

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Confidence And Quietness

Sunday, November 13, 2022

ATTENTION All FOL Members

On Sunday, **November 20, 2022**, there will be a **Voter's Assembly Meeting** starting at 11:15 a.m. to review, discuss, and approve FOL's 2023 budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Only Full FOL members can vote. There will be no bible Study held that day.


AS WE GATHER

In today's Epistle, we hear a word from Paul calling on the Church in Thessalonica to live quiet lives, confident in God's faithfulness to them, for "the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3). It seems as though our lives are sometimes the opposite of quiet and confident. Life can be filled with noise and uncertainty. But confidence and quietness come to us as all of life does: as gifts from our heavenly Father. God grant this to all of us.

OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

LSB 737



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard

cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside
In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain
Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain
A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav'n above.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is faithful.
People: He establishes us and guards us against Satan.

Pastor: The Lord is steadfast.
People: He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.

Pastor: We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.
People: May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

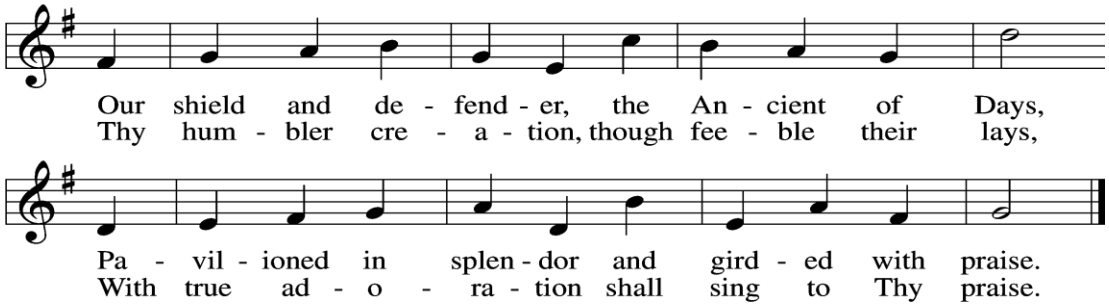
People: **Amen. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: 1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove. 6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love, Below the second staff, the lyrics are: O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love; While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,
 Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are always faithful. As we await Your promised return, help us to recognize Your gifts in this life so that we may serve You in confidence and quietness, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1–6

4 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You

shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of host ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah

the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and

the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

II Thessalonians 3:1-13

3 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. ⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to

imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a

mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear

and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great

glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

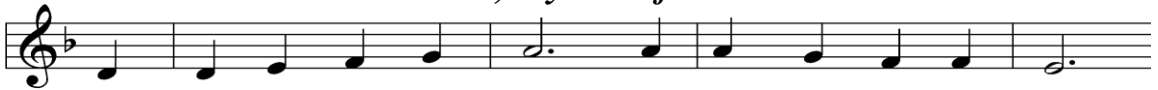
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

“In God, My Faithful God”

LSB 745



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,
5 “So be it,” then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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SERMON

CREED:

Apostles' Creed

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 everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Pastor: Lord, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove from our lives those things that are not beneficial and to lead quiet, peaceful lives that honor You. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Pastor: Lord, we are frequently tempted toward laziness and slothfulness. Strengthen us to not be idle or lazy, but to work diligently for the good of our neighbors. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: **but hasten our salvation.**

Pastor: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: **but hasten our salvation.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance. Be with them, Lord, and surround them with friends and community so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: **but hasten our salvation.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray that Your Word might speed ahead so that all people hear the Good News of Your salvation. Embolden us to share that Good News with others. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: **but hasten our salvation.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: **but hasten our salvation.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, and You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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For with you is the fountain of life;



in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9

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Service Times

Sunday

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study 11:15 am

Vocal Practice Noon

Tuesday

Mid-week Bible Study 10:00 am

Wednesday

Quilters 9:00am

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday (9am-2pm)

****Closed Friday****

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