

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Creative Fingers will not meet this **Monday, November 10th**.

Lunch & Hymn Sing on **Wednesday, November 12th at 12:30 pm**

INTRODUCTION

In our gospel today, we hear of Jesus' interaction with the Sadducees, who confront him with a technical question centered on a tragic life. Jesus looks beyond their boundaries and proclaims life. Jesus names people as children of God and of light. The author of our hope is God, whose presence means life.

Let us take a moment to open our hearts and minds.

GATHERING SONG "Faithful One"

Vocals

Faith - ful One so un - chang - ing.

Age - less One You're my rock of peace.

Lord of all I de - pend on You, I call out to

You a - gain and a - gain. I call out to You

a - gain and a - gain. You are my

rock in times of trou - ble. You lift me

up when I fall down. All through the storm

Your love is the an - - - chor, my

hope is in You a - lone.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
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.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" ACS 1084 – v 1 solo, v 2-5 all



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 17:1-8 (READER & CONGREGATION, RESPONSIVELY)

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

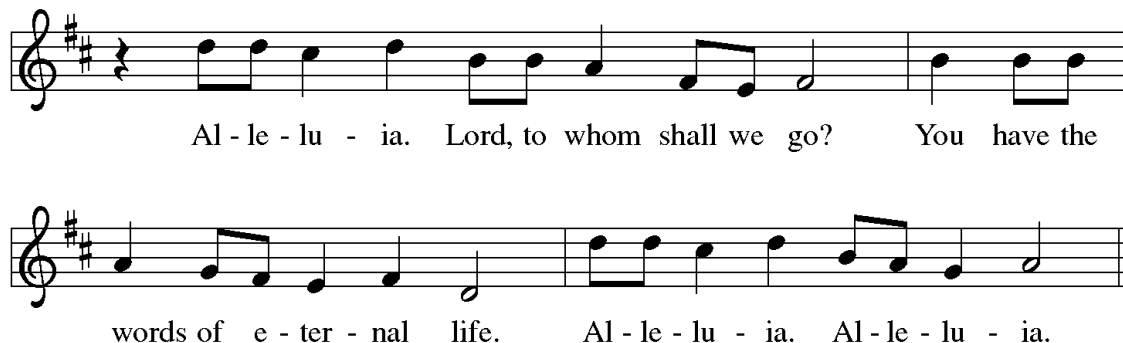
But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" ELW Setting 3 – *piano*



GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

FELIX

The sermon for today has been prepared and shared by Pastor Peter Lisinski who serves Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Toronto, ON in the Eastern Synod.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



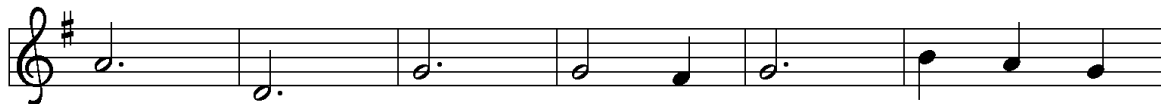
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING SONG "We Are an Offering" ELW 692

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (a '3' over a group of notes) are present in measures 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. We pray for bishops, pastors, deacons and lay leaders that your message of hope and grace may not only be preached but may be lived out each day. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Lori, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Heather, Ray, Alan and those we name silently now. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our musicians, worship planners and leaders, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. We give thanks for our Audio and Visual Technicians and ask your blessing on them and the work that they do. Be near to Lori Fromm and Wilf and Joan Giese. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Pastor Joel, Vanessa, and Hans during this time of waiting. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who promises that we are never alone, wrap your loving arms around all who are grieving today. Especially we pray for Leslie and Mark and family and Raeanne and family as they mourn the passing of mother and grandmother Myrtle Allison. We give thanks for Myrtle and for all the saints who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Guide My Feet" ACS 987



Guide my feet
Search my heart while I run this race.
I'm your child



Guide my feet
Search my heart while I run this race.
I'm your child



Guide my feet
Search my heart while I run this race,
I'm your child



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

SENDING

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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