

November 12 & 13, 2022

## DIVINE SERVICE II

**IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY ...** we welcome Rev. Paul Lindhorst as he encourages us with Christ's mission and his promise to bless those who live and give with his heart.

**IN OUR FAMILY BIBLE HOUR ...** we welcome Rick Kneser who will encourage and equip us to plan finances with our Father's heart and wisdom.

### OPENING HYMN

*"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"*

**Hymn 752**

Gracious God, you send great blessings new each morning all our days.  
For your mercies never ending, for your love we offer praise.

#### *Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim,  
through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

By your Word you formed creation filled with creatures large and small;  
as we tend that endless treasure may our care encircle all. *Refrain*

In his earthly life, our Savior knew the care of faithful friends;  
may our deeds of dedication offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

Heav'nly Father, may our caring bear the imprint of your grace;  
with the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

### INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
I deserve to be cast away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READING

*Proverbs 3:1–10*

My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but keep my commands in your heart,  
for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.  
This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

Honor the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62C



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -  
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -  
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and  
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll  
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and  
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and  
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll  
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the  
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.  
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.  
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:7–11

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR

*"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"*

Hymn 753

*My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.*

*My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.*

### **Refrain**

*I rejoice in my Redeemer — greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.*

*As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.*

*I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. **Refrain***

*Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed — my ransom paid at the cross. **Refrain***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***2 Corinthians 8:9*

Alleluia. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL***Matthew 25:31–46*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”*

**Hymn 754**

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
for dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
for songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
while of your richer gifts we're unaware:

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,  
for life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
for Christ, your Son, and for each human face  
that shows your message ever new and near.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
for words that speak at variance with deeds;  
forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways,  
unmindful of a broken brother's needs:

Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,  
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,  
that knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”  
assured that only what’s withheld is lost.

Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast  
and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:

Open our eyes to see your love’s intent,  
to know with mind and heart its depth and height;  
let thankful days in loving labor spent  
reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

SERMON

*“What will you say to Jesus on Judgment Day?”*

HYMN

*“O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made”*

**Hymn 751**

O God, your hand the heavens made and all that they contain;  
the world appeared at your command, and in it now you reign.  
The restless sea, the land, the sky your handiwork declare;  
the touch of your creative pow’r is present ev’rywhere.

To us are given gifts divine, all talents you have sent;  
inspire us now to use them well your kingdom to extend.  
We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own;  
we gratefully acknowledge, Lord, all things are yours alone.

Deliver us from selfish aims, true stewards we would be;  
endow us with a deep desire to live unselfishly.  
A full accounting we must give and see you face to face;  
let us approach your throne with joy, supported by your grace.



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Lord God, from whom all blessings flow, we praise you for everything you provide to sustain our lives. Lead us every day to be thankful for your gifts and content with what you have given. Today we pray that you would guide us to manage your blessings wisely for the good of your kingdom.

**As we use your gifts to meet our needs, move us also to support the ministry of the gospel with our offerings.**

Before your Son ascended to your throne, he called us to preach the good news to every creature. In grace you created the public ministry so that we may answer his call by sending others in our place. Impress on us the immense importance of the task you have given us to proclaim your Word to the world.

**In our words and in our offerings, move us to be faithful witnesses of your grace.**

Work in our hearts so that our gifts do more than support a cause or meet a need. Move us to give out of love for you, our King and Redeemer.

**Lead us to bring our gifts first to honor you, the Giver of all things.**

Teach us to give as an ongoing part of life since the work of the gospel continues every day. Forgive us for the sins of apathy and carelessness and for giving that reacts only to urgent pleas or crises.

**Help us see the wisdom of planning our offerings as a regular routine of our faith.**

Teach us determine our offerings in view of your blessings to us. The widow's coins were meager, but they were all she had. Move us to believe that to whom much is given, much is also expected.

**Give us courage to bring gifts that reflect your gifts to us.**

Teach us to give our offerings as a cheerful response of our faith in you and your Son. Spare us all feelings of obligation or resentment as we give. Help us to see our offerings as the vehicle that carries the gospel to the lost, and lead us to rejoice with the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents.

**Help us to balance our duty to give with the joy of giving.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Precious Lord, all our blessings come from you. Lead us again and again to thank you and then move us to be wise and faithful stewards of your gifts. May our gifts and offerings bring souls here and far away to the gracious gift of Jesus and his love.

**Lord, hear us and grant us this blessing. 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.**

#### **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"*

**Hymn 748**

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best:  
service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong;  
praise him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son,  
what great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!  
Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls,  
thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son;  
lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us, help and guide us, watch to comfort and restore,  
till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.

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## Join Us For Wednesday Advent Worship!

Wednesday, November 30, at 3:30 and 6:30:

- Advent Supper at 4:30 pm - Hosted by the Women of St. John

Wednesday, December 7, at 3:30 and 6:30:

- Advent Supper at 4:30 pm – Hosted by St. John School PTP (Parent-Teacher-Partnership)

Wednesday, December 14, at 3:30 and 6:30:

- Advent Supper at 4:30 pm – **Host still needed!**  
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