

# St. Matthew Lutheran Church North Tonawanda, NY

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19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost



## AS WE GATHER

Throughout Scripture and in the hymnody of the Church, we are reminded that all time is God's time and that we spend every day in His care and with His blessing. Through the centuries, Christian writers have crafted prayers and hymn texts that are specific to certain times of the day. In monastery life, there are customary readings and services fashioned for about every three hours around the clock. All our times are God's times—may we reflect the shining mercy of God throughout our days!

## **LSB 905 Come, Thou Almighty King**

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

**Amen.**

Unless the LORD builds the house,

**those who build it labor in vain.**

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

**the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior

**are the children of one's youth.**

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

Give Glory to God, our light and our life!

**O come, let us worship Him.**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Give Glory to God, our light and our life!

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### **Old Testament Reading** *Genesis 2:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman

and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle** *Hebrews 2:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise. <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him. And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

Alleluia. Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel** *Mark 10:2–16*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

### ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

<sup>2</sup> Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

### **But not in these last days, He has spoken to us through His Son.**

Let us confess our faith:

**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.  
Th communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, Amen**

**LSB 752 Be Still, My Soul**

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.***

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and never neglect the salvation won by Jesus Christ, but joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted, but help us to encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work in the early hours of the day for our benefit—the bread bakers, the newspaper delivery people, the school personnel, and all others whose vocations enrich our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us, [*and especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As we bring our prayers to You, Lord, we remember the faithful Christians whose earthly lives have been completed and who now are in Your eternal keeping. Help us to follow their examples of faith and faithfulness. And at the last, reunite us with them in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

These things and all else that we should have asked, grant to us with Your blessing for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### ***The Exhortation:***

Dear friends in Christ, it is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strength of your faith in Him as your savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his first epistle, *"if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"*

### **Confession and Absolution:**

I ask you therefore, before the God who searches your heart: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word and deed? Do you repent of them with all your heart, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so then boldly declare; YES!

**YES!**

Upon this confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord remember us on Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

### ***Words of Institution:***

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His Disciples, saying' "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you, this is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, and grant us Your peace.

**Amen.**

**The Distribution:  
LSB 628 Your Table I Approach**

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

***And His mercy endures forever!***

**Post- Communion Prayer**

We give thanks, Heavenly Father, that you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the faith during our pilgrimage on earth. Open our eyes to see Your daily and eternal so that we may continue to give You all the praise. Strengthen us in faith until faith is turned to sight, when we shall celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

***Benediction:***

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

The love of God the Father,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**LSB 921 On What Has Now Been Sown**