

THE SECOND LAST SUNDAY  
OF THE CHURCH YEAR  
NOVEMBER 13, 2022

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, FALLS CHURCH, VA



PRELUDE

*At the Name of Jesus*  
Setting: 1. D.A. deSilva, 2. R.J. Powell

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN (Stand) #512

*At the Name of Jesus*

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| <p>1 At the name of Jesus<br/>Ev'ry knee shall bow,<br/>Ev'ry tongue confess Him<br/>King of glory now.<br/>'Tis the Father's pleasure<br/>We should call Him Lord,<br/>Who from the beginning<br/>Was the mighty Word.</p> <p>2 At His voice creation<br/>Sprang at once to sight,<br/>All the angel faces,<br/>All the hosts of light,<br/>Thrones and bright dominions,<br/>Stars upon their way,<br/>All the heav'nly orders<br/>In their great array.</p> <p>3 Humbled for a season,<br/>To receive a name<br/>From the lips of sinners<br/>Unto whom He came,<br/>Faithfully He bore it<br/>Spotless to the last,<br/>Brought it back victorious<br/>When from death He passed;</p> | <p>4 Bore it up triumphant<br/>With its human light,<br/>Through all ranks of creatures<br/>To the central height,<br/>To the throne of Godhead,<br/>To the Father's breast,<br/>Filled it with the glory<br/>Of that perfect rest.</p> <p>5 In your hearts enthrone Him;<br/>There let Him subdue<br/>All that is not holy,<br/>All that is not true:<br/>Crown Him as your captain<br/>In temptation's hour;<br/>Let His will enfold you<br/>In its light and pow'r.</p> <p>6 Christians, this Lord Jesus<br/>Shall return again<br/>In His Father's glory,<br/>With His angel train;<br/>For all wreaths of empire<br/>Meet upon His brow,<br/>And our hearts confess Him<br/>King of glory now.</p> |
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**7 Glory then to Jesus,  
Who, the Prince of light,  
To a world in darkness  
Brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father;  
In the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together  
Him who reigns above.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal  
punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.

**Amen.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

or the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and  
for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray  
to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God,

**You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You.**

**Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



*THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*FIRST LESSON (Be seated)*

Malachi 4:1-6

“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. But 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. And 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 hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE #873*

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Triumph o’er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day’s return  
Till Thy mercy’s beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.**

*SECOND LESSON*

2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now 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. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor 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. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 No saint on earth lives life to self alone  
Or dies alone, for we with Christ are one.  
So if we live, for Christ alone we live,  
And if we die, to Christ our dying give.  
In living and in dying this confess:  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.
  
- 2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain,  
That to new life He might arise again.  
Through sorrow on to triumph Christ has led,  
And reigns o'er all: the living and the dead.  
In living and in dying, Him we bless;  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.

GOSPEL (Stand)

Luke 21:5-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "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." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" 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. 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."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 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. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. 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, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. 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. 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.

“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, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### *SERMON*

We live in a city of beautiful stones, treasured stones, stones that have been built into monuments by which we remember our journey as a people. Even more so those stones Jesus was pointing toward in today's Gospel, because they were the stones that housed the holiest place on earth, God's Temple in Jerusalem. Some few of the very stones Jesus pointed out on that day remain in what the world calls the Western Wall or

Wailing Wall. The fact that only this wall remains testifies across 20 centuries of time to the truth of Jesus' warning words, **"Not one stone will be left upon another."**

Hearing such a warning is a reminder that we are in the final days of the Church's year, those few weeks in which the Church reminds us that time will not go on forever and that there will be a Judgment. This Gospel speaks of the End Times, the Last days. The first fulfillment of Jesus' warning came in the year 70, when Roman armies destroyed Jerusalem. But it was not just a warning for Jews in Jerusalem in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. It stretches forward to forewarn us and prepare us for these last days, days which in Mark's Gospel Jesus said were only chosen by and known to the Father.

Sadly, we hardly notice these stern words, words very tied to another Jesus' word about stones, **"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."** He not only speaks about End times, but offers Himself to be the stone upon which all hope is built. Jesus spoke His warning on His last days on earth. They were a final call to His generation to repent and turn anew to God. All across the Church's focus on the End Time is that same ominous summons, **"Unless you turn and change, you will surely perish."**

Why do we skip past Jesus' vision, words and warning? Partly it is because of our fixation on very human stones, things around us like elections won, lost or denied, inflation that shortens our balance sheets and which we would like to blame on someone else. In fact that is why we barely notice Jesus' warning, because He is calling us to examine ourselves, and the world we listen to much more is busy telling us that she, him or they are to blame for what ails, not us. All of that is ours to digest in the midst of wars and rumors of war that are as bad, some pundits say, as when Khrushchev and Kennedy went head to head over Cuban missiles about 60 years ago.

In the midst of this ancient call to wake up and be ready, our congregation asks us to examine our stewardship. One way to treat this period in congregational life is to say to yourself, *"It's fall, and its budget time, and the Church wants us to pledge again."* I hope you will do more than that. Because "stewardship" is really about confessing that everything is God's and from God, and as the name "stewardship" implies, I am accountable to God for how I manage/steward, all that He has entrusted to me.

Jesus told many parables about accountability, most of them with an End Time built into them. They are about servants who steward for their King while he is on a journey, but only until He comes back. Nothing could be more end times than that, as we will observe next Sunday when we celebrate Christ the King. The King is coming back. All across these parables of Jesus is the message that the King requires us to act for Him

while He is away, and He holds us accountable for how we steward His gifts. That's what St Paul's asks us all to do once again, against an End Time calendar, to commit to a Godly use of time, talent and treasure. As directly as I can say it, my stewardship is how I execute my faith until He comes, in real and tangible ways. There will be an accounting. I will be judged. Because my stewardship is the way I live my faith.

In the little vignette that preceded our Gospel, folks were coming to the Temple with its glorious stones, to bring their offerings. Lots of folks and lots of gifts. Even the fact that Jesus tells this story underscores the accountability of my stewardship. God noticed exactly what they did. For many it was so others would see them. In His sermon on the Mount Jesus said, **"These folks have their reward already – in the praise of the people who noticed them."** After all that's what mattered to them most. But these are End Times, and there is no longer space for such silliness as living to get noticed by important people. Eternal consequences means something.

But over on the side of the Temple where no one noticed was the true daughter of Israel, a poor widow who brought her very last penny to God, in His Temple, and she gave it. **"All that she had,"** Jesus said. Everyone else out of their riches gave substantial gifts, but kept most for themselves. Big gifts from unchanged hearts that only scored on a human scale. Too often we do the same.

This true daughter of Israel acted like her ancestors in the wilderness long ago. They lived on God's manna, day by day. They could not hoard it because it rotted. It was the first **"Give us this day our daily bread,"** in the history of Israel and the Church. In that quiet corner of the Temple, a widow whose name is known only to God, lived in the manna faith of her fathers and mothers. For her tomorrow, God only would supply. And she trusted His promises to her.

You've seen this medal before, St. Martin of Tours. Like the widow, Martin acted in faith when a beggar asked for help. Martin had no money, but he had his soldier cloak, which he cut in half to share with the beggar. Stewardship is action, using what God has given for the glory of God and the good of my neighbor. Every act or failure to act is our stewardship.

Stewarding God's treasures in your lives and families ought begin where that widow and Martin were, with trust that God will provide for your tomorrow. Living, not just saying, **"Give us, this day, our daily bread."** We do this with our eyes wide and open, focused on and praying for the Lord Jesus to come again, and acting as His Body until He comes. Next we should confess the richness of God's blessing in our lives and in the incredible talents He has given us. Faith acts in tangible ways, with the time, talent and

treasure He has given us. We do so generously as He was generous to us, and sacrificially, because He sacrificed first and because He commands it. We rejoice to know that the One the builders rejected has become the rock cornerstone by offering all, His very life, on an accursed tree, so that I would be His very own child and brother.

Our great stones on the national mall are there to witness to the greatness of this land and to encourage us to do our best to be citizens of this land. To offer our lives as so many fathers and mothers before us have, to secure the blessings of liberty for us and for our children. Listen to the call of Jesus in those stones and confess Him by a life of obedience, service and sacrifice. And number your days, applying holy wisdom in each of them, thus stewarding now as we will in heaven.

*HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand) #788 Sts. 1, 3-5*

*Forgive Us , Lord. For Shallow Thankfulness*

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:**
- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:**
- 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,  
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,  
That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine,"  
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.**
- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:**

*APOSTLES' CREED*

*Hymnal, back cover*

**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.

#### OFFERING

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. **Fellowship Cards** help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfastness in the Word of God which will never pass away, that in these last days we may turn our eyes from the distress of this failing world and lift them to Christ, our Help and Keeper, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For ministers of the Gospel and those who hear it gladly, and especially for those who are persecuted, that all may be given a mouth and wisdom to confess Christ boldly, be delivered from wicked and evil men, and endure faithfully to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes and businesses, that according to the apostolic command, we may remain busy at work and not walk in idleness, see the fruits of our labors, give freely as the Lord has given to us, and have hearts directed to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for our military veterans, that we may honor their service by using our liberty responsibly; and for our nation and its blessing, that it may promote the common good according to God's wisdom and revelation and be led by those who will follow these in their service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from fear as we witness the signs of the times, that though the nations rage and the powers press against us we would know that this is our opportunity to give witness to the Word that does not change and to the mercy that is our hope in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in affliction, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts... that they may endure in hope and raise up their heads as they await the coming of their redemption in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who will receive an Operation Christmas Child box in the coming month, that they would be blessed through its witness and know the joy of Christ's birth; and for all who have prepared a box or contributed to its sending, that they would be renewed in faith through the joy of giving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, as the days pass and all things move to their appointed end, keep us from being complacent. Keep us alert and awake so that when the day comes, we may greet You and rejoice in Your eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*OFFERTORY #955 (Stand)*

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.**



*THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION*

*PREFACE*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His

body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*LORD'S PRAYER*

**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.**

*PAX DOMINI*

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*DISTRIBUTION (Be seated)*

*The Communion Assistant will come forward to receive first, then those from the pulpit side – by order of pew, front to back. Communicants will come up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. When all from the pulpit side have communed, the baptismal font side will commune in the same manner. Distancing must be maintained between all communicants. We ask that the wine be consumed away from the tray table. Empty cups should be dropped into the baskets.*

*COMMUNION MUSIC*

*Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*

Setting: D.W Zimmer

*NUNC DIMITTIS (Stand)*

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**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

*BENEDICTION*

*SENDING HYMN #691*

*Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing,  
Rich in love and joy and peace.**
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing  
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,  
Patience, kindness, gentleness.**

- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,  
Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
Goodness, faith, and self-control.**
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,  
May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace.**

*ANNOUNCEMENTS (Be seated)*

*DISMISSAL*

*POSTLUDE*

*Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow  
Setting: M. Burkhardt*

Those serving:

Sunday, November 13, 8:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Steve Berg  
Comm. assist: Dede Dixon  
Reader: Norm Williams

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Jim Easterly  
Comm. assist: Jill Hecht  
Reader: Dale Rogers

Fellowship: Volunteers - Nick & Tiffani Blomster-Lowery

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