

October 23, 2022  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

A large, colorful stained glass window serves as the background for the central text. The window features a central figure, likely Jesus, seated on a throne. The figure is rendered in white and gold, with a halo. The background of the window is composed of various colored panes in shades of blue, orange, red, and green, separated by dark lead lines.

This is the  
**House of God**

This is the  
**Gate of Heaven**



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #1

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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

**C** *♩* Amen.

**P** Pastor

### **Confession of Our Sins**

**C** Congregation

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**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.**

**P** O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution from Our God**

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*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** *♩* Amen.

## The Introit

Ps. 78; 35; 34; 48

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.
- C** **The Lord saved him out of all his troubles; this is God, our God forever and ever.**
- P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- C** **I will open My mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old.**
- P** Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- C** **We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Gloria Patri

LSB #685:1

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

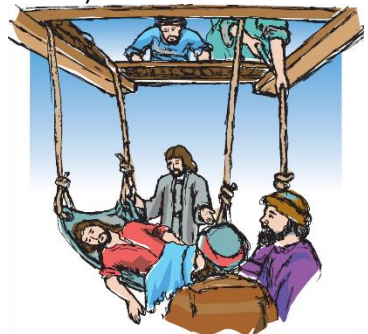
- P** Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

## Ephesians 4:20-29

But that is not the way you learned Christ!-- <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

## Matthew 9:1-8

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup> And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." <sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- he then said to the paralytic-- "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." <sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



**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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the  
Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #511:1, 4-6**     *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

**Genesis 28:10-17**

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**Finding the Stairway of Heaven**

## The Offertory

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

- G** ♪ **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.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #634:1-3,7** *"Come, Jesus, from the Sapphire Throne"*

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

## The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

- P** 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 His peace.

- G** ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

**Hymn: TLH #638**

*"In Loud, Exalted Strains"*

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**CLC Call News** - Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, **has received** the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

**Prayer Request: Liberia/Pastor John Hein:** Our part-time visiting missionary to Liberia (and Pastor of Grace in Fridley, MN), has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. **Pray** that the Lord will provide complete healing through the medical treatments that he will undergo. **Thank our Savior** for His perfect love and the power of His Holy Word to strengthen, encourage, and comfort Pastor Hein, his wife Janelle, his children and friends, and all those he has been called to serve in the U.S. and Liberia. **Ask the Lord**, that during these uncertain times, He would send an extra measure of His Holy Spirit to encourage and comfort with the Good News of our Savior's cross and the empty tomb where He demonstrated His sure and certain love and plans for His children.



**2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

"The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Group-Mission Trip to Nepal for the summer of 2023. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but the work was determined by our Savior when He told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

The main focus of this trip will be proclaiming the Gospel through a series of child evangelism lessons to member and non-member children in village congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal.

For those with the necessary qualifications, there will also be opportunity to assist in the training and encouragement of pastors and seminary students.

Listed below are a few ways you can be involved:

**Pray** for this effort to share the love of Christ in Nepal. Ask the Lord for guidance and to show you how you can help spread the Gospel. **Begin** planning, praying, and saving so you can travel to one of our foreign mission fields to help share the Good News of Christ crucified. **Offer** your financial support so others may participate."

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 24 - 29, '22

**Mon Luke 18:18-23** A ruler thinks he has kept all the commandments summed up by "love your neighbor." Jesus gives him a mirror's view of himself to see that in his "keeping" of the commandments, his heart was not in it, but in his riches. Thus Jesus' special word to him made him sad. If our inheriting eternal life were based on our doing, we would all be sad.

**Tues Luke 18:24-30** Those blessed with or striving for earthly goods are at risk for treasuring the goods above the Giver and source of all good. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Lk12:34). But God still wins the hearts of people through His own Son, whom He loves.

**Wed 1 John 2:15-17** The apostle contrasts the love of the world (lust, desires, pride) with the love of the Father. The former things pass away, but the Father abides forever. In connection with Him is lasting treasure!

**Thurs Deuteronomy 10:12-22** Forty years in the wilderness have passed, and the Children of Israel stand poised to enter the land of promise. Moses reminds them of what the LORD has done for them, how He loves them, and knows what is best for them. He urges them to give God their hearts, to love one another as He has loved them, and to depend on His promises.

**Fri 1 Kings 3:5-14** The LORD comes to young Solomon in a dream and invites him to request something from Him. Solomon prays for wisdom to lead God's chosen people (v8). God is pleased that he first sought this, and answers that He will give him riches and honor as well.

**Sat John 15:1-8** Being connected to Jesus, the vine, gives life to the branch and strength to bear fruit, which is also connected to the vine through the branches. Remaining connected to Him is finally all that is needed, for every need is provided through Him (v7).