

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO – play during prelude & candle-lighting

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Please sign up to attend our Congregational Appreciation Supper on **Saturday, December 7**, beginning with a short presentation at 3:30 followed by supper provided by the Men's Breakfast Fellowship Group and prepared by Smitty's South. Come and meet Bishop Trish, who will be with us for this Saturday event and will also preach and preside at Sunday worship on December 8.

Lunch & Hymn Sing: Wednesday, Nov 20 at 12:30 pm

INTRODUCTION

November began with All Saints Day and ends near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming. As we hear Jesus speak today of the end time, we are assured that Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, trusting the one whose promise is life. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

We take a moment to open our hearts and minds for worship.

The congregation is invited to stand.

INVOCATION

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE from *Now the Feast* ELW 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. **A - men.**

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.

"FAITHFUL ONE"

Vocals

Faith - ful One so un - chang - ing.

5 Age - less One You're my rock of peace.

9 Lord of all I de - pend on You, I call out to

14 You a - gain and a - gain. I call out to You

19 a - gain and a - gain. You are my

22 rock in times of trou - ble. You lift me

26 up when I fall down. All through the storm

30 Your love is the an - - - chor, my

35 hope is in You a - lone. lone.

42 Your love is the an - - - chor, my

47 hope is in You a - lone.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Timeless One, you create all moments of our lives, giving each its meaning and its purpose. Strengthen us to witness continually to the love of Jesus Christ, so that we may hold fast in times of trial, even to the end of the ages. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 16 – Responsive Reading

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."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

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

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

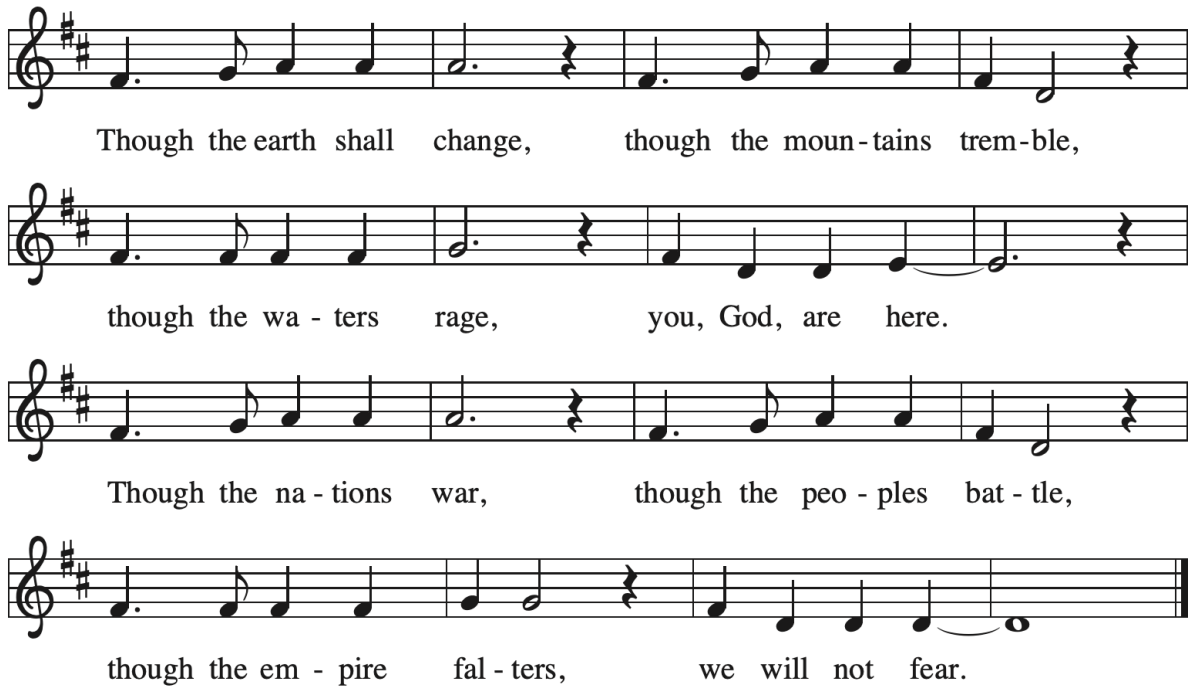
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Though the Earth Shall Change" ACS 1035 *sing twice*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,
though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.
Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,
though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

The sermon for today has been prepared and shared by Pastor Peter Lisinski who is serving Emmanuel Lutheran in Toronto (Eastern Synod).

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "God is Here! As We His People"



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple, Meet to
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an



of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
 life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
 age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the



meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
 pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
 tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
 gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:



Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we



var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not



of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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.**

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 in Sudan, Ukraine, and the Middle East. 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. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill especially Myrtle, Arne, Kate, Thelma, Margaret, Karen, Eva, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Patrick, Linda, Tim, Jack and Shirley, Nicola, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Carter, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, and Cherylee, Cindy, Jody, Cliff, Rae, and those we name silently now. . . [silence]. May they experience healing and renewed strength. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Gracious God, enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Inspire creative visions for our life together through the ministry of Sunday School. Watch over Lois Hault and Marlin & Sue Howg and hold them in your care. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember 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**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our saviour taught us, so we pray...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen

SENDING SONG "Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

SENDING

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

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