

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost- November 16, 2025 PAX

Your Redemption Is Near

As We Gather

One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word “near.” “Near” can indicate something that is almost here but hasn’t yet arrived. And at the same time, “near” can point to something already with us, like those “near and dear” to our hearts. The word “near” resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet. Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present in the here and now, delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

"HOSANNA PRAISE IS RISING"

Verse: Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; We turn to You;
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; We long for You;
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; We welcome You here,
Lord Jesus.

Verse: Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; We turn to You;
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new;
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; We welcome You here,
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Bridge: 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
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Lord Jesus.

Tag: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna.

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Colossians 1:13–14

- P** The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- P** Almighty God and Father,
C we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.

- P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh 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.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹ “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. ²But 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. ³And 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 just decrees 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. ⁶And 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

⁶Now 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. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor 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. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–28

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“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.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But 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. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then 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, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas 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. ²⁴They 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.

²⁵“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, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Children's Message

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

Verse: I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One; I believe I overcome by the power of His blood;

Chorus: Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives.

Verse: I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away.

Chorus: Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Bridge: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives every fear is gone;
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Chorus: Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends because He lives; Because He lives.

Sermon

Rev. Greg Prauner

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.

Offering

"Here I Am To Worship (with Call)"

Verse: Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You; Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Verse: King of all days, Oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created; All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Bridge: I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
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Prayers of the Church

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

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.

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.

"All Because of Jesus"

Verse: Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity, Giver of every perfect thing, to You be the glory.
Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend Your worth. King over all the universe, to You be the glory.
And I'm alive because I'm alive in You.

Chorus: And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive. And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ.
that covers me and raise this dead man's life. And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive!
I'm alive, I'm alive!

Verse: Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity, Giver of every perfect thing, to You be the glory.
Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend Your worth. King over all the universe, to You be the glory.
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Chorus: And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive. And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ.

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Bridge: Every sunrise sings Your grace, the universe cries out Your praise;
I'm singing freedom all my days, now that I'm alive!

Chorus: It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ.
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive. And it's all because the blood of Jesus

Christ
that covers me and raised this dead man's life. And it's all because of Jesus I'm
alive!

I'm alive! And it's all because of You. Yeah it's all because of You

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