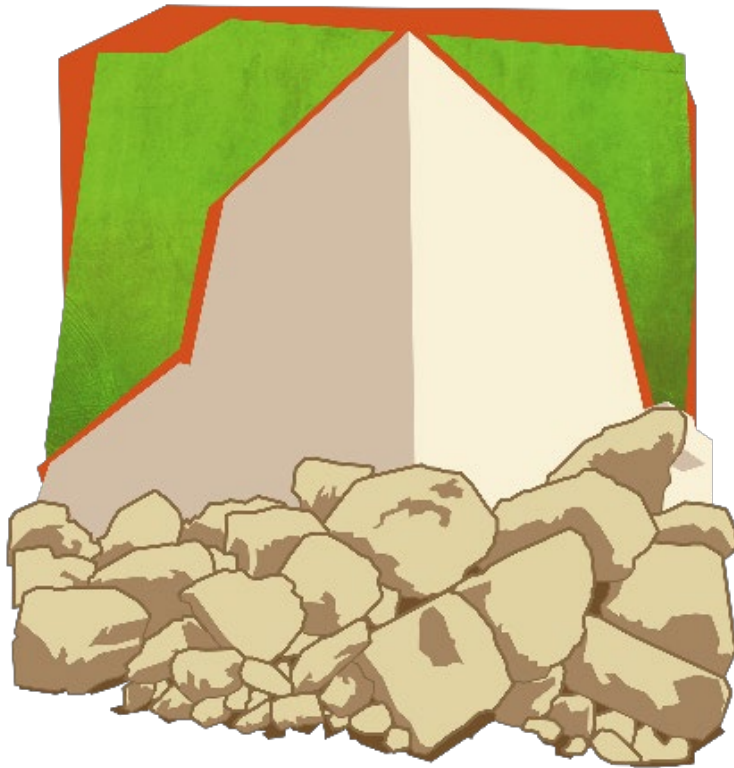


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 17, 2024

10:30 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 ✘

Gathering Song

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You, yeah -- I worship You.

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

That is who You are
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Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
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You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working (Sung THREE times)

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.



Pastoral Greeting

Opening Song

FOREVER

Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord—Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever—Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand—And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn—
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful—Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us—Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun—
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God—We will carry on
His love endures forever—Sing praise sing praise



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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.

✠ **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.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25

(The full assurance of faith)

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

**“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,”**

then he 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.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Holy Gospel.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.



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.

Children’s Message

Pastor Larson

My hope is built on nothing less,
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

**CHORUS: Christ alone. Cornerstone.
 Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
 Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace.
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil. **CHORUS**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh may I then in Him be found.
 Dressed in His righteousness alone.
 Faultless to stand before the throne. **CHORUS**

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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 *(collected in back)*

✠ 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)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

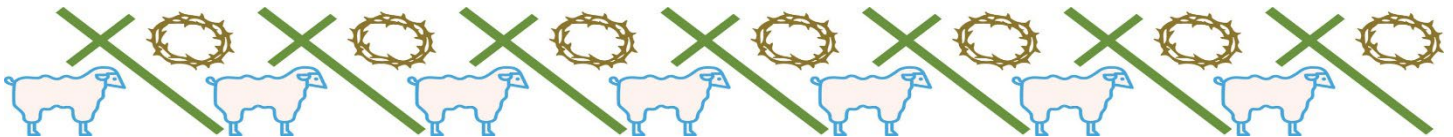
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC



Song

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

**CHORUS: O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
O, the wonderful cross, O, the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small?
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. **CHORUS**

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Song **YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)** **Foote**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

CHORUS

Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You. **(REPEAT)**

You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. **(CHORUS)**

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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

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place
Of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away.

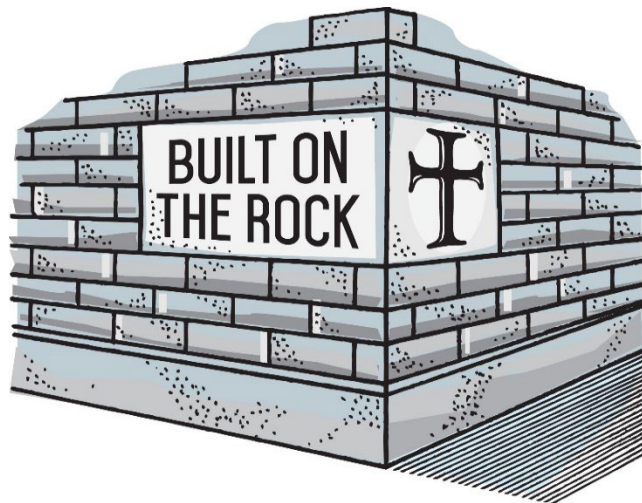
Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious name.

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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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