

**November 16, 2025**  
**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Setting Four**

**Prelude** *Variations on “St. Anne”*  
**Ring of the Bell**  
**Bell Choir** (10:30) *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*  
**Welcome & Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Hymn** *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* *LSB 508*  
**Confession & Absolution** *p 203*  
**Kyrie, Gloria**  
**Salutation and Collect**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading** *Malachi 4:1–6*  
**Epistle** *2 Thessalonians 3:6–13*  
**Choir** (8:00) *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*  
**Alleluia and Verse** (5:00 & 10:30)  
**Holy Gospel** *Luke 21:5–28*  
**Children’s Message**  
**Hymn** *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment* *LSB 511*  
**Sermon**

**The Creed** (Nicene 5 & 8:00, Apostles’ 10:30) *p 206/207*  
**Offering** *Christians While on Earth Abiding*  
**Bell Choir** (8:00) *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*  
*(fill out friendship register)*  
**Prayer of the Church**

*10:30 Continue Here*

**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* *LSB 728*

*5:00 & 8:00 Continue Here*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface, Sanctus** *p 208*  
**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Words of Institution, Agnus Dei**  
**Hymns during Holy Communion**  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* *LSB 733*  
*How Firm a Foundation* *LSB 728*  
**Nunc Dimittis** *p 211*  
**Post-Communion Collect**

*All Continue Here*

**The Benediction**  
**Postlude** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

*If you are a member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to join us today for Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper is the eating and drinking of the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. We also believe that Holy Communion is a sign of oneness of faith, life, and worship.*

*If you have not communed with us before and would like to receive Communion, we ask that you please visit with one of the elders on duty or one of the Pastors so that we may be of help to you concerning your participation in this Holy Supper.*

*Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**Readings for November 16, 2025 – Twenty-third Sunday**

**after Pentecost**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>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.”

**Epistle**

*2 Thessalonians 3:6–13*

<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.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 21:5–28*

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] 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.”