

Our Mission Statement: To share Jesus and His love.

# 26th Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024 Setting 3 8:15

In Christ We Will Endure

Prelude Handbells "The King Shall Come"

## As We Gather

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our lessons for this day prepare us to be watchful and ready to proclaim our reigning King.

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" LSB 516 "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying; "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all
The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne. No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee! Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text: Public domain



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- A I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- A O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.



# Service of the Word

# Introit

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

# Let Mount Zion be glad!

# Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

# that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

## He will guide us forever.

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

(sing)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Kyrie (sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### Gloria in Excelsis (sing)

 Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world. have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world. receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father. have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day



A 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.



#### **Old Testament**

#### (The time of the end)

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



Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Epistle

Hebrews 10: 11-25

(The full assurance of faith)

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> "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,"

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

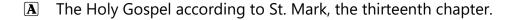
# Alleluia (stand to sing)

**G** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### Gospel

#### Mark 13: 1-13

## (Signs of the end of the age)





<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup>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."

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **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. Hymn of the Day "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" LSB 508 (v 1-3, 5, 7)
The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken, And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken. But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r, Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling, And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been In thoughts and words and actions.

My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation! O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil. Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon "In Christ We Will Endure" Mark 13: 1-13

## Offertory (stand to sing)

Create in me

 a clean heart, O God,
 and renew
 a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not
 away from Thy presence,
 and take not Thy Holy
 Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

# A 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,

## **G** hear our prayer.

A Lord of the nations, inspire the minds and wills of all, especially those leaders who are to care for all citizens, to choose the ways of justice and peace that we may live in peace and happiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

- Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. May we as individuals and as a congregation prayerfully consider and discern Your purpose for us as SPLC. Guide us by Your Spirit to unite as one body to follow Your purpose for us. Banish our fears and instill in us a firm trust that You can provide all that is necessary to build Your Kingdom here. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Tim & Tracy Maher, Paula McCarty, Teo McDonald, Rick & Mary Miller, Stephanie Mueller. Bless the children of our CLC Nate, Penelope, Olivia, Alex along with their parents and our staff. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

▲ We pray for all who suffer illness, for those troubled by anxiety over their current circumstances or the unknown future, and for all who call upon You in their need, especially, Barbara Belz, Richard Duncan, Jeremiah Anighoro, David Glass, Joan Lothringer, Jerry Lawson, Burce Voelker, Charles Barber, Roger Kindt, Jessica Jones, Bill Nielson, Rawindog Tiwary, Jan Peterson, Steven Beckett, Kerstin Krueger, Vern Zehmns, Mary Fodor, Ed Mischen, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert, Dave Peterson. Give hope, healing, and peace to all even in their sufferings. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

A With fond remembrance we name all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are with You in Your nearer presence (*pause for remembrance*). Grant to all our departed loved ones Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

- A 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.

## **Offerings Are Received**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

## Service of the Sacrament

#### **Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

- 1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
- 2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
- 3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
- 5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

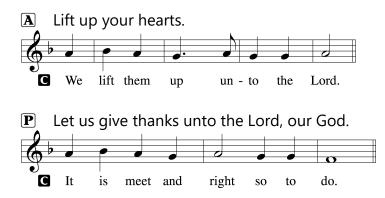
If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

#### **Communion Instructions**

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

## Preface





A It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 (sing)

G Holy, holy,

holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

A Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

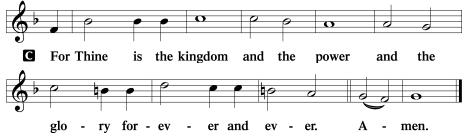
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

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.



(These elements were consecrated in last week's service by Pastor Russ. In this moment we read the Words of Jesus to remember and receive them by grace.)

## The Words of Our Lord

▲ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei (sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

> On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Text: Public domain

Distribution Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

> Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne. As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood." Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt. Text: Public domain Nunc Dimittis (stand to sing)

Lord, now lettest
 Thou Thy servant
 depart in peace
 according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P** The Lord be with you.



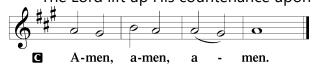
#### **Benedicamus**

A Bless we the Lord.



#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and A give you peace.



Hymn to Depart "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918
Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises

will ever give to Thee;
will ever give to Thee.

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## Postlude

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