

“Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”



St. Mark 10:26b-27

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk With You* (ELW) No. 818

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW) No. 631

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, our refuge and strength, since You Yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of Your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

¹²Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

¹³With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:1-13 [14-16]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Allelula, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Allelula. Allelula.

*The Gospel

Mark 10:23-31

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

O Word of God Incarnate

(ELW) No. 514

*The 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 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.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(SBH) No. 27

*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(ELW) No. 712

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

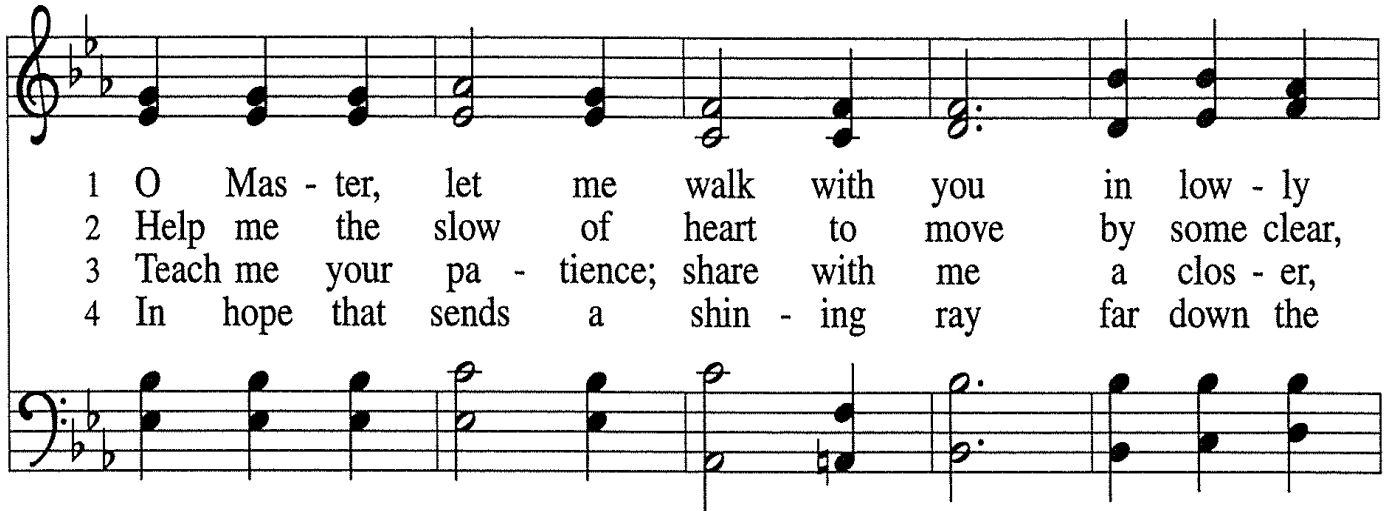
*Sending Hymn

Be the Love of Christ


Postlude

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

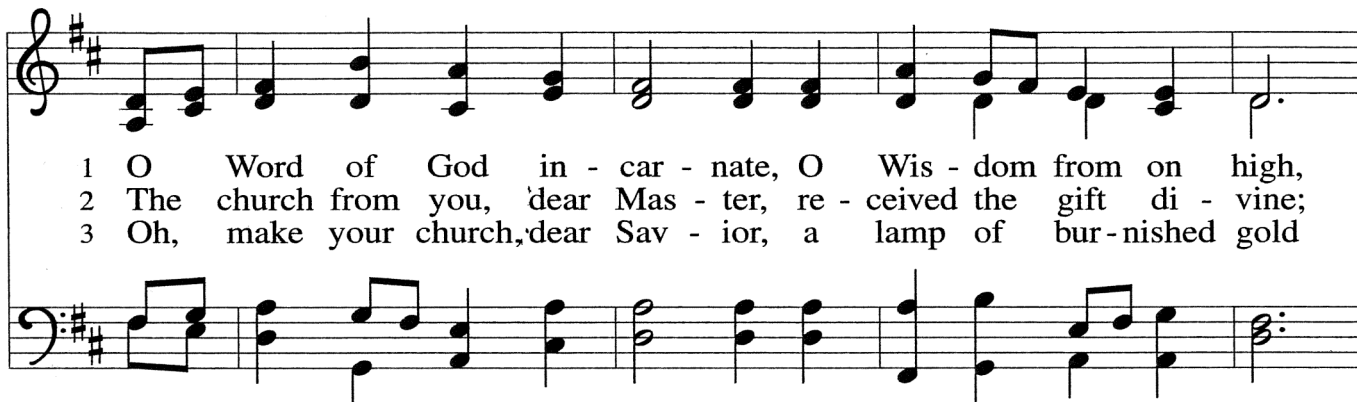
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

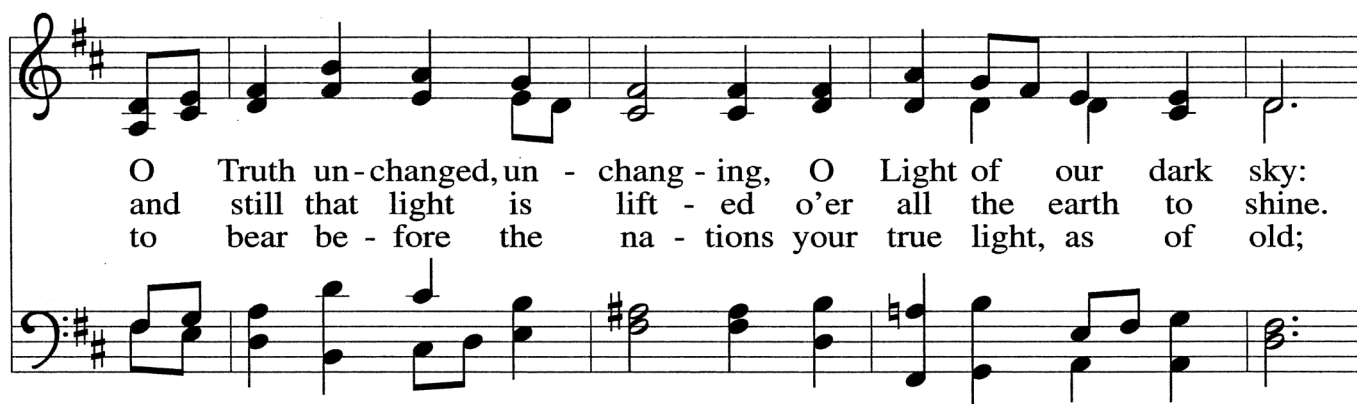
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

O Word of God Incarnate

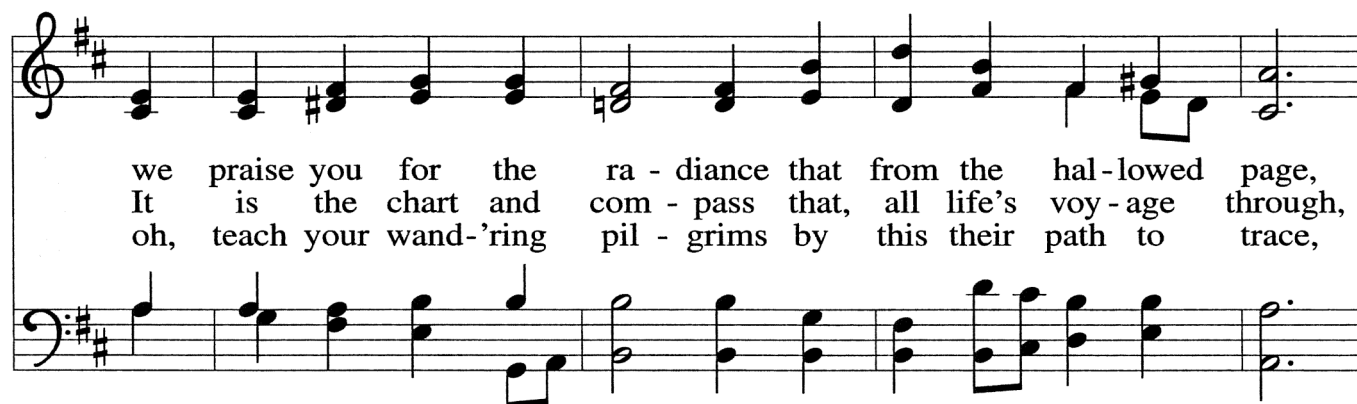
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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, 'dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation for 'The Communion'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -'.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -'.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly'.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of'.

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the bass line concludes in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.'

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God and for all the blessings bestowed on my family and all members of First Lutheran. A donation was made to the Restoration Fund by Kim Luketich.

The Lay Reader is Lisa Maust.

Acolytes are Lillah and Elijah Clark.

Counters/Greeters today are R. McGoogan and

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Lori Mauer, Mark Black, Kenny & Josh Carl, John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Holly Davis, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Dombrowsky, Firefighter Zach Correll, Bonnie Bird, Judi, Lenny, Sandy, Lawrence Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Firefighter Adam Wright, Noah Walker, Amy Verderber, Dan & Lisa Heynes, Amanda Laib, Sandra Hebrank, Sonie Rea, George Salvucci, Jennifer Sasek, Larry Zimmerman, Jean Shearer-Lucas, Joann Schultz, Elizabeth, Nancy & Jeff Falace, Lisa Wilds, Richard Hager, Terrie and Holly Hiser, Julie Jeffcoat, John, Chipper Ringer, and Teresa Newton.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
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WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE
1-877-225-3567
WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE
724-228-6832
SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE
724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)
FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Bell Choir rehearsal is Thursday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, kkbrgs1@gmail.com. All are welcome. Practice will now be held each week on Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Oct. 22—DART BALL GAME at 7:30 PM—North Buffalo at First Lutheran.

SARRIS CANDY ORDERS ARE DUE OCTOBER 27.

WREATH ORDERS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 10.

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This Christmas will be **Nathaniel Black's** first Christmas away from family and country. I know he would appreciate a few card and letters for his first Christmas in Poland. We will be collecting the cards and letters through October. **November 3rd will be the last day** so that I can get them all boxed up and sent to him. It takes about 3 weeks for him to get packages overseas, and I don't know if it will be longer during the holidays.

And don't forget about our **Jonathan Luketich** in Texas! We will be collecting cards for him also. The **last day for cards for Jonathan will be November 24th.** I'm sure he will be surprised to receive Christmas wishes as much as Nathaniel as they both spend Christmas away from family.

Also, please don't forget about **Sean Shearer** who is serving in the military.

Please put cards in the Christmas gift bags found in the Narthex for Nathaniel, Jonathan and Sean.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 20, 2024

“Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:11-12-

Often is the time that I've been asked just how much work we can do on the Sabbath without breaking the Sabbath. I work six days, am I breaking the Sabbath by cleaning my house? Sunday is my only day off so that is the day we do things as a family. Pastor, what about those who must work on the Sabbath, nurses, doctors, police officers, etc. Like little children, we test the limits of what we can get away with that isn't breaking a rule or law.

What we frequently miss regarding the observance of the Sabbath and the memes on Facebook that suggest it's okay not to be in church because the church is not a building, is that Sabbath rest is time with the Lord. Sabbath keeping is not sitting on the couch binge watching your favorite television show. To observe the Sabbath is to be in the presence of the Lord.

Martin Luther wrote this explanation to the third commandment in the Small Catechism. “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” (Luther's Small Catechism as printed in the Lutheran Study Bible, Concordia).

To hear the Word of the Lord is to be confronted with the law that cuts to the heart, convicts us of our sin and drives us to confess, seeking the forgiveness of God. The law leaves us “naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:13).

The Good news is that the Word of the Lord points us to the “...great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,... (Hebrews 4:14).” Because Jesus was faithful to God, endured temptation yet remained without sin, we can come before him with confidence, “that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). In your Sabbath keeping, join in the Psalmist who prays “I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word” (Psalm 119:16).