

St. John's Lutheran Church and School



The 21st Sunday After Pentecost

22 October 2023

As We Gather

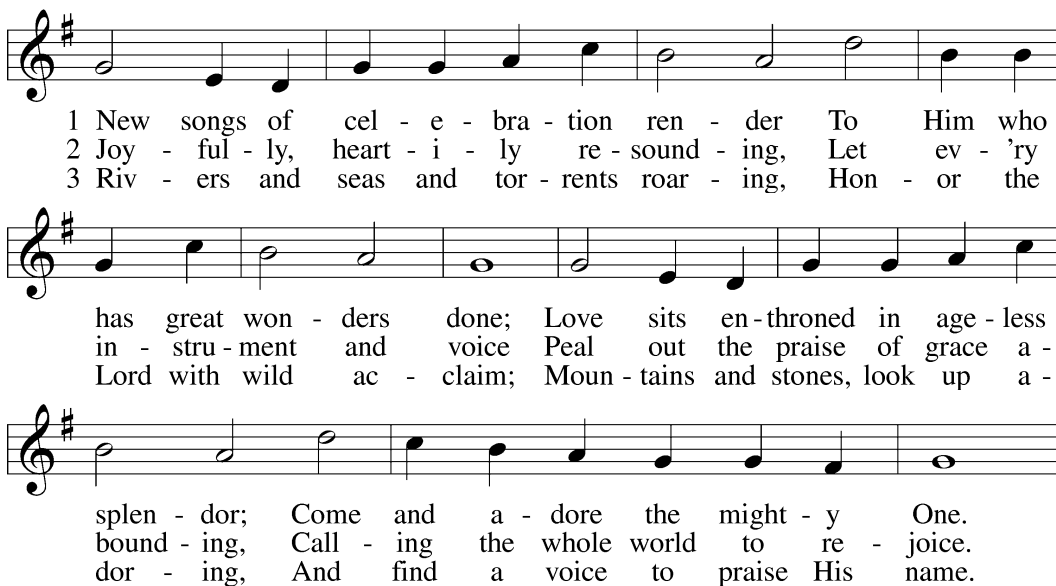
The most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God's saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world's good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus' power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

Prelude

"Berceuse"

Vierne

Stand Hymn



1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the

has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; Come and a - dore the might - y One.
bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.



He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which
 Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such
 Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -

all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to
 sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in
 es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose

ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
 earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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Opening Versicles

Common

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C **Teach me Your paths.**
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C **Your Word is truth.**

- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **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.**

Confession and Absolution

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.



Sit

Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

⌌ A reading from Isaiah, the forty-fifth chapter.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
 I form light and create darkness,
 I make well-being and create calamity,
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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

Psalms 96:1-9

Spoken at 8, Sung at 10:45



- A ¹Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;*
 sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
- C ²**Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;***
tell of his salvation from | day to day.
- A ³Declare his glory among the | nations,*
 his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
- C ⁴**For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;***
he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- A ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,*
 but the LORD made the | heavens.
- C ⁶**Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;***
strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.

A ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!

C ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;***
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

A ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness,*
tremble before him, | all the earth!

Reading

1 Thessalonians 1

A The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

951 Alleluia – I

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

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

Cantor (Psalms) Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. (hum)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for a choir or congregation, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -' and 'ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -'. The third staff is for the Cantor (Psalms), with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.'. The fourth staff continues the Cantor part with lyrics 'ia. (hum)'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests.

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Reading

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Responsory
Common**

LSB 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

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.**

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.

Sit

Children's Sermon



783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Sermon "Faith, Love, and Endurance, a Letter from a Friend" *Pastor Stapleton*

Exchange of Peace

All may share a sign of God's peace.

Offering

"Be Still"

Karen Marrolli

Stand
Hymn

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- L O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

- C **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.**

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 267

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

Announcements

Postlude

“Prelude in Eb”

Guilmant

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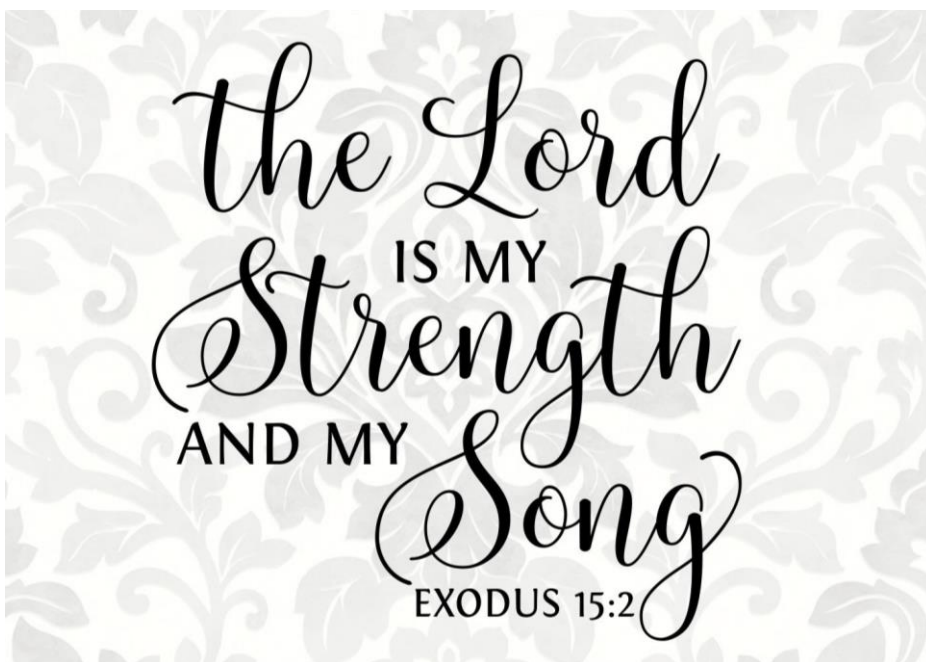
Flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for our granddaughters, Ashland and Shay Evans on their 8th birthday by Beth Zeiter and Jeff Baker

Caring Network Diaper Derby

It is that time of year for Caring Network's annual **Diaper Derby**. Our Diaper Derby is a friendly competition between churches to see who can gather the most diapers. The diaper derby helps support our **four** local Caring Network baby banks located in Itasca, Naperville, Oak Brook and Wheaton. These essential supplies are a huge encouragement to our clients, please help us continue to meet the needs of the clients we serve! The Caring Network Diaper Derby begins the weekend of **September 24th & continues through October 22nd**. Please participate by donating diapers, pull-ups, and wipes. Please drop off your donations in the box marked "Diaper Derby" in the church narthex.

Mission Notes:

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)
TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)	Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Sundays, 6PM, Offsite
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Mondays, 7PM, Zoom
WOMENS' SMALL GROUP	Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm
GRIEFSHARE	Tuesdays beginning September 26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, Heritage Rm
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm
CHOIR PRACTICE	Wednesdays, 7PM, 2 nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm
CONFIRMATION CLASS	Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm
PICKLEBALL	Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Thursday, 7PM, Offsite
TRIP ORDER DATES	October 30





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