



## **As We Gather 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11-17-2024**

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (*LSB 575/576*).

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. Thank You.**

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

#### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN #575 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

**INVOCATION**

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

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 16:11; 43:4, alt.*

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.  
**P** The Lord makes known the path of life;  
**C** in His presence there is fullness of joy.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Daniel 12:3, alt.; Hebrews 10:17*

- P** God the Holy Spirit bears witness to us of the covenant of salvation, saying, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Come, let us receive this salvation by confessing our sins and pleading for God’s mercy and grace.  
**C** Merciful God, we come to You amid the fears and dark understanding of our minds as the only one who can give us hope, rest, and deliverance. Our sins have made us blind to Your grace and love. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, grant us forgiveness. Give us a strong faith and a clear vision through Your Word that we may hold fast the confession of our hope. Amen.

- P** Those who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**WORD**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*

- P** The one who endures to the end will be saved.  
**C** Let Mount Zion be glad!

- P** Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!
- C** **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,**
- P** consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
- C** **that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever.**
- P** He will guide us forever.
- C** **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.**
- P** The one who endures to the end will be saved.

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## KYRIE

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace in daily decisions and eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace among nations of the world and the health of the Church wherever it is found, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For ourselves and all who gather here to respond to God’s love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *LSB 947 st. 1*

**All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;  
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.  
God shows His good and gracious will  
And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
All strife at last has ended.**

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## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 12:1–3**

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE READING Hebrews 10:11-25**

“Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**CHOIR – “Down to the River to Pray” – arr. Mary McDonald**

**VERSE**      *Mark 13:13b*

**P** Alleluia, alleluia!

**C** **The one who endures to the end will be saved.**

**P** Alleluia!

**HOLY GOSPEL    Mark 13:1–13**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY    #513    “The Clouds Of Judgment Gather”**

**SERMON    “End Times Endurance”    Mark 13:1-13**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, throughout this past year You have made known to us the path of life, the redemption from sin in the gracious sacrifice and life that is by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we contemplate the promise of Your covenant of eternal life coming in its fullness when He comes again in glory, grant to us and Your whole church, all pastors and believers, the hope and confidence of faith to endure times of trial until Your bring us to the fullness of our eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. men.**

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## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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 opened to us the new and living way through His flesh, that we may draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. 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 *LSB 178*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### LORD'S PRAYER

- P** 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:
- 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.**



## **AGNUS DEI** *(Tune: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”)*

**O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase. Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall, Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.**

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**#515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers      #611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be  
#821 Alleluia! Sing To Jesus          #645 Built On The Rock**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** “Thank The Lord” (p. 181)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
Tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord  
Rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people  
Forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN #516 “Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE**

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**Altar flowers today are given by JoAnn Arney  
in memory of her father, Hubert and her sister, Joyce.**

**Reader Today: Gail Snow**  
**Attendance Last Week - 91**

**PRAYER LIST: Judy Duncker, rehab; Jim Sims, hospital.**

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Nov. 18 10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
Mon. Nov. 18 1:00 pm Men's Bible Study  
Tue. Nov. 19 10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
Thur. Nov. 21 10:30 am Support Group  
Thur. Nov. 21 10:30 am Jesus Time  
Thur. Nov. 21 3:00 pm Choir  
**Sun. Nov. 24 8:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Fellowship.**

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.**

**THE CHILDCARE ANGEL TREE will be up in the narthex next Sunday.**  
Please consider taking a tag from the tree and purchasing a Christmas gift (\$25 limit) for one of our childcare children. When you take a tag please also **sign your name on the list that is on the table.** Gifts need to be returned to the church by **December 15, wrapped with the tag attached.** Thank you for participating in this ministry. If you have any questions, please **contact Maureen Smith at 630.301.0514.**

### **IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!**

The goal this year is to share God's love with 250 children through gift-filled shoeboxes. There are two ways to fill a shoebox. You can pack a traditional shoebox with quality toys, school supplies and personal care items and bring it to the church **no later than Sunday, Nov. 17.** OR, for \$25 you can build a shoebox online via link <https://sampur.se/3XSyJUg>. Questions? Call Carol Van Lente 208-252-1558

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to join us for **BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP**, whether you are a couple or a single person. We meet the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 3:00 pm** in the **fellowship hall**. We are currently studying the book of James. If interested, please **contact Dave or Jan Hinrichsen. Dave - 402-699-3543 Jan – 402-699-4744.**

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT TEA** – **December 7.** Ladies, our very first ADVENT TEA is just around the corner! Please double check to make sure you signed up and if you did, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7. The tea begins promptly at 2:30 pm. At this point registration for the congregation is now closed. There are three spots available if you would like to invite a female friend or family member. This will take place on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Maureen Smith at 630-301-0514. Thank you, The Advent Tea planning Committee.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 17 Mary Ellen Ethington    Nov. 19 Deb Thomason    Nov. 20 Zachary Seamann  
Nov. 23 Kathryn Kinoshita    Nov. 25 Kay McPhail

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov. 18 Mike & Darlene Carpenter    Nov.25 Harold & CC Sersland

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