Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:30a.m.



November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

In God's Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Ken Jensen

Ministers: All Baptized People of God

Music: Joe Chodur Reader: Ron Lundblad

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need.

Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.



- Built on a rock the church shall stand, e ven when stee ples are
- 2 Sure ly, in tem ples made with hands God the Most High is not 3 Christ builds a house of liv ing stones: we are his own hab i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth ly frame, Je sus the chil dren is
- 5 Through all the pass ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



crum-bled have spires in ing; ev - 'ry land, bells still are dwell - inghigh in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us tion; hith - er to praise his name, faith in our bless ing; we come to hear your Word, who here this ring ing, man - y may come



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a - life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



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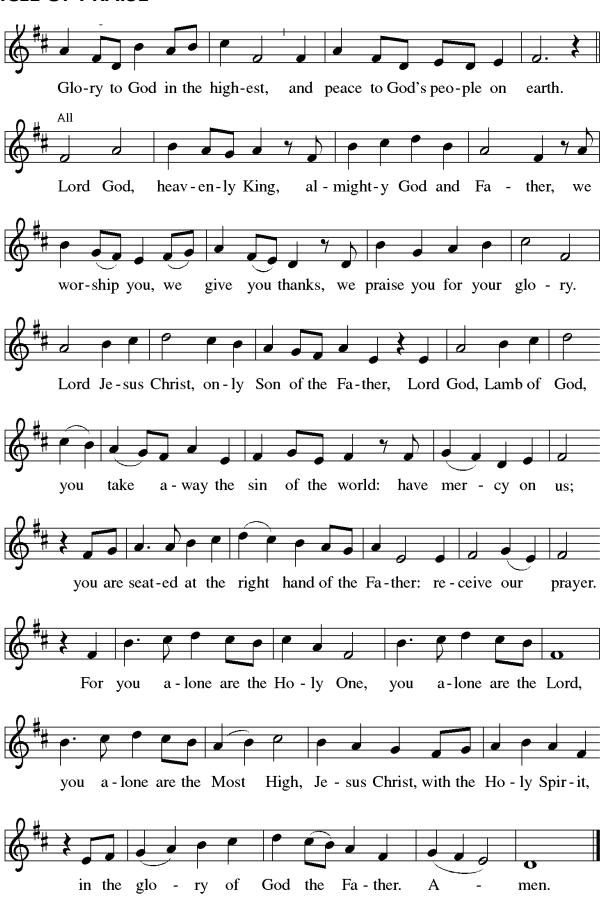
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GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Daniel 12:1-3

The deliverance of God's people at the end

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

The way to God opened through Christ's death

Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.

Mark 13:1-8

The end and the coming of the Son

A reading from Daniel:

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (Please read responsively.)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods

shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;

it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A reading from Hebrews:

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has

perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds, ¹⁷he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Everything Will Be All Right"

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord, What a Morning

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- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



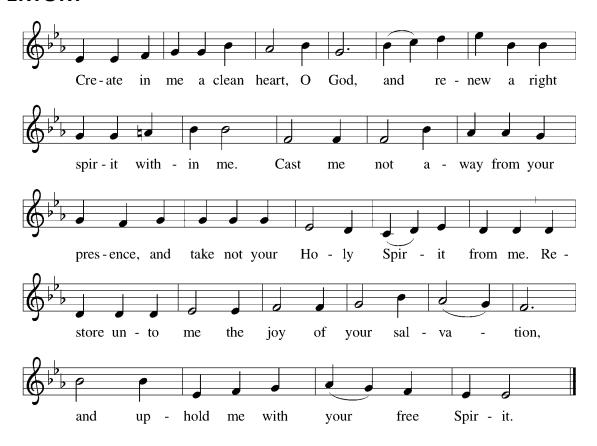
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY)

and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

C: God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love.

P: God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end.

C: As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season.

P: God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts.

C: Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish.

P: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster.

C: We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet.

P: God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine.

C: Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ.

P: Almighty and eternal God,

C: during this time of transition in this congregation draw us together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us.

P: God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky.

C: We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise.

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.

C: Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

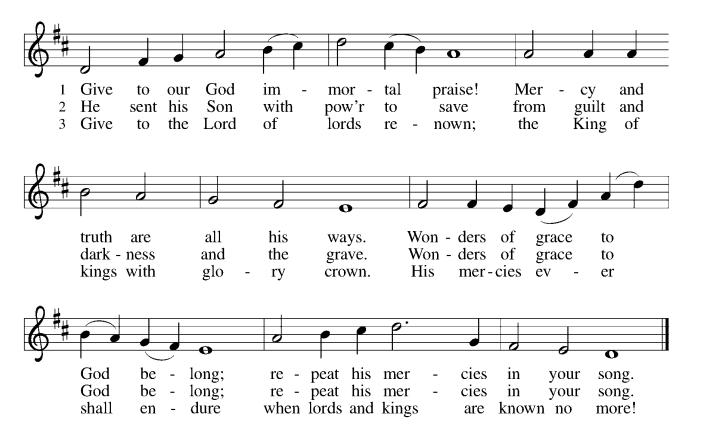
Amen

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.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This Week:

Sunday, November 14 9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitchers

Monday, November 15 9:30 am Quilters

Tuesday, November 16 Office Hours 8-10 am

Wednesday, November 17 9:30 am M & M's

Thursday, November 18 9:30 am WELCA Coffee @ OS

10:00 am Knitters

4:00 pm Community Kitchen

Upcoming:

Sunday, November 21 9:30 am Worship/Communion

10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, November 22 9:30 am Quilters

Loveletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 24 9:30 am M & M's

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Office Closed

Friday, November 26 Office Closed

Announcements

A special **thank you** to Pastor Ken Jensen for being our worship leader today.

A **big thank you** to Larry Stockberger, Geri Barker, Sue Aves, Tim & Beth Rozen, LaVern & Tanya Dahl and Ron & Becky Lundblad who spent over two hours this past Tuesday cleaning up the church lawn. Job well done!!

Please be sure to sign friendship registers located at end of pews.

There are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for serving coffee hour and Community Kitchen. Please help where you can.

If you would like to celebrate a special occasion or memorial, please consider placing fresh flowers by the altar on Sunday morning. You can take the vase liners to your flower shop, and they can deliver them on Friday morning. Please let Valerie in the office know how you would like them noted in the bulletin. Questions? Give the office a call at 423-7749.