

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
November 14, 2021**

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*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.*

(\*please stand as you are able)

(Congregation reads **bold** print)

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Built On A Rock" #652

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3**

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

<sup>1</sup>"At 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. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 16**

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

*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 promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

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

<sup>16</sup>"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,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

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

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let 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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation -- p. 102**

**\*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th Chapter. Glory to You, O Lord**

## **Gospel: Mark 13:1-8**

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Message**

**Hymn of the Day** "My Lord, What a Morning" #438

#### **\*Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters (*recent natural disasters may be named*). Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved (*especially*). Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*Peace**

May the peace of God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering and \*Offering Prayer**

Holy God,  
the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.  
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,  
and strengthen us to be your body for the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** p. 144

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer** p. 145

**\*Invitation to Communion**

A feast of love is offered here  
for you and for all the saints.

**Communion (continuous)**

*Come forward in the center aisle, distancing as desired. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Move to the right or left to receive the wine. Return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available in the container in front of the font.*

*Those who wish to be served at their seats or use the individual pre-packaged elements at their seats may stand to hear the words for individual distribution.*

*Distribution Hymns: #460 - Now the silence; #624 - Jesus still lead on*

**\*Prayer after Communion**

Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet.

**Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✚ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Give to our God Immortal Praise" #848

**\*Dismissal**

Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Baptized believers sent into God's world to share God's love and grace.**

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**Welcome!** May you be blessed as we worship together!

Pr. Kelley can be reached at 402-750-9944 (cell).

**Blake Stratton is still collecting money for new hymnals. Let him know if you are interested in purchasing any!**

**The Giving Tree is up with names from Community Action Agency and Lutheran Services in Iowa.**

- After you select a name tag, please record your name in the notebook next to the tree, in the corresponding number of the name tag.
- The name tag records the name or code letter, age, clothing sizes and gift suggestions.
- The gifts from LSI are not to be wrapped (this should be indicated on the tag).
- Please return gifts to the church by Sunday, December 12.
- Any questions, contact Gloria Healy, 873-5107.

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**This Week's Events: Nov 14-20**

Sun. 9:00am **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
Mon. **Office Closed**

Tues. 7:00pm **AA Meeting** (Contact person is Larry S., 712-251-4207)  
Wed. 10:00am **Adult Bible Study** (If another time works better,  
please share that with Pr. Kelley.)  
3:30-5pm **Kid's Zone** (through grade 6)  
6:00-7:15p **Confirmation**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sun. Nov 21 9:00am **Christ the King Sunday**  
**7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service** hosted at Trinity Lutheran  
Sun. Nov 28 9:00am **First Sunday of Advent**

### **Worship Assistants for November:**

Organist: Ruth Chartier Altar Guild: Cindy & Gail Ploen  
Scripture Reader: Lisa Rippke Offertory Accountants: Kim Steffen & Denny Bain  
Tech Assistants: Casey & Jill Stratton  
Acolyte: Lexi Gilbert Crucifer: Natalie Stamm

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**Birthdays:** 14-Cody Christiansen, Steve Corbin; 16-Kaleb Brosamle, Mary Malm, Gene Wink; 17-Ruth Chartier, John Erdmann, Joe Phillips, Jeff Powell, Laurie Schmidt

**Anniversaries:** 15-Jeremy & Megan Cross

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### **Prayers**

At Air Guard Tech. School in Biloxi, MI: Blake Morgan

For those battling cancer: Harry Kloewer-hospice; Denise Arpino-treatment; Doug Dahlke-PET scan came back clear; Brad Pautsch (Cindy Ploen's brother)-stem cell transplant done; Michelle Stovie (Harry Kloewer's daughter)-chemo, PET scan at the end of October

We also pray for Norma Thies-in the hospital; **Bruce Robbins (Sadie Robbins' father)-brain injury, at home recovering;** Talon Penning (Kara Koehn's brother)-life flighted to Sioux Falls with covid pneumonia; Carla Boggs; Jon Kleemeier-rehab at home; Barb Kunkel; Drake Malm; Tucker Malm (10-yrs old)-Crohn's; Kelly Martin; Paula Roling; Kereen Swanger-recovering from stroke; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of COVID-19, extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

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### **THANK YOU!**

- Thank you to our October worship assistants!
- Thank you to all that donated & helped to compile LWR kits--our final count this year was 28 school kits and 34 personal care kits. Next year, starting in the summer, we'll set a goal to expand our outreach to possibly include quilts or additional kits.

Check out <https://lwr.org/kits> and <https://www.ghm.org/handson-project-instructions> for more information!

**On Ushers' Table:**

- Children's bulletins
- Lutheran Disaster Response - US Wildfires information, Haiti earthquake relief

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**Pay the Weigh**

**Feeding Hungry People in Western Iowa**

Who: Everyone! Church council, ministry teams, men, women, young & old!

When: Now through November 30, 2021

What: Just for fun--

1) weigh yourself, a group, include the dog or a neighbor or two

2) raise/contribute the amount of your total weight or round up...WAY UP!

\*\*It is not your weight, but a fun way to raise dollars and feed our neighbors.

The money will be equally divided to each of the six conferences in Western Iowa. Each conference will disperse the funds to local foodbanks, food pantries, and community meals that all provide food to those who are in need. You know the needs in your community!

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**VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED:** The Altar Guild is seeking additional members to help with communion, etc. during the months of June & October. Please reach out to Susan Christiansen (cell: 870-4378) to volunteer or if you have additional questions!

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**God's Work. Our gifts. Thank you to all who support our ministry!**

Electronic giving	\$ 142.50
Mission Support	\$ 105.00
Pay the Weigh	\$ 100.00
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$3,645.00</u>
Total	\$3,787.50

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