

## **Saturday, October 15, 2022 and Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**Proper 24, Year C**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

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

**A: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn: ELW 751: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"**

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

*(Sing 3 times)*

### **Hymn of Praise: ELW pages 139-140: "Glory to God"**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

P: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 121**

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**A: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

P: The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**A: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

P: the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**A: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P: The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**A: The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own

desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

P: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: ELW 509: “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”**

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;  
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while  
time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen-er-a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Beisheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

P: The Gospel according to Luke.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: ELW 790: "Day by Day"

#### Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005  
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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## **Prayers of Intercession**

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

P: For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken (especially). Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: With grateful hearts, we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

## **Offertory Song: ELW 692: "We Are an Offering"**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## **Offertory Prayer**

P: Merciful God,

**A: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal, unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"**

(ELW 413, Verse 2)

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**A: 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

#### **“Lamb of God”**

(ELW 336, Verse 3)

I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod  
and to be called a lamb of God.

#### *Refrain*

O Lamb of God,  
sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

### **Communion Distribution**

#### **Communion Music:**

“Here I Am to Worship” by Chris Tomlin

ELW 706: “The People Walk” as interpreted by Dan Gresh

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Gracious God,

**A: in this meal, you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

P: Mothering God, Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## Sending Song: ELW 729: “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

### The Church of Christ, in Every Age

The musical setting consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a quarter note. The second staff begins with a half note. The third staff begins with a quarter note. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - times  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and never live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## Dismissal:

P: With faith renewed, hope restored, and love revived, we go,

**A: to invite every generation on a shared journey to Christian growth.**