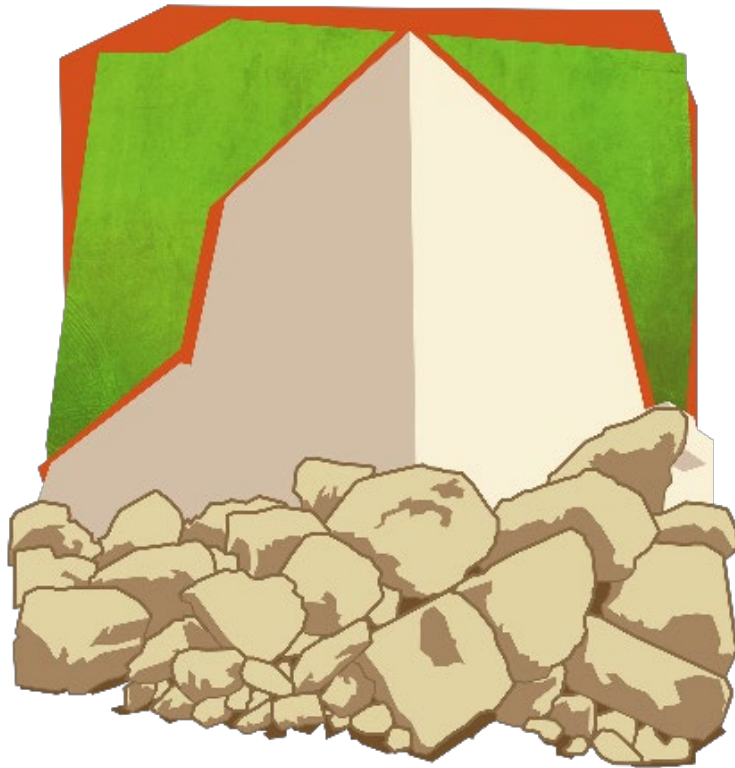


# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*November 16-17, 2024*

4:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**IN CHRIST WE WILL ENDURE**

**AS WE GATHER**

The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Prelude** "Jig Fugue" Dietrich Buxtehude

**Pastoral Greeting**

**Opening Hymn** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" *LSB 909*

**Invocation**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 16:11; 43:4, alt.*

**Pastor:** I will go to the altar of God,

**People:** **to God my exceeding joy.**

**Pastor:** The Lord makes known the path of life;

**People:** **in His presence there is fullness of joy.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Daniel 12:3, alt.; Hebrews 10:17*

**Pastor:** God the Holy Spirit bears witness to us of the covenant of salvation, saying, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Come, let us receive this salvation by confessing our sins and pleading for God's mercy and grace.

**People:** **Merciful God, we come to You amid the fears and dark understanding of our minds as the only one who can give us hope, rest, and deliverance. Our sins have made us blind to Your grace and love. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, grant us forgiveness. Give us a strong faith and a clear vision through Your Word that we may hold fast the confession of our hope. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Those who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Spoken Kyrie**

**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525  
Verses 1, 5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## ✕ WORD ✕

### Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

*(The time of the end)*

**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. 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. 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.**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

*(Signs of the end of the age)*

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” 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.”

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

“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. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. 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. 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. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

LSB 564  
Verses 1, 4-6

Sermon “Christ at the Center”

Pastor John Larson  
Text: Colossians 2:6-10

Nicene Creed

*(found in the back of the hymnal)*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.



*You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using...Peace be with you!*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30)

Rosemary Fox  
Gary and Sheri Radtke

John and Susan Meeker

**Offering** (4:00 pm and 10:30 am - collected in back; 8:00 am – collected in the pews)

**Offering Music (8:00)** “My Lord, What a Morning” Victor G. Johnson  
Ascension Chorale Women

### ✠ 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 (Divine Service, Setting One)** LSB 160

#### Proper Preface

**Pastor:** It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 (Divine Service, Setting One)** LSB 161

#### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

**People:** 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.

**Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting One)**

*LSB 163*

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**Special Music**           “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”           Wayne Wold

**Hymn**                   “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”           *LSB 563*

**Hymn**                   “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”           *LSB 873*

**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.

**People:**     **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**           “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

*LSB 912*

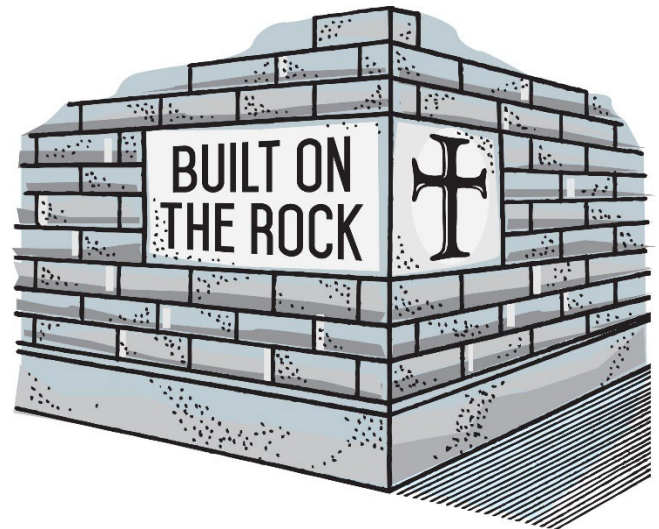
**Congregational Concerns**

**Dismissal**

**Pastor:**     Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**   “Christ is Our Cornerstone”  
                                          Benjamin Culli



**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**OFFICIANT**                   Pastor John Larson

**MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

Michael J. Zehnder

**ORGANIST**

Michael J. Zehnder

**ELDERS**                   4:00 pm Jim Wert; 8:00 am John Klepetka; 10:30 am Rev. Bob Seible

**ACOLYTES**                   8:00 a.m. Sophie Brehmer; 10:30 a.m. Jacob Williams

**LECTORS**               4:00 p.m. Mike Price; 8:00 a.m. Larry Nisbet; 10:30 a.m. Jude Donovan

**COMMUNION SERVERS**               4:00 p.m. Mike Price; 10:30 a.m. Jude Donovan

**ALTAR GUILD**                   Tanya Schmitt, Charmaine Rohde, Gloria Mielke

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