



# God Is Here

Luke 21:5-28

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**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**November 13, 2022 - 11:00 am**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

**Lessons and Liturgy Today**

We often ask, or at least wonder, "Is God really in control?" There are many times that we are lead to ask that question – when natural disasters like earthquakes happen; or terrorism occurs; or financial crises arise; or we experience troubles in relationships, marriage, and the family. The answer to that question for faith is a confident, "Yes!" Jesus encourages His disciples and us, even as He warns of the troubles to come. We can apply these words to our own hope for endurance as we await His Final Return when He will gather us to Himself in eternal victory. We are able to face these days with patience, to endure while waiting, because we have His Promise.

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you!  
**C** **And also with you!**

**Opening Song**

**The Battle Belongs To The LORD**

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land;  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand;  
the battle belongs to the LORD

**Refrain**

We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the LORD  
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When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
He's raised up a standard - the pow'r of His blood;  
the battle belongs to the LORD      Refrain

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear:  
the battle belongs to the LORD  
Take courage, my friend! your redemption is near!  
the battle belongs to the LORD      Refrain

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## Invocation of The Holy Trinity

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Confession of Sins and Good News of God's Forgiveness

- P Dearly loved, the Kingdom of God is near. Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down. As we confess our sin to God, let us also pray that we may endure in faith to the end.
- C **Merciful God, our Father, we confess that we often wonder and fear that our world and our lives are out of Your Care or Control. So we put our confidence only in things we can see. We confess our sin, our thoughts, words, and deeds of disobedience to You. Help us to see and understand that, because of the forgiveness that is in the Cross of Christ and His Resurrection, we can have confidence for the facing of each day's trials and look forward with joy to Your Deliverance.**
- P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office 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.
- C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Praise

## Rise Up And Praise Him

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the people of God sing His praise all over the land!  
Ev'ryone in the valley: come and lift your voice!  
All those on the mountaintop be glad and shout for joy:

### Refrain

Rise up and praise Him; He deserves our love  
Rise up and praise Him; worship the Holy One  
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, Rise up and praise Him!

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## First Reading

*Malachi 4:1-6 [ESV]*

**4** “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. **2** 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. **3** 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. **4** “Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. **5** “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome Day of the LORD comes. **6** 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.”

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

### Psalm

*Psalm 98 [ESV]*

L **98** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
C **His Right Hand and His Holy Arm have worked salvation for Him.**

L <sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known His Salvation; He has revealed His Righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
C <sup>3</sup>**He has remembered His Steadfast Love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

L All the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation of our God.  
C <sup>4</sup>**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
C <sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

L <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!  
C <sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together**

L <sup>9</sup>before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.  
C **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. 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.**

### Epistle

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 [ESV]*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:5-28 [ESV]*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, He said, <sup>6</sup>"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." <sup>7</sup>And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the

sign when these things are about to take place?”<sup>8</sup> 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.”<sup>9</sup> 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.”<sup>10</sup> Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”<sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness.<sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,<sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.<sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.<sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for My Name's Sake.<sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish.<sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.<sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.<sup>21</sup> 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,<sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup> 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.<sup>25</sup> “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,<sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.<sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

Pastor Zach Sarrault

### **Song of the Day**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed

#### Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free;  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me -  
and like a flood, His mercy rains  
unending love, amazing grace

The LORD has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine -  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine;  
will be forever mine;  
You are forever mine

#### Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free;  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me -  
and like a flood, His mercy rains  
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#### The Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

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#### The Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory**

to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose Kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the ☩ Life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the Church

*after each petition:*

P Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.

### 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.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

#### Distribution Song

God Of The Poor

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
LORD, in Your suff'ring world,  
this is our prayer:  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace;  
sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsmen;  
trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak

Refrain

God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion, we pray;  
Melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain  
Come change our love  
from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctu'ry,  
freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing fields,  
scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness;  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poison'd,  
our future, our dreams  
LORD, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until Your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of Your ways,  
seek Your salvation,  
and bring You their praise



**Benediction**

**Closing Song**

**My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
in my failures You won't walk out;  
Your Great Love will lead me through  
You are the Peace in my troubled sea, o  
You are the Peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go,  
in the questions Your Truth will hold;  
Your Great Love will lead me through  
You are the Peace in my troubled sea, o  
You are the Peace in my troubled sea

**Refrain**

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
O, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,  
with each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through -  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
O, You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Refrain**

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
O, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore

**Bridge**

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us thro' the storms      Sing 4x      Refrain

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- P The worship has ended.
- C The service now begins.**
- P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.
- C Thanks be to God!**

## **In Service Today**

Preacher - Pastor Zach Sarrault

Presiding Minister - Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Praise Worship Leader - Christopher Reed

*Reign!* Vocals - Sonja Striplin, Deb Oesterling

*Reign!* Musicians - Dorothy Conners, Nick Cassimatis, Elliot Lubak, Charlie Shiel, Lecia Cecconi-Roberts

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