

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Love for the Lambs



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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister in Music

☐ = Pastor ☑ = Lector [reader] ☒ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

PRE-PRELUDE: *The Christ Our Shepherd Grand Carillon* Joyful Noise Ringers, Peace Ringers,
Bell Guys, Percussion

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion.

Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine

or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach

the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape

juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."

We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

PRELUDE: *For the Beauty of the Earth* The Christ Our Shepherd Winds

Music: John Rutter (1980), here arranged by Jay Dawson.

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This anthem is given by Karl and Cheryl Dietmeyer in celebration and gratitude for being able to worship together again (2022).

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Miriam

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Harps of Welcome* Treble Voices of Celebration Choir
Kendra Campbell-Milburn, soprano; Domenic Ravita, guitar

We would greet our kindred true, and your life with strength renew;
Break ye waves of joy in music, let the harps of welcome ring!
Love, rejoicing and thanksgiving we with happy spirits bring;
Many blessings we're possessing, these we freely would impart.
May the wealth of deep affection bind more closely heart to heart;
Oh, receive the love we bring, while the harps of welcome ring!
Oh, receive the love we bring, while the harps of welcome ring.

Text and Music: Mt. Lebanon Shaker Society; arranged by Jordan Šrámek (2022), edited by Daniel Mahraun

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⤴ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW Hymn 618

- 1 **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.**
- 2 **When I sing the praises of our Savior, fill my heart with joy divine.
Music, treasured gift from heaven, joins the angels' praise to mine.
Exultation, adoration, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.**
- 3 **Fill my heart with love for others, even those in need of care.
May I seek abundantly to help them, finding gen'rous ways to share.
I will feed your lambs with kindness, serving you forevermore, serving you forevermore.**

Text, Stanza 1: William Williams, 1717-1791; translated by William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, altered
Stanzas 2-3: new for today

↑ **GREETING**

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

☞ **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☞ **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:10 and Mark 6:34-37 —*New Catholic Version and Good News Translation*

☞ Our First Lesson is from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter, and Mark, the sixth chapter.

[The prophet Isaiah wrote:] If you feed those who are hungry and take care of the needs of those who are troubled, then your light will shine in the darkness, and you will be bright like sunshine at noon.

When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When it was getting late, his disciples came to him and said, “It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. ³⁶Send the people away and let them go to the nearby farms and villages in order to buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷Jesus answered. “You yourselves give them something to eat; *you* feed them.”

☞ Word of God, word of life. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: John 21:3-5, 9-10, 15-17

—*New Revised Version Updated*

☞ This lesson is from the Gospel of John, the twenty-first chapter.

Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went ...that night but caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁹On shore, they saw a charcoal fire, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught. Come and have breakfast.”

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said, “Do you love me?”

☞ **YES!**

☞ “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time ... “Do you love me?”

☞ **“Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”**

☞ “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said a third time, “Do you love me?”

☞ **“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”**

☞ Jesus said to him, ☞ **“Feed my sheep.”**

☞ This is the Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Voices Raised to You We Offer***

ELW Hymn 845

1 **Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

5 **How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!**

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:37-40**

—New Testament for Everyone

Ⓟ The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus was teaching. He finished the parable like this:] ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, “Master, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and come to see you?”

⁴⁰“Then the king will answer them, “I’m telling you the truth: when you did it to one of the least significant of my brothers and sisters here, you did it to me.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: *When In Our Music God Is Glorified***

ELW Hymn 851

- 1 **When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**
- 2 **How oft in making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound: Alleluia!**
- 3 **So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev’ry tongue: Alleluia!**
- 5 **Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

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OFFERING ANTHEM: *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Celebration Choir, Joyful Noise Ringers,
and Celebration Orchestra*

- I. Hymnus Angelicus (Song of the Angels at the birth of Jesus)
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to all.
- II. Acclamations
*We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you.
We give our thanks to you for your great glory.*
- III. Invocations
*Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.*
- IV. Petitions
*You, Lord, take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
You, Lord, take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You, Lord, sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*
- V. Doxology
*For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.*

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This anthem was written “in celebration of David Beecher’s 55 years in Music Ministry.”

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC MINISTRY

L Today we give thanks to God for our parish musicians and for their faithful service in the ministry of music. Called in baptism and equipped with musical gifts, they have led the people of God in singing the new song of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L Sing to the Lord a new song;

C **Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

L Sing to the Lord and bless his name;

C **Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

L Declare his glory among the nations

C **And his wonders among all peoples.**

L Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!

C **Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

L Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

C **Let the whole earth tremble before him.**

—*Psalms 96: 1-3, 6, 9*

L In First Chronicles we read that King David first organized Israel's music ministry.

David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy. Chenaniah, leader of the Levites in music, was to direct the music, for he understood it. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.

—I Chronicles 15:16, 22, 28

L Martin Luther wrote that music proclaims the Word of God.

Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise ... the fathers and prophets wanted nothing else to be associated as closely with the Word of God as music ... After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, by proclaiming [the Word of God] through music and by providing sweet melodies with words ... When [musical] learning is added to all of this and artistic music which corrects, develops, and refines the natural music, then at last it is possible to taste with wonder (yet not to comprehend) God's absolute and perfect wisdom in his wondrous work of music.

—*Luther's Works, Vol. 53, pp. 323-24.*

L People of God, has your faith been nurtured by the musical gifts David Beecher and of these dedicated musicians?

C **Amen!**

L Have they served the Lord faithfully by proclaiming the power and comfort of God's Word through music?

C **Amen!**

L Will you continue to support them as ambassadors of the Lord, called through baptism to be worship leaders among us?

C **We will!**

L Will you give thanks to God for the new song of resurrection that has inspired them in a ministry of music for the sake of the church?

C **Alleluia!**

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in the waters of baptism you have gifted us for ministry in your church and in the world. We give you thanks for the ministry of music and faithful service of these your children. To all whom they have inspired in the arts, bring your blessing. Strengthen them in every future endeavor and bring to fruition their work to enliven your Word in us through music. Empower us to sing your resurrection song with fervor and to regard music as a lively expression of your gospel and a gift of your making. To you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is due, both now and forever.

C **Amen. God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be with all your servants who make art and music, that with joy, we on earth may glimpse your beauty, and bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection, which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.
- ☞ **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.** —*Colossians 3:14-17*

↑ SENDING HYMN: *All the Music Sung and Played Here*

Tune: NETTLETON

- 1 All the music sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you,
For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by music, too.
By your Spirit, each musician finds new depths of faith to share.
Music is a gift you've given and becomes our thankful prayer.**
- 3 You give hymns and songs for singing, toes for tapping your good news,
Organ sounding, handbells ringing, faithful hearers in the pews.
With the trumpet and the cymbal, with guitar and violin,
Faith is found here and rekindled; hearts are lifted, once again.**
- 4 Bless the talents we are bringing, for we offer you our best.
If our gifts are not in singing, may our joyful noise be blest.
If our world is ever silent, may we sign to you above.
Touched by grace, may each one present offer back your song of love.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE: *At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral*

The Christ Our Shepherd Winds and Congregation

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