

# **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Processional Hymn** (Blue #219)      “*The Lord Ascendeth up  
on High*”

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**      *Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

*The Celebrant may say:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
    And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
    We worship you, we give you thanks,  
    We praise 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.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

***People***      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Lesson** (Ruth 1:1-18)

Carole Marella

*A reading from the Book of Ruth.*

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she

was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
Where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her,  
she said no more to her.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**Psalm 146**     (*read responsively by verse*)

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my  
being.
- 2 **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of  
earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for  
their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

who keeps his promise for ever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.**

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

**Second Lesson** (Hebrews 9:11-14)

Kaydiann Sangster

*A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (Blue #1)

*“Father, We Praise Thee”*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Gospel**

Mark 12:28-34

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

***People***      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

***People***      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Fr. Henry Chan

## **The Nicene Creed**

*(Please stand: celebrant and people say)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*



## **Prayers of the People (IV)**

Sheila Williams

*Let us pray for the Church and the world:*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for the Worldwide Church, especially The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, that we may be a people who show your transforming love and justice in all that we do.

Give Grace to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Henry, our Supply Priest; and Lou, our Music Minister.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Remembering especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

We pray for all people in the world suffering from COVID-19 and other diseases, natural disasters, and famine; and for those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts. Give guidance to their leaders that they may lead with wisdom and mercy.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for the growth of the Good Shepherd Family, and give you thanks for the privilege of being part of the more than 100 years this Church has faithfully served our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray that you will continue to supply our material needs and guidance for our Church.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Bless and protect the members of our military, especially those who are closely connected to the Good Shepherd Family. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home safely to those who love them; and give their families the strength and courage to cope with the daily challenges faced in their absence.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Today we remember our family and friends celebrating –

**Birthdays:** Finnius McCafferty, John Mercer, John Clements,  
and Madison Kurz.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

We pray for those who are sick and all those caring for them, at home, in hospitals, in hospices, or in nursing homes.

Comfort and heal all those on our Prayer List. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

*Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)*

*Celebrant:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

**Confession of Sin**      *(celebrant and people)*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

**Blessing of Sunday School Teacher and Children**


**The Peace**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

If you do not wish to participate in the traditional Peace, please  
remain seated in your pews and acknowledge those around you.

## Announcements

 Please welcome Fr. Henry Chan and any visitor worshipping with us today.

 **Nominations for Election to the Mission Committee** are now open. Nomination forms are available in the back of the church for anyone interested in seeking a position on the Mission Committee (Vestry), or to serve as a Convention or Convocation delegate.




### **Fundraisers:**

- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** (ongoing) & **TD Bank Gift Card Raffle** (drawing on Sunday, December 12 here at the church). Tickets are \$5 each.
- **Designer Bag Bingo** will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Berlin VFW Hall. Tickets are \$35 each. Please turn in any items you're donating for the basket raffle.

Contact Darlene Watson (856-206-2541) or Lillian Knott (856-905-8685) for tickets and further information.

### **Outreach:**

- Please see Pat Schaffer if you'd like to serve on the Outreach Committee. She's planning a Zoom meeting to discuss some ideas for the upcoming holidays.
- **Change for Change** – Please continue to donate your loose change to help support our Outreach Ministry.
- **Women of Hope** – We are collecting toiletries and related items to benefit women and men in need. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place your donated items.
- **Teach for Haiti** – today is the last day for donations.

-  **ECW** – There will be a free ladies Painting Party here at the church, immediately after service on Nov. 7. Refreshments will be provided for those in attendance, so you must register in advance. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church, and you are encouraged to bring a female friend along. Please see Regina for more information.
-  **Sunday School** - Please help us to build a vibrant Sunday School program by inviting younger members of your family and of your neighbors. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on our website.
-  **The Order of St. Luke (OSL)** healing ministry meets from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Magnolia. See Sheila or Darlene if you'd like more information. Also, if you'd like prayer for healing, Sheila and/or Darlene could meet with you after service.

**Offertory Hymn** (Green #809)                      “We Adore You”

If you have not already done so, you may at this time place your envelope/offering in the offering plate at the back of the church.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (A)**

*Please stand as you are able.*

<b><i>Celebrant</i></b>	The Lord be with you
<b><i>People</i></b>	<b>And also with you</b>
<b><i>Celebrant</i></b>	Lift up your hearts.
<b><i>People</i></b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord</b>
<b><i>Celebrant</i></b>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
<b><i>People</i></b>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,

eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.



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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Breaking of The Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The bread is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [***Amen.***]

**Communion Hymn** (Black #73)

*“Is there anybody here?”*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people:*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

**Recessional Hymn** (Black #39)      “*There is a Fountain*”

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Thank you** to the worship leaders for their contribution to today’s service; and to everyone, both in person and online, for worshiping with us today.

### **Today’s Counters**

Denise King and Jane Makin

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**Prayers for:** (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

**Military Service:**

Aiden Borden  
Collin McCafferty  
Charles Devoll  
Dalton Anders  
Dave Niglio  
Felix Perez  
Jimmy Sheridan  
John Kirkbride  
Jonathan DeMaria  
Joseph Hodges  
Keith Taylor  
Nicholas Cadet  
Nicholas DeMaria  
Nickolette McCafferty  
Reed Mikkelson  
Ruben Costelano-Gomez  
Ted Chavis

**Comfort & Healing**

Angelina Luciano	Jim Haverstick	Theresa Ennis
Barbara MacLeod	John Collier	Victor Kayati
Brittany Mealey	Lee Anna Smoler	Wendy Robinson
Christina Camuccio	Linda Swinney	Zella Dixon
Christine Paterson	Lori Gantz	
Connie Buch	Mackenzie Wister	
Dave McMichael	Marian Ive	
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