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26th Sunday after Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD MOMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as 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: *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* (ELW 441)

Sing only verses 1, 2, and 4.

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
 2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
 3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
 4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
 self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
 love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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GREETING

P Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
C And also with you.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 149:1-4

P Praise the LORD, Sing to the LORD a new song,
C his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

P Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
C let the people of Zion be glad to their King.

P Let them praise his name with dancing
C and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

P For the LORD takes delight in his people;
C he crowns the humble with victory.

THIS IS THE FEAST (LBW 81)



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. 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.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12: 1-3

Please be seated.

- L** A reading from Daniel.

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 coming kingdom of God when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹At 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. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those 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*Read responsively.*

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."

³**As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.**

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵**The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10: 11-25

L A reading from Hebrews.

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 love and good works from each other.

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

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 1-11**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

¹As he 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."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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.

⁹As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

P The Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (LBW 294)

Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA. John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Please join me in saying the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

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

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

SHALOM

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

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.**



DIALOGUE

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff has a common time signature symbol (C) at the beginning. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above them. The third staff has a fermata over a note. The fourth staff has a fermata over a note. The fifth staff has a fermata over a note. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. 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.

BLESSING

P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our body, our soul, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. God the Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4.

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
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



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



Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

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

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God. *We go out - Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love. Amen!*** (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

POSTLUDE

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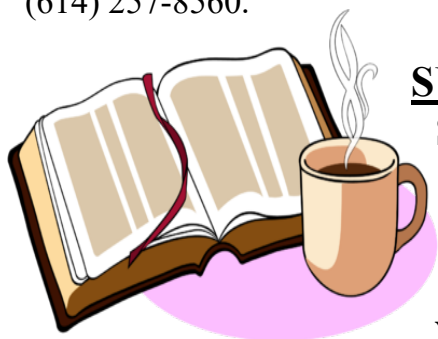
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Serving during worship this morning:**Presider:** Jon Meister**Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:** In honor of our Veterans.**Serving during worship next week:****Presider:** Jon Meister**Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

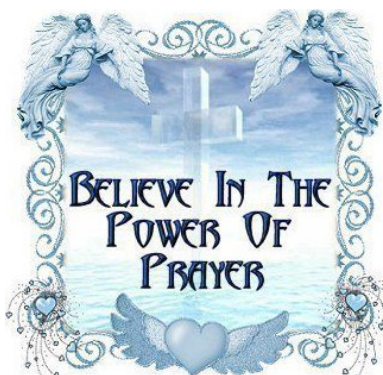
Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.



SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH We have Sunday morning Bible discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:40 each week except the first week of the month. Please come and join our lively discussion. Bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you if you wish

We are beginning at the beginning. Genesis.

FINDING US ON THE INTERNET Some of you may know that the church has a wonderful website that was designed by Susie Taylor. She does a wonderful job updating it every week. Susie also has her own page on Facebook that I have referred to on several occasions. There are many items on her site that are great for thoughts of the day. It is *Stix-N-Stonez*. Check it out. However a new blogger on the scene is Alex Meister. Find him at "christianameister.wixsite.com/blog". Alex has posted many of his essays on different topics relating to Christianity. Some we have discussed in our Sunday Bible Studies. I invite you to check out both of these Facebook sites. Then come to Bible Study and discuss your feelings.

PRAYERS

We are praying for Michael Koch, who has been fighting for a lifetime; Nicole Biler Robinette, (Tim's daughter). She is on the transplant list for a new heart. We pray that this will happen soon. Tim says that she is in good spirits. Keep her; her husband, Stephen; and her parents and family in your prayers.

Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Mike and Donna Toy, and all of those who are suffering from diseases or other health issues and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick,

especially Arlene Castor. Maybe send a card or something to let them know they are being remembered.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers

Coming to Zion Soon We will be having our annual business meeting soon. You will have 2 weeks' notice before the big hoe-down. Be watching for the big announcement.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 17TH we will celebrate Holy Communion. We are so lucky to have the Lord be willing to sacrifice his life that we may live in eternal happiness with the Father. We will also thank the Lord that we can still gather together to praise our Lord without any interruptions from the government

NOVEMBER 24TH we will celebrate Thankoffering Sunday. Traditionally it has been a service that was done by the women of the congregation. Since we are small but mighty, I would invite all of our congregation to contribute to this collection. It will go to the Lutheran agencies to be used to help others.

This is also the last Sunday of the Church year. Next week we will be starting Advent. I hope that you are all getting ready to receive the special gift of the birth of our Lord.

DECEMBER 1ST This will be the first Sunday of Advent. Get ready to prepare. I will have times and dates of local churches and midweek services.