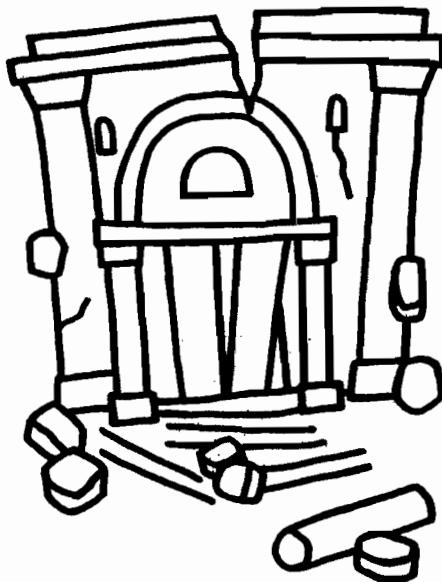


**Sunday, November 18th, 2012
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So 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. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“Lift High the Cross”

660 ELW

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: **“Lord, Let Your Light Shine Down on Me”**

FIRST 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.

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

"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,"

he also adds,

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

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

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

PSALM: Psalm 16

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

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. R

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. R

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. R

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.

As he 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.

SERMON

HYMN: **"Faith of Our Fathers"** **# 812 ELW**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

God of promise, keep the church faithful in its mission, hopeful in its future, and attentive to the signs of your presence in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, do not abandon the earth to wasteful use or reckless destruction, but protect and nurture it until your new creation comes to birth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sovereign God, show forth your kingdom on earth. Let peace reign among nations and all the hungry be fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Refuge of the weary, uphold the lives of all who call upon you in need (*especially*). Give them the joy of your presence, that their spirit will again rejoice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Spirit, inspire this assembly to encourage one another in the weekly gathering around the means of grace and in loving service throughout the week. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be made.

Holy God, we give thanks for the faithful departed (*especially*). Keep us ever watchful and, on the last day, wake us with all your saints to everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: **“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”** **# 818 ELW**

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18TH, 2012

Organist: Marlys Beavers

Greeters: Skip & Lynn Hansen

Ushers: 8:30 Lee & Barb Forrester, 10:00 Jerry & Carolyn Morris

Lectors: 8:30 Char Berg, 10:00 Sue Samuelson

Coffee Servers: Darwin & Jeannine Bruesewitz, Craig, Pat & Audrey Kullberg

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK (11/11/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 106 10:00 – 39

Offering: \$ 2,023.00 Building Fund: \$ 275.00

\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA NOVEMBER 18TH THRU NOVEMBER 24TH, 2012

Sun., Nov. 18th 11:00 a.m. Council Meeting

Mon., Nov. 19th 7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon

Tues., Nov. 20th 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting
 9:30 a.m. Bells

Wed., Nov. 21st 8:30 a.m. Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. WIC
 9:30 a.m. WELCA

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOT CARE – Patti Honnold will be here on Sunday, Nov. 25th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. to do foot care. Call if you would like an appointment.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP will meet Wednesday, November 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who has loved ones or friends who are dealing with memory loss are invited to attend.

The **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Saturday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon with Kathy Hughes from the Tuscany Room providing the food and demonstration. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Bring a friend, daughter or neighbor for lunch!!! A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall between services on November 18th and 25th.

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Monday, December 3rd at the Pine Inn in Glen at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$14.00 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall between services on November 18th and 25th. Please mark your calendar!!!

There will be a **Quilt Sale** as well as a **Jelly Sale** on December 9th between services.

POINSETTIA SIGN-UP begins today.

COFFEE SERVERS are still needed so please check the sign-up sheet and volunteer to serve. Thank you.

MILLE LACS LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP will meet Monday, November 19th at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Rolf Olsen Center, West Main Street (Hwy 27) Onamia. A special presentation will be given by Geri Pohlkamp, Mille Lacs Area Partners for Youth. See poster on Community Bulletin Board.

GLORY BAPTIST LUNCHEON is December 5th at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Glory Baptist to make reservations or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and Evie will call it in.

LECTIONARY 33

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It's Private

Peter, James, John, and Andrew are with Jesus on the Mount of Olives, and they ask him a question. They have had conversations, with Jesus and among themselves, about what Jesus is doing, who Jesus is, and how they should be living. They've asked Jesus lots of questions, but this one is different. The four disciples ask it "privately," Mark reports. At the temple, Jesus had just pointed to the "great buildings" and announced that "all will be thrown down." The disciples ask, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Jesus tells of things that will happen and warns the disciples not to be led astray. He tells them that wars will come, that earthquakes will take place, and that there will be famines. The temple will fall; the world will be different.

Jesus tells what will happen. Yet how surprised we are when difficult, hard, painful things happen. Jesus talks privately about things that will not remain private. We ask similar questions in private: Is this the end of the age? What am I to do with all these things?

Jesus says that he will be with us "to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). We are meant to put our trust in God, privately and publicly. We are called to be faithful, to remember that we are God's children, and though there will be difficult things, God will be with us to the end of the age. We can trust that promise.

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