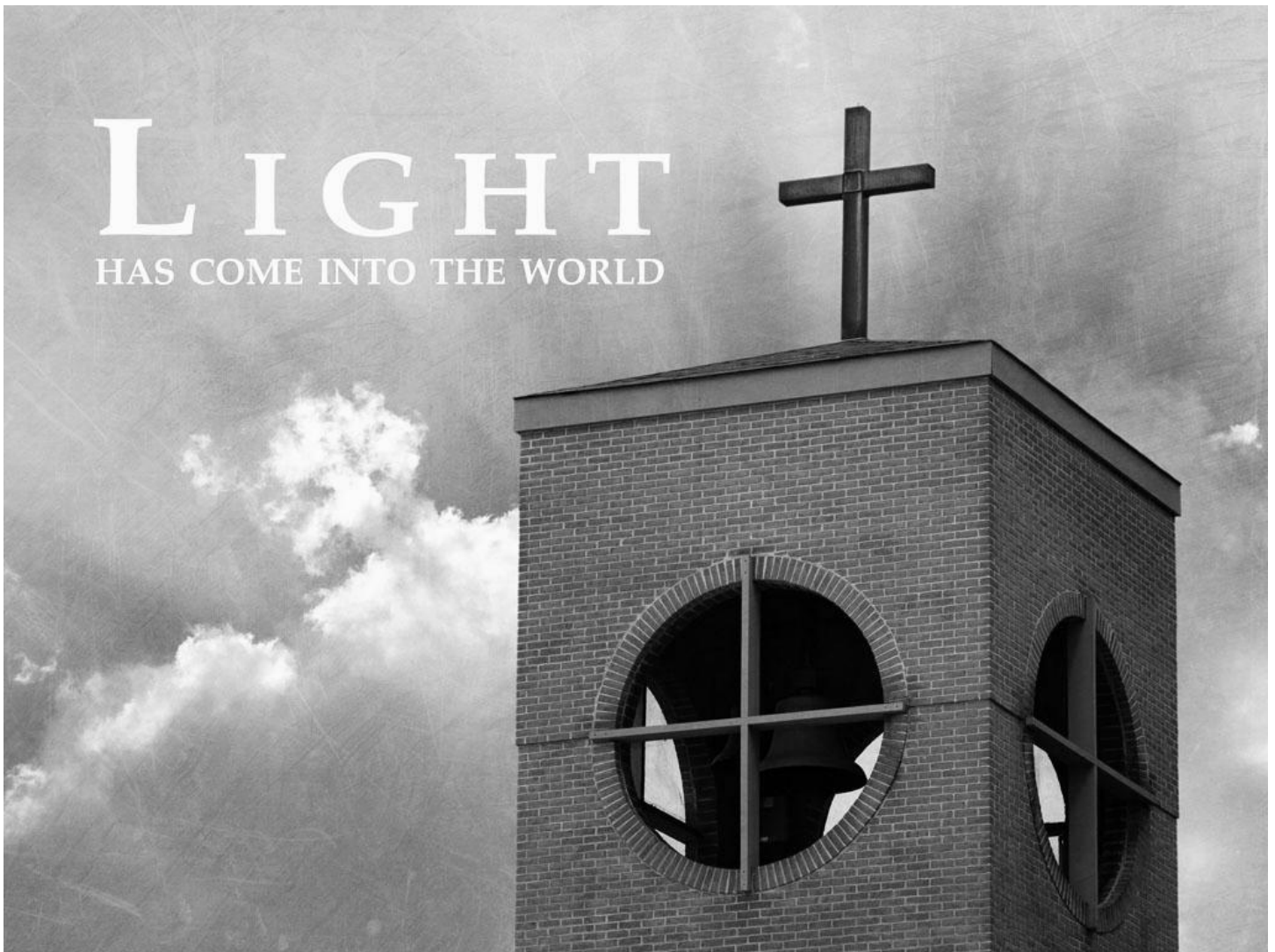


*An evening setting of Holy Communion*



St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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5:30 pm

Holy Communion

Pentecost 22

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# ***Welcome to St. David's Lutheran Church!***

We are blessed by your presence and honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign the friendship sheet that is located in the booklet at the end of each pew, near the center aisle. These sheets will be collected after the service.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and who recognize the Sacrament as the true body and blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's table at St. David's with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. Persons, who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the communion, are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so please fold your hands and bow your head.

**Prayer Requests** may be made by placing the request in the small wooden box at the rear, near the doors through which you entered. The acolyte will collect the requests and they will be included during the prayers of the congregation.

**For your comfort** there is a restroom, equipped with a changing table and supplies and a water fountain located upstairs. Simply exit through the double doors back into the narthex. The restroom is straight ahead in the parlor, beside the grandfather clock, and the water fountain is to the right at the beginning of the hallway.

**Devotional** – The worship folder you are holding is also a weekly devotional booklet. The prayers and Scripture readings are appropriate for use at any time during the week. The liturgy itself is a Scripturally based order for daily prayer and devotion with Scriptural references noted where they apply. Even the hymns are appropriate tools for prayer and praise. Finally, there is a daily lectionary of Scripture readings for the rest of the week on the last printed page.

## **INTRODUCTION**

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

## WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

## 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**

Let us pray. . . .

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a**

A reading from Job the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*{Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.}*

<sup>23</sup>“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 17:1-9 (read responsively)**

*Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise  
against them.

<sup>8</sup>**Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup>from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

*All: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)*

## **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from 2 Thessalonians the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

*{Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.}*

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*{The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.}*

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**HOMILY**

Together we confess our faith:

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick (*especially*). Guard and keep them in your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of the living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

*Please be seated, while the table is set.*

*The assembly stands.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our creator,  
you give us all we are, all we have,  
all we bring, and all we need.

Draw us together around your table with all your saints  
on earth and in your eternal home.

Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,  
that we might be your promise to the world,  
spoken in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**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, grant us peace.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The Holy Communion is distributed with these or similar words:*

The body of Christ, given for you

The blood of Christ, shed for you

## **COMMUNION**

*Following the Holy Communion the congregation stands:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of blessing,

at this table we have seen you face to face,  
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,  
our hearts have been refreshed.

Send us now to shine with your goodness  
and bear witness to the one we have received:  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **QUIET MEDITATION**

## **CONGREGATION MEETING-PART TWO**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

### **Beyond the Imagination**

In the late 1990s at a one-hundredth birthday party, someone asked the guest of honor, “What is the most remarkable invention you have seen in your lifetime?” to which the new centenarian replied, “The ballpoint pen.” Those gathered found it hard to imagine a time without the ballpoint pen. The current age—whenever it happens—is defined by things that are so much a part of life that we cannot imagine how the world ever existed (or ever will exist) without them. Whether we are talking about ballpoint pens or legal bonds between spouses, we think, “That’s just how things work.”

In our gospel today, some Sadducees come to Jesus with a question. Their intent is to embarrass the teacher and to demonstrate how ridiculous the notion of resurrection is. Who could imagine such a thing? The scene they paint features would-be husbands lining up and waiting, like contestants on *The Bachelorette*, to see “Whose wife will she be?”

Jesus answers the question by speaking about a whole new age: the reign of God. When this new age is present in its fullness, those who have died will be alive, and they will be identified by their status not as a spouse, but as a son or a daughter. “They . . . are children of God,” Jesus says, and “children of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36).

While we do not yet experience the new age in its fullness, it has indeed broken into our history and our lives: Christ is risen! In holy baptism Christ shares his risen life with us so that in our own time, “this age” and “the age to come” overlap. Christ’s reign brings about a new world beyond our imagining: we, too, are children of God and children of the resurrection.

## ***Daily Readings for the Week November 10-16***

<b>Sunday:</b>	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalm 123 Job 20:1-11 2 Peter 1:16-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalm 123 Job 21:1, 17-34 2 John 1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalm 123 Job 25:1—26:14 John 5:19-29
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 98 1 Samuel 28:3-19 Romans 1:18-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 98 2 Samuel 21:1-14 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalm 98 Ezekiel 10:1-19 Luke 17:20-37

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