

Mark 13:27



**And then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to
the ends of heaven.**

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021
11:00 AM**

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

PRELUDE

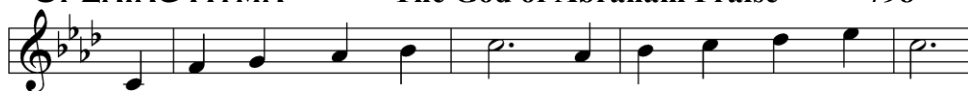
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
And “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!” cry, “Al - might - y King!
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!“
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33*

P Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation;
for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light
to the peoples.

C And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

P Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for
the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a
garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My
salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be
dismayed.

C Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

P Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O
LORD, forevermore.

**C Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time
will come.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6

P As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called
to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet,
sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's
beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

**C Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your
Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**

P As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in
prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word
and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**

P As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

**C Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our
Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**

P As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

C Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.

P As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

C Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.

P As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

C Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.

Silence for private confession

P As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen. Thanks be to God!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. Russell Robinson
My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!
My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God’s right hand when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the people shout to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God’s right hand when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!
My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.

EPISTLE READING

Jude 20-25

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our

Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

℟ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to

you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 525



- 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 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.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
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
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
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.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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SERMON

“To Him Who Is Able”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
- A**nd in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
- A**nd I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ^T of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, for You have had mercy on us and given Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not perish but have life everlasting with You in Your kingdom.

In Your righteous judgment, You condemned Adam and Eve's sin and have rightly judged their rebellious children. Yet, in Your great mercy, You have promised salvation through the sacrifice of Your life on the cross and Your glorious resurrection.

Thank You for the Table You have set for us with the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully enjoy the fruits of His sacrifice and be presented blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. To You alone, our Savior and Lord, be all glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C and also with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your-self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch-ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

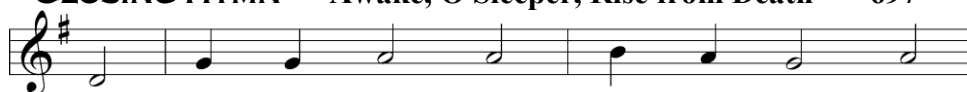
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” 697



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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