

Garfield Lutheran Church, ELCA Lac Qui Parle Lutheran Church, ELCA



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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – November 17, 2019
CONSECRATION SUNDAY

*Please Stand as you are able.

ORGAN PRELUDE and CHURCH BELL

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints,

Cong: We know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents that you so freely give, to open them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world. We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused, both individually and when we are together as your people, and that this confusion has often blinded us to your interest in our lives. Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim us again and silence within us our desire to always have words for every occasion that we might hear the whisper of your Spirit.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Leader: God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

Cong: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

Pastor: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

Cong: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.

Pastor: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

Cong: We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, and a future full of worship. We are celebrating a future with hope.

Pastor: We gather for worship today to celebrate our vision.

Cong: We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Pastor: Let us gather in celebration!

Cong: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING SONG

"O God of Mercy, God of Light" vs.1, 3, 4&5

ELW 714

OPENING LITANY

Pastor: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

Cong: a people holy to the Lord our God.

Pastor: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Cong: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lied down and when you rise.

Pastor: One does not live by bread alone,

Cong: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together the Prayer of the day as printed on your insert.

HYMN

"For the Fruit of all Creation"

ELW 679

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

Lector: Sue Lund

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 98

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Before Gospel reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

After Gospel reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

(Based on Luke 19:11-27)

Pastor Bringle

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Give Thee But Thine own"

ELW 686

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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A LITANY FOR USING OUR GIFTS

Pastor: Spirit of God, your love is all about us.

Cong: Wherever we turn, we are overwhelmed by your bounty.

Pastor: How can we thank you enough for all your gifts to us?

Cong: Your gracious goodness toward us never ends.

Pastor: We have not earned it.

Cong: We cannot repay it.

Pastor: It flows over us and around us.

Cong: It never leaves us, though sometimes we fail to recognize its presence.

Pastor: We live surrounded by your love.

Cong: Just as a fish lives in the sea.

Pastor: We lose awareness that you give us life.

Cong: We so easily take your love as our right.

Pastor: We forget that relationship with you that keeps our Christian life throbbing.

Cong: As if, unlike fish, we had forgotten how to swim!

Pastor: Loving God, teach us your ways again.

Cong: Draw us back into rhythm with your will.

Pastor: WE regret our wandering attention to you.

Cong: We know we are living in disharmony with you and with your plan for our world.

Pastor: Forgive us and restore us again, we pray.

Cong: Renew us, restore and reconcile us, we ask...

Pastor: You call forth from us a total response of every part of our life.

Cong: You draw out from us our latent talents, our every gift.

Pastor: You help us offer our contributions in confidence, in company with other people.

Cong: We are excited to discover how our various abilities complement and complete a whole unity.

All: Together we catch a vision of the harmony of every part of creation knit together according to your will. Use us, Lord. Help us to say "yes" to you. What would you have us do? We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; keep watch, dear Lord with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend to the sick give rest to the weary bless the dying soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. We pray in Jesus' name.

Cong: hear our prayer.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

"We Are an Offering"

ELW 692

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

Cong: O Lord, we return to you now a small part of what you have first given us. Receive these gifts and us them for your purposes, considering them a symbol of our rededicating our lives to you as well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go from here in the joy of knowing

Cong: God is with us

Pastor: Go ready to serve knowing

Cong: God is with us

Pastor: Go ready to give knowing

Cong: God is with us

Pastor: In all that we do and all that we are

Cong: God is with us. Amen.

Pastor: Go into the world with eyes to see the needs of others, with ears to hear their cries of joy and sorrow, with hands ready to give. For you go in the power of God to the children of God. Amen.

Cong: We go into the world to further God's work, May the grace and reconciling love of God, Be with us wherever we go and seen in all we do. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

*TABLE GRACE

"Be present at our table, Lord"

CHURCH BELL and DISMISSAL