

**Divine Service, Setting Three**  
**The Last Sunday of the Church Year**  
**23 November 2025**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**BAPTISM HYMN:**

*♪* **"ONCE IN THE BLEST BAPTISMAL WATERS"**

**LSB 598 V.1**

- 1 Once in the blest baptismal waters**  
**I put on Christ and made Him mine;**  
**Now numbered with God's sons and daughters,**  
**I share His peace and love divine. *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

**O God, for Jesus' sake I pray**  
**Your peace may bless my dying day.**

*We will use the order of baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

**AFTER BAPTISM HYMN:**

*♪* **"ONCE IN THE BLEST BAPTISMAL WATERS"**

**LSB 598 V. 2-3**

- 2 His body and His blood I've taken**  
**In His blest Supper, feast divine;**  
**Now I shall never be forsaken,**  
**For I am His, and He is mine. *Refrain***
- 3 And thus I live in God contented**  
**And die without a thought of fear;**  
**My soul has to God's plans consented,**  
**For through His Son my faith is clear. *Refrain***

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***Stand***

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**[P]** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**[C] who made heaven and earth.**

**[P]** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**[C] and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

***Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.***

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead 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.

**C** Amen.

## **INTROIT**

## **PSALM 134**

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

## **GLORIA PATRI**

**C**♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **KYRIE**

**C**♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**C**♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**♪ And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**♪ Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

## **MALACHI 3:13-18**

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪ "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER"**

**LSB 763**

**EPISTLE**

**COLOSSIANS 1:13–20**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA**

**G** ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 23:27–43**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**G** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** *♪* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**G** 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  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

### **CATECHETICAL VERSE TO KNOW BY HEART**

The Seventh Commandment

**G** You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

**G** We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

*Sit*

### **SERMON HYMN: *♪*"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"**

**LSB 549**

**1** All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

**2** Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.

**3** Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.

- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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## **SERMON: "REMEMBER ME"**

**LUKE 23:27–43**

By Pastor John Schmidt

### *Stand*

 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

 **Amen.**

### **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.

*Sit*

### **OFFERING**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**by Madilyn Kalbas**

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**OFFERING HYMN: ♪“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”**

**LSB 781 V. 1-2**

**1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**HYMN: ♪“JESUS, REMEMBER ME”**

**LSB 767**

**1 Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

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**📖** Collect

**🎵** Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**📖** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**🎵** Amen, amen, amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪“COME TO CALVARY’S HOLY MOUNTAIN”**

**LSB 435**

- 1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.**
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.**

**4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.**

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## ***SILENT PRAYER***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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