

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

11:00a

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

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).

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand. OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" 819

INVOCATION

 ${\tt P}$ In the name of the Father and of the ${\tt T}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 16:11; 43:4, alt.

P I will go to the altar of God,C to God my exceeding joy.

P The Lord makes known the path of life;C in His presence there is fullness of joy.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION Daniel 12:3; Hebrews 10:17

- P 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.
- C 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.
- P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" 697

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

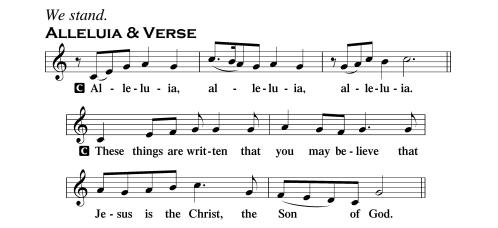
L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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EPISTLE READING

C Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 10:11-25



Daniel 12:1–3

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:1-13 P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter. C Glory to You, O Lord. P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 575

SERMON

"It's Snow Use"

Pastor Michael Geml

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

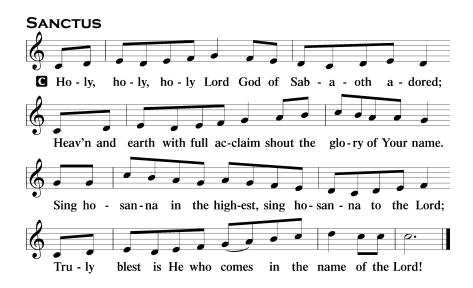
P Lift up your hearts.C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P 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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Words of Institution

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20
 P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

c Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

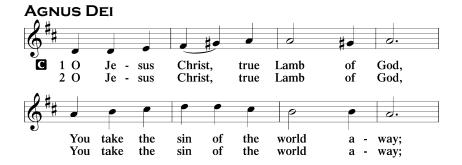
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE





We stand.
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" 655

Postlude



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