
☞ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • NOVEMBER 17, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY
LBW #250, STANZAS 1 & 2

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us.

a time of silence for reflection

WL: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We have sinned against your children and against you. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

WL: Beloved in Christ, these words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad and rejoice in your salvation.

All: **Amen!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY
LBW #250, STANZA 3

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 12:1-3

R: Our first lesson on this twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the twelfth chapter of Daniel.

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 10:11-25

R: Our second lesson is from the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love

and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning (3X)

The Lord is drawing nigh. REPEAT ALL

✠ HOLY GOSPEL MARK 13:1-13

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✝ MESSAGE HYMN

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO
GUIDE YOU
LBW #453, STANZAS 1, 2 & 4

✝ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GIFT
TO US IN PASTOR LUDWIG

FOR THE TIMES YOU
TOLD US
by David Ludwig, Jr.

As we share our gifts today, we celebrate God's gift to us in Pastor Ludwig on the occasion of his 90th birthday (October 19) and his 65th anniversary of ordination with a song sung by his family, the Parish Choir, and the Congregation

The congregation sings the final stanza of "Now Thank We All our God" as marked in bold print.

For the times you told us of a loving Savior,
For the ways you showed us that the least is greater,
For a life that taught us how to love our neighbor,
We give our thanks to God.
For your presence with us when the sun was rising,
With a hope that filled us full of joys surprising,
For the way you told us it was Christ arising,
We give our thanks to God.

For the times you held us as the night was falling,
When our strength was failing and our fears were calling,
For a love that showed us that the day was dawning,
We give our thanks to God.

And you, to you we give our thanks this day,
A gift from God to bless us on our way:

Sung by the Parish Choir:

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

For the way God bless'd us when you were created,
For the joys we share now as you're celebrated,
For the way you shine out, love illuminated,
We give our thanks to God.

The congregation stands to sing:

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen!**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMNS

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

LBW #439

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

LBW #424, STANZAS 1, 2, 3

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

RENEWAL OF OUR COMMITMENTS

✝ SENDING HYMN

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE
BOUGHT US
LBW #424, STANZA 5

✝ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

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Incorporating "Now Thank We All Our God" as harmonized by J. S. Bach



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