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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024 10 AM



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.

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Welcome to worship!

Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.

PRELUDE Canzona in d, BuxWV 168

Dietrich Buxtehude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand and face the baptismal font near the entrance of the church.

- P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C. Amen.
- P. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Gracious God.
- C. have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but sometimes harm our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us

cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first,

we sometimes make distinctions among ourselves and place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

- P. God promises to forgive our iniquity
 - and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus, the Christ,

the source of eternal healing.

C. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LBW 265

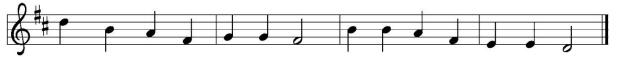


- 1 Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un ac com pa nied by thee;
- 3 Vis it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



joy-less is the day's re-turn, till fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, scat

tri-umph o'er the shades of night till thy mer-cy's beams I see, scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; till they in - ward light im - part, more and more thy - self dis - play,

Day-star, in my heart ap-pear. glad my eyes, and warm my heart. shin-ing to the per-fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

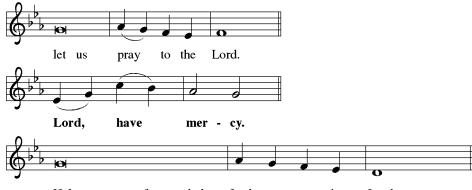
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

GREETING

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

KYRIE





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Please be seated.

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.

A. A reading from Daniel, the 12th chapter.

¹ "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. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ 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."

- A. The Word of God. The Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.



PSALM 16

William Beckstrand

REFRAIN: Sung first by the Choir, repeated by ALL thereafter.



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- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref- I uge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- I bove all other."
- ² All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land, upon those who are noble a- I mong the people.
- ³ But those who run after I other gods shall have their troubles I multiplied.
- ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods, never take their names up- on my lips. REFRAIN
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion I and my cup; it is you who up- I hold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who I gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night | after night.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD al- | ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall I not be shaken. REFRAIN
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- I it rejoices; my body also shall I rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me ¹ to the grave. nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the I path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- I evermore. REFRAIN

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.

A. A reading from Hebrews, the 10th chapter.

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

¹⁷ he also adds.

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

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² 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. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ 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.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Verse



Be alert | at all times,*

praying that you may have the strength to stand before the I Son of Man. (Luke 23:36)

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

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.

P. The Holy Gospel According to Mark, the 13th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then 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, ⁴ "Tell 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."

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

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to

Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual fall.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Apostles' Creed.

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Fred Lewis

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

A brief silence

.

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.**

With a deep love you created the church and made us one body in Christ. We pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from the Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere as they live out their calling to serve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

By your mercy you sustain all of 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 in Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Lebanon, and Israel. 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 persecution, discrimination, hunger, homelessness, depression, anxiety, addiction, mental challenges, and illness, including those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). 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.**

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

PEACE Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

WOV 691



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo ry, sing the res ur rec tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing all that eye has yet per-ceived!
- 3 Life e ter nal! heav'n re joic es: Je sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for -mer days be - long. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con-ceived. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits. Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won-ders crowd on faith; what joy un-known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter - nal gates. when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus,

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

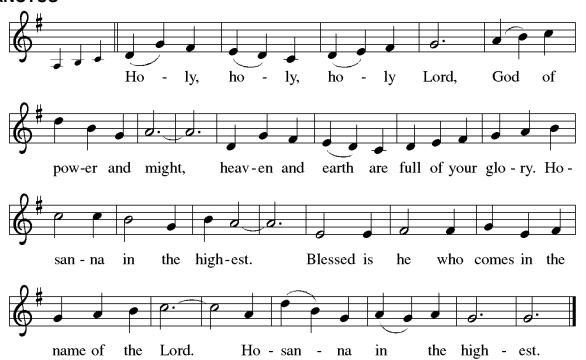
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

- C. And also with you.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Please kneel or be seated.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, Blessed and 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, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P. Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:
- C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

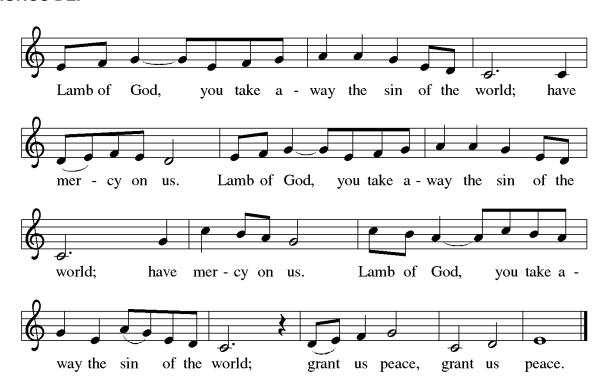
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come. Receive what Christ is offering.



AGNUS DEI





CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.

The center contains purple grape juice.

White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.





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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

BLESSING

P. May the Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever in the name of the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DISMISSAL

- A. Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE All My Hope on God Is Founded

Mcihael Burkhardt

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO

Janet Thalmann, Greeter
Julie Buckingham, Liturgical Cantor
Jack Martinez, Crucifer
Kaitlin Shinholster, Liturgist & Reader
Fred Lewis, Prayers of Intercession
Lynn & Julie Buckingham, Altar Guild



After Mass Today Coffee and Conversation.

Bishop's Challenge

"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and replentish it..."

Genesis 1:28

In care of God's creation:

We invite you to take your bulletin home for meditation and to remember those on our prayer list. If you choose not to, please place the bulletin on the table at the back of the church or place it in the large plastic bin on the floor near the mailboxes after Mass.

All cardboard and paper are recycled from those locations.

A recycle receptacle for plastic and glass is in the Memorial / Coffee Room



Grace's Collection Chest is across from the baptismal font.

We will be collecting Non Perishable Food
Throughout Nov and Dec.
Collected items will be given to
Christ Church Food Pantry for Distribution.

Check to be sure the items are <u>not</u> near the expiration date. Thank you for your generosity!

Requested items are:

Canned vegetables

Peanut butter

Jelly

Canned fruit

Boxes of pasta

Pasta sauce

Canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee)

Tuna

Mac & cheese

Rice (2 lb. bags preferred)

Pancake mix

Syrup

Cereal

Bottles of juice (especially apple juice)

Soup

Canned beans (especially black beans)

Canned meat (i.e. Spam, Hormel)

Boxed (shelf-stable) milk



Via Zoom Tuesday, November 19th, at 7:30 PM

Connection link will be emailed



In Grace's Memorial Room Wednesday, November 20th, at 1:30 PM



Via Zoom Thursday, November 21st, at Noon

Preparing the Way
Connection link and Bible Verses will be emailed



PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); Carol Weber; Carol's family: Doris Baumann, Darla Lambson (leukemia); Brad Gohmann (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: Donald Lazlear and his family, Katie and Surella Borowski; Rose Davis (cancer); Marc & Bella Yaffe and Leslyn Cooke; Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Marion Soohoo (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: Arlene Rizzo (cancer) and Arlene's family; Chris Palmer (health concerns); Caleb (mental health issues); Jenny L. (health issues); Carol Mulvaney (breast cancer); Michael Mulvaney (prostate cancer); Edward Foley (back surgery); Janet's family and friends: Jason and Paul Thalmann: Beverly Philip (severe dementia), Kathy O'Brien, Bert Maltz (health concerns), Michele Rusciano; Al & Mark Crovatto; Anita & Harold Bontekoe (health concerns), Mary Ellen's family and friends: Susan Beever; Dominick Capalba (6 year old with brain cancer); Patty Fitzgerald (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); Marcia & Chuck Hendron (Kay's parents – memory care); John Steffen (Lorli's brother with health concerns); Tammy (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); **Peter Schelbli** (Erika's nephew with cancer); Friends of the congregation: Kevin (cancer), Doris Feirer, Arouss Darpinian (health concerns); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly (health concerns); Donna Maxwell, James Mingo (Donna's grandson - health concerns); Hana Kim (health concerns); Mary Sue Kaplow (health concerns); (baby) Hannah Muñiz (a hospice patient where Jack works); Chris & Sara (parents-to-be) and Dominick (Donna Gentile's unborn great-nephew); Chris (Ruth DiCicco's daughter) & Bob Wheeler; (Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich, and Alsu **Kurmasheva** (recovering after release from Russian Prisons); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan and organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of changes needed on the prayer list.



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231 Sunday, November 17, 2024

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100 Saturday, November 23, 2024

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927 Saturday, November 23, 2024

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

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