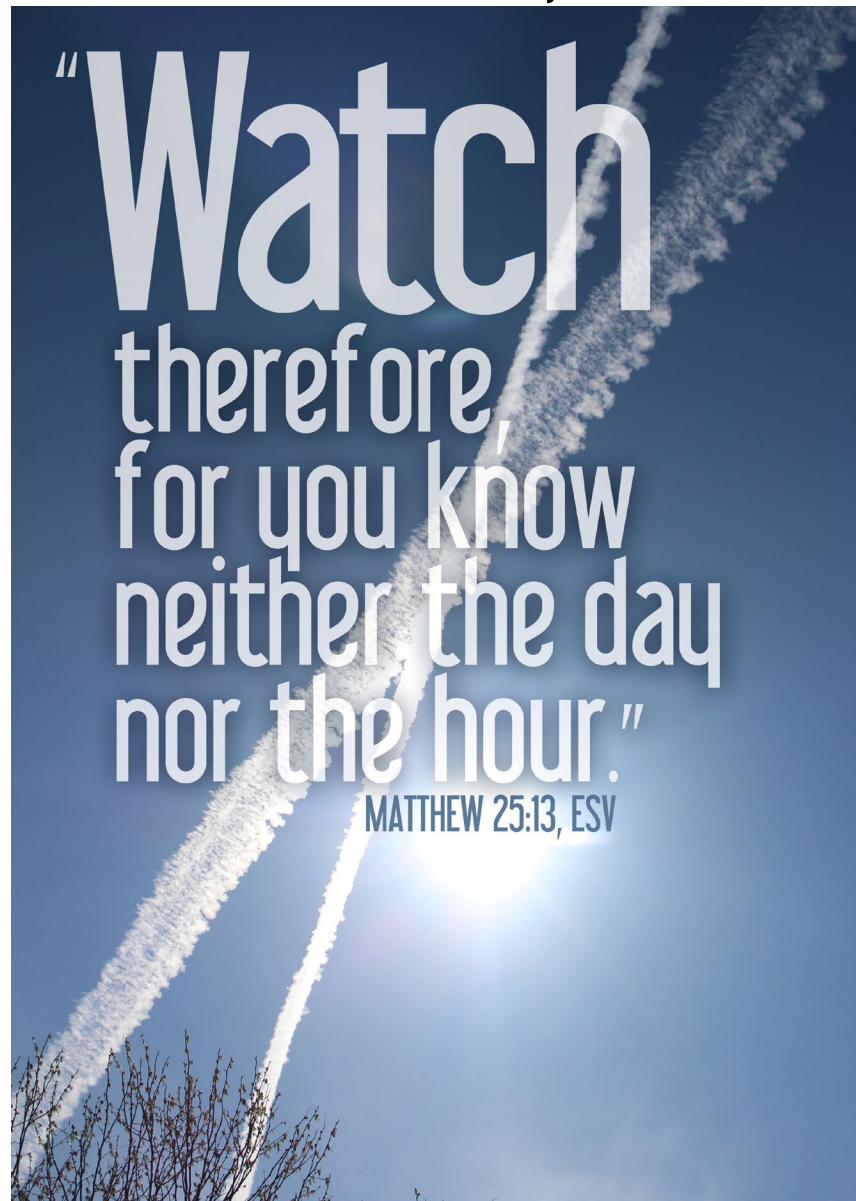


**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**



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WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Coming . . . Really!

November 12, 2023

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN SEQUENCE 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt. Tune: Swedish Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10*

Pastor Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

People Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

Pastor But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

People For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

Pastor At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

People The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

OPENING HYMN SEQUENCE 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS



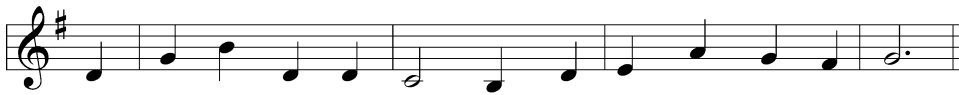
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;



Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.



The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.



A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:13*

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

People **We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**

Pastor As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.

People **We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Pastor As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.

People **We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.**

OPENING HYMN SEQUENCE 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS



³ The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,



Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor-row is no more.



A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;



In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt. Tune: Swedish Text and tune: Public domain

Pastor But let justice roll down like waters,
People **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Pastor And so we will always be with the Lord.

People **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

Pastor In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN SEQUENCE 515 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt. Tune: Swedish Text and tune: Public domain

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INTROIT *Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

People **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Pastor How lovely is your dwelling place,

People **O LORD of hosts!**

Pastor Behold our shield, O God;*

People **look on the face of your anointed!**

Pastor For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Pastor For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

People **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

Pastor O LORD of hosts,

People **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

ALL **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.**

Pastor Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

People **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

KYRIE 790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund
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HYMN OF PRAISE 663 RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
5 But while watch-ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien, 1694, Dresden, alt.
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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Lord God, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast,

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:18-24* (The day of the Lord and justice)

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* (The coming of the Lord)

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:1-13* (The parable of the ten virgins)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 516 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING



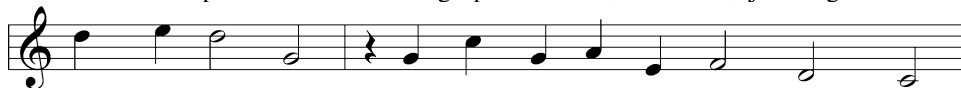
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608 Text and tune: Public domain

YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

SERMON Matthew 25:1-13 What Kind of Virgin are We; Wise or Foolish?

APOSTLE'S CREED

People 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 \times everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY 338 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with “Amen.” Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means “certainty” or “to confirm.” As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.” As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our “amens,” and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, [especially . . .]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [especially . . .]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Heavenly Father, as we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our

hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who alone knows the day and the hour of the last day to once and for all redeem Your creation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we wait on Him, we receive Him now as He comes to us in His body and blood, for He has prepared this feast through His death and resurrection and will prepare the eternal wedding feast when the Son of Man comes. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS 708 LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

I Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

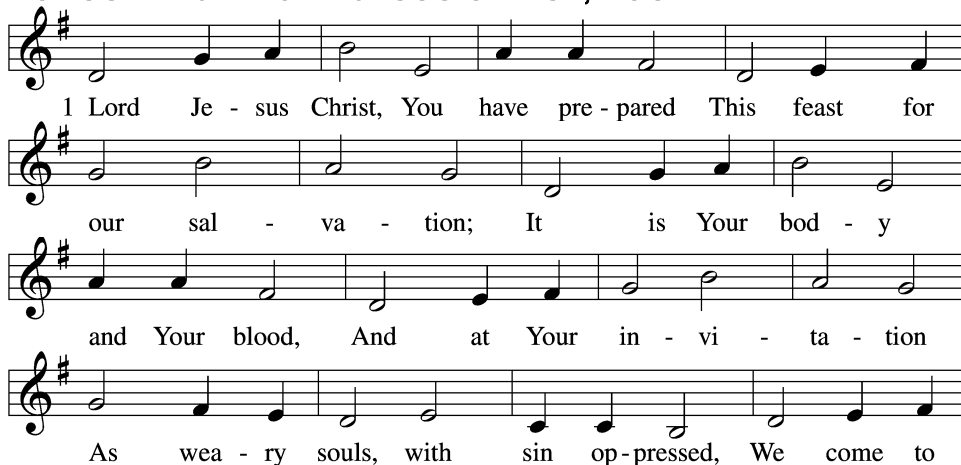
Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI 622 LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED





You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt. Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

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COMMUNION HYMN 628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;
5 O grant, most bless - ed Lord, That earth and hell com - bined



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.
May not a - bout this sac - ra - ment Raise doubt with - in my mind.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

COMMUNION HYMN 636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
6 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,
7 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, You once



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
friend of friends, most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -
left Your throne in heav - en On the cross for me to



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
sir - ing, Fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing:
lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
At Your feet I cry, my mak - er, Let me be a
To fore - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Your



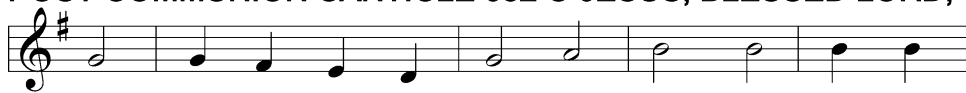
ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 fit par - tak - er Of this bless - ed food from
 blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 heav - en, For our good, Your glo - ry, giv - en.
 liv - ing, Lord, I praise You with thanks - giv - ing.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; (st. 1): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2, 6–7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text (st. 1): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000255 Text (sts. 2, 6–7) and tune: Public domain

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 632 O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE



2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Psalm 136:1*

Pastor Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that in our waiting upon You, we have been gathered together in fellowship at Your Table with sins forgiven and faith nourished. We thank You for the foretaste of the wedding feast to come when the Son of Man comes and we will live with You who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE *Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20-21*

Pastor But let justice roll down like waters,

People **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Pastor And so we will always be with the Lord.

People **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

Pastor Watch therefore,

People **for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

Pastor He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

People Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.
People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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AS WE DEPART

What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting	Millie Kroll	Lloyd Wessels
Phyllis Dunger	JP Dunger	Bettye Johnson
Melodie Bradley	Don Richter	Dorothy Herrod
Kimberly Brinkerhoff	Zac Dodge	Siri Richter
Joann Wessels Rook	Mike McKenzie	Pete Smykla
Lynne Russell	Sherry Reed	Waymond Meins

Carroll Sanders, friend of Pat Baughman, in burn unit in Children's Hospital in Little Rock

Melissa Parker, Gene Forrest's niece, recovering from surgery

Olivia Dunger, JP & Phyllis Dunger's sister-in-law, in hospital

Henry Thompson, recovering from a fall

Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, recovering from open heart surgery and CLL (Leukemia)

Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns

Candace Hogue, lung cancer

William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke

Amy Ingle, (a Pastor friend's wife) - breast cancer

James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

Emmett Jernigan - healing from colon surgery

Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners

Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer

David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer

Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter—heart & health concerns

Ginger Burrer Segner, cancer

Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3rd time

Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.

Sharon Niswonger, Cancer

Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam

Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.

Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called CIDP

Ruby Green, health concerns

Georgetta Gregory, health concerns

Princella Gardner, cancer

Linda Morris, Cancer

Linda Eubank, cancer

Dan & Betty Rice

Monte Coleman, health concerns

Prayers for those on our hearts

Prayers for our son-in-law Joe for healing and safe deployment

PBPD officer and EMT Tiffany Woods

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins.

For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1st Responders, Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our worship video:

Worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>

Tuesday is election day. The church is a polling place

Tuesday at 8:30 is a Pastor's Winkel at Zion in Ulm

Wednesday, at 10:00 Newsletter Committee

Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:00

Trinity notebooks are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick one up

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

Flower Charts for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Flower prices will go up to \$35.00

Thanksgiving Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. This will take place next Sunday after worship.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!



In His Service This Week
November 12th - November 19th

Sunday, November 12th 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 Worship w/communion

Tuesday, November 14th

Election Day

8:30 Pastor's Winkel at Zion in Ulm

Pastor's Birthday

Wednesday, November 15th

10:00 Newsletter Committee

Thursday, November 9th

10:00 Adult Bible Study

Sunday, November 19th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:45 Worship with Communion

12:00 Thanksgiving Potluck

5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett

Text for next Sunday - Zeph. 1:7-16
1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matt. 25:14-30

Attendance: SS/ABC - 21 Worship: -35 Online - 4

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are provided by Donna Marshall "In celebration of Stewart's Birthday"

