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November 17, 2024 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

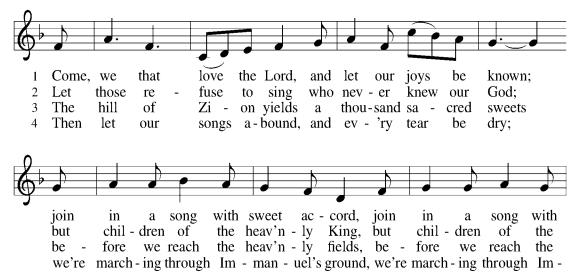
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.
- P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 625

Come, We That Love the Lord We're Marching to Zion





sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne. heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad. heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets. man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

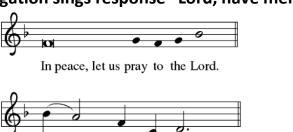


Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."

Lord,

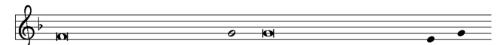


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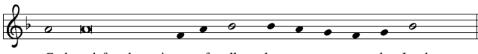


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

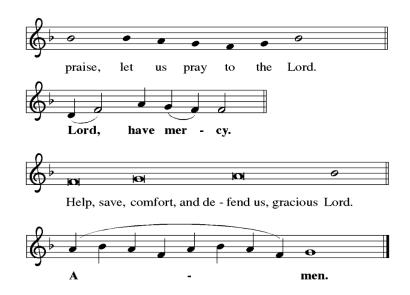


God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading-Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

L: A reading from the twelfth chapter of 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. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 16

- L: ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C: ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- L: ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- L: ⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C: ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- L: ⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C: ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- L: ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C: 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- L: ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

L: A reading from the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And 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,"17 he also 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.]

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:





The Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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."

³ When 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?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

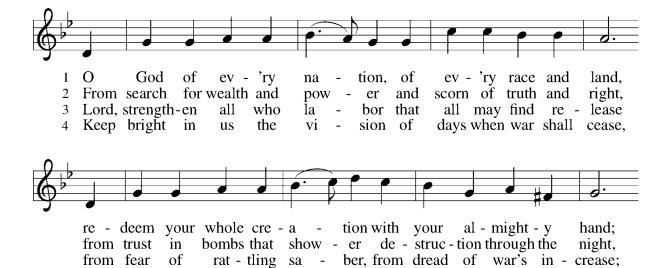
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Hymn of the Day: ELW 713 Verses 1,2 and 4

O God of Every Nation





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where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled, from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way, when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard; dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

sion give way

to

love and

peace.



love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world. de - liv - er tion, e - ter - nal God, we ev - 'ry na with faith that none can al ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird. and Christ shall rule vic the world's do - main. to rious o'er all

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence (*especially*). Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember (*Elizabeth of Hungary and all*) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

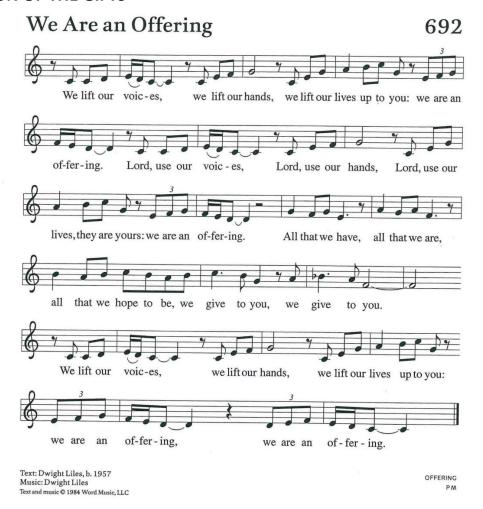
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "Make My Life an Alleluia"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Offering Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

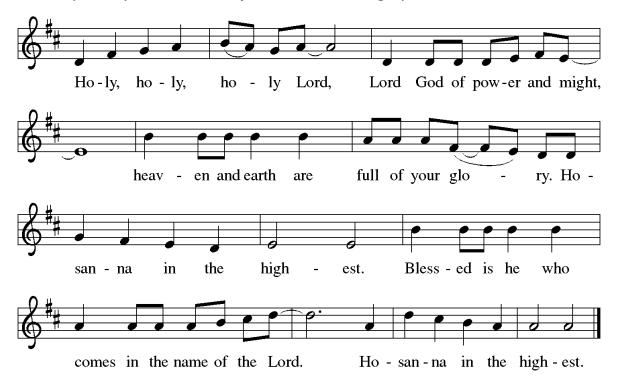
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

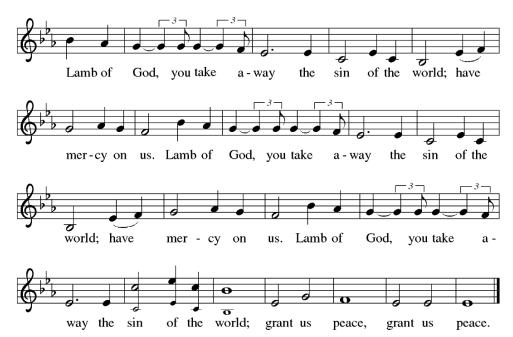
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

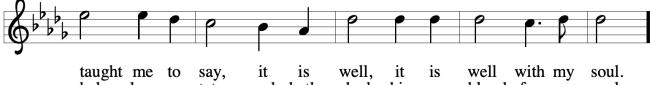
SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 785

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous thought; my 4 Lord, has ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast that Christ hath re - gard - ed my this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, whole, is nailed to his cross and I not in part, but the clouds be rolled back as scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the a



shed blood for my help - less es - tate, and hath his own soul. it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O soul! my Lord shall de - scend; e - ven SO it is well with my soul.



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

Prayer after Communion

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,

→ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



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Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for November will be given to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected by the recent devastating storms.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>					
November	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
19	Hans Rilling	Miriam & Ken Anderson (41)			
21	Ken Anderson				
22			Bob Fox		
23	Faye Gadwell		Addyson Mammana		

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES						
Sunday, November 17	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library				
26 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship				
		Music and Worship committee meeting				
Monday, November 18	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours				
		December Newsletter Submissions Due!				
Wednesday, November 20	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours				
Thursday, November 21	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours				
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's				
Friday, November 22	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God (Last one this year!)				
	UPCOMING ACT	<u>IVITIES</u>				
Sunday, November 24	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School in Library				
Christ the King	10:00 AM	Communion Worship				
	After worship	Faith Conversation Opportunity				
	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation Class @ Durham				
Wednesday, November 27	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours				
Thursday, November 28		No Office hours				
THANKSGIVING						

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES cont'd				
Sunday, December 1	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.		
First Sunday of Advent	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
Monday, December 2	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		
Wednesday, December 4	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
Thursday, December 5	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Mary Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie

Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jim Pavlica; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; Bart Shaw; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Norma Fox and Kenneth Hager

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Serena Ashmore & Bea vonWatzdorf
Greeter(s)	Lilly O'Brien and Family
Acolyte	
Lector	Kris Simmons
Head / Communion Usher	
Council Communion / Counting Team	Karen Beerer & Cathy Meuller
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dianna Streletz



The food basket on the alter today was donated by Miriam Anderson in honor of her and Ken's anniversary and Ken's birthday this week! The flowers for today's service were donated in memory of Nancy Jean Xander.

