

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 18, 2018

10:30 am



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/SECOND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Glory Everlasting

AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year is approaching its close, we turn our focus to the last things. The very last thing that we confess in the Apostles' Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. In Revelation, John describes the heavenly city of God and tells us that the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Brilliant brightness has always been associated with the seeing of God, from the time when Moses had to veil his face because it reflected the dazzling presence of the almighty Lord. As we come into His presence for worship, we have a partial sense of that glory as we await that time beyond time, when we shall experience it fully in the life everlasting in His heavenly kingdom.

GATHERING SONG

LORD I NEED YOU

Maher

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

**CHORUS: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. **CHORUS**

So, teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. **CHORUS**

PRELUDE

IN THE CALM

Scott Krippayne and Tony Wood

Duet: Jenna Lawrenz and Christa Kirschner

✂ PREPARATION ✂

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Smith/Bashta/Barrett

Through every battle Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe That You are my fortress Oh, You are my portion
And You are my hiding place, oh I believe You are

**CHORUS: The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are The way, the truth,
the life I believe (You are)**

Through every blessing Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe That You are Provider You are Protector
And You are the One I love, I believe you are **CHORUS**

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I believe (You are) **CHORUS**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, with heartfelt repentance we confess our sin. We are sinful from birth and daily sin in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have been unkind and often have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. We do not remain focused on looking with eager expectation to Your return in glory and have become taken in by the fleeting pleasures of this world. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

Pastor: Because of the great sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross of Calvary, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 12:1–3

(Those who are named in the Book of Life will be delivered.)

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11–25

(The Lord will not remember the sins of the faithful anymore.)

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and

again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1–13

(The one who stands firm to the end will be saved.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of

birth pains.

"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Johnson

SONG OF THE DAY WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME Ligertwood/Fielding

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

**CHORUS: What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus**

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now **CHORUS**

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God you reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

SERMON "Firm To The End"

Pastor John Larson
Text: Mark 13:1-13

CATECHISM

The Second Article

Pastor: In his “What does this mean?” reflecting on the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther reminds us that our final and eternal calling is to live under our Lord in His kingdom and serve Him as we share in the glory of heaven. Let us joyfully confess the article that tells of our redemption.

People: **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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

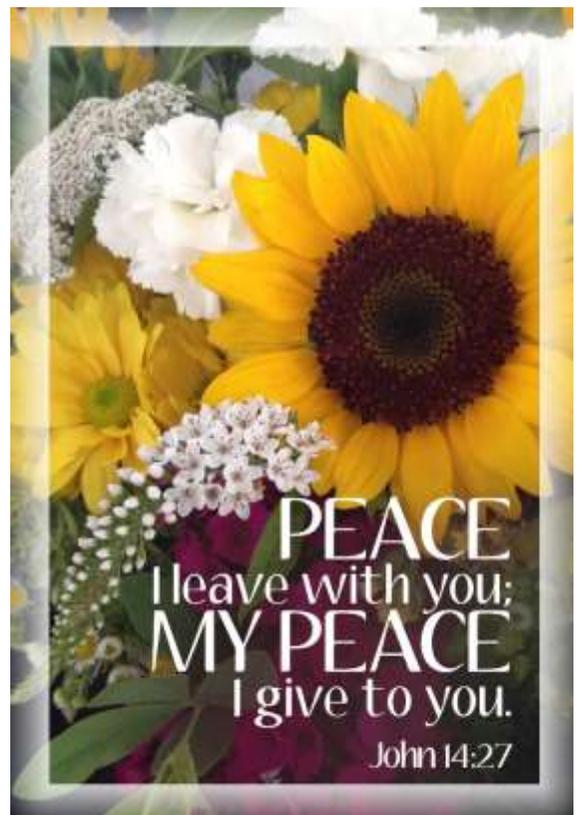
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

We share the Lord’s peace with one another, saying, “Peace be with you.”



OFFERING

I LIFT MY HANDS

Tomlin

Be still, there is a healer His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing His arms are a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise, Let faith arise

CHORUS: I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge, You are my strength
As I pour out my heart, these things I remember
You are faithful, God, forever

Be still, there is a river That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty Your grace that washes over me.
Let faith arise, let faith arise. **CHORUS**

Let faith arise, Let faith arise Open my eyes, Open my eyes
Let faith arise, Let faith arise Open my eyes, Open my eyes **CHORUS**

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Lord’s Prayer (Sung Responsively)

Our Father, Who art in heav’n Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please give us our daily bread. And forgive us all our sin, as we forgive. Those who sin against us. And lead us not in temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom, pow’r, and glory are Yours, both now and forevermore. Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia!	Our Father, Who art in heav’n Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please give us our daily bread. And forgive us all our sin, as we forgive. Those who sin against us. And lead us not in temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom, pow’r, and glory are Yours, both now and forevermore. Amen. Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia!
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Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

PROOF OF YOUR LOVE

Lee

If I sing but don't have love I waste my breathe with every song
I bring an empty voice a hollow noise If I speak with a silver tongue
and convince a crowd but don't have love
I leave a bitter taste with every word I say

**CHORUS: So let my life be the proof of Your love
So let my love look like You and what You're made of
How You lived how You died Love is sacrifice
So let my life be the proof The proof of Your love**

If I give to a needy soul but don't have love then who is poor?
It seems all the poverty is found in me **CHORUS**

So let my life be the proof of Your love
So let my love look like You and what You're made of
How You lived how You died Love is sacrifice
So let my life be the proof The proof of Your love

[Bible verse spoken...]

So let my life be the proof of Your love
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COME TO THE TABLE

Sidewalk Prophets

We all start on the outside The outside looking in
This is where grace begins We were hungry, we were thirsty
With nothing left to give Oh the shape that we were in
Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us, He said:

**CHORUS: "Come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free
Come to the table"**

Come meet this motley crew of misfits These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here So that sin and shame that you brought with you
You can leave it at the door Let mercy draw you near **CHORUS**

**Come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free Whoa...
Sit down and be set free Come to the table Come to the table
Sit down and be set free Come to the table**

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Nifong/Hall

And I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all

**CHORUS: 'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone **CHORUS**

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat **CHORUS**

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

**CHORUS: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. **CHORUS**

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Then Jesus began to say to them,
“Beware that no one
leads you astray.”

Mark 13:5, NRSV



Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
YOUTH BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Brian Johnson, Christa Kirschner, Will Kopriva, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Arvin Michel
Roger Gaide
Lynne Hansen

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Mike Reimnitz
Esther Langness

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Soraya Rivera

USHERS 8:00

Hank Peepgrass, Members of the Congregation

10:30

Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation

SERVER 10:30

Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD

Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Dawn Munson, Cathy Utecht

FLOWERS

Ellen Thompson in loving memory of her husband, Ralph, and her dad's birthday

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