

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Remembered and Remembering

November 20 & 21, 2021

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### AS WE GATHER

Do you remember what Jesus told His disciples about when He would return? Jesus said, “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come” (Mark 13:32–33). Do you remember the promise the angels shared as Jesus ascended? “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). Be on guard, keep awake, and remember He is coming soon.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

“According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth  
In which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved,  
Since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot  
or blemish, and at peace.”

2 Peter 3:13-14

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #804 “O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above.  
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy pow’r hath founded of old,  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

**People: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

**People:** Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**People:** Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with you in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to your Word and your will. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in you as we look forward to your return. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as you have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.

Pastor: As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

**People:** Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.

*Silence for private confession*

Pastor: As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God!

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** Lord Jesus, as we wait for your return, lead us by your Spirit to remember that we are your people. Build us up in this most holy faith, and keep us in your love as we wait for your mercy that leads to eternal life. As those who have received mercy, we ask you to empower us to be merciful. As you have saved us by grace through faith, work through us as you save others by snatching them out of the fire; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 51:4–6* (Keep your eyes open for Jesus—righteousness draws near.) “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Jude 20–25* (Remember your identity in Christ.)

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 ANTHEM** “Let All the World Rejoice”

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 13:24–37* (The end is near.)

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know

that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN #392 “God Loves Me Dearly”**

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

**Refrain** **Therefore I’ll say again: God love me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. **Refrain**

Jesus, my Savior; Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. **Refrain**

**SERMON HYMN #752 “Be Still, My Soul”**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### SERMON

(Rise)

### NICENE CREED

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** As we wait patiently for the Lord's return, let us pray to our gracious God on behalf of the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence for personal intercessions*

**Pastor:** Most merciful God and Father, give your Holy Church throughout the world your grace to serve You with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the Church, open the mouths of the pastors in our circuit, district and Synod, and give them the words to testify to your love in Christ Jesus and the hope that is in them. Bless also mission work around the world, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, you know all our anxieties and fears. Grant to those troubled in mind and spirit the strength to cast every care on you. According to Your will, give them quietness of heart and a firm trust in Christ Jesus, our Savior and friend. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** God of compassion, place lonely people in the family of Your Holy Church, that they may find peace in Christ and fulfillment in the loving fellowship of believers. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord of all nations, make the leaders of our nation to walk in the way of justice and truth, that they may use the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent and promote the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of all comfort, in the face of natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of all kinds, fill our hearts with repentance and humility, that in every circumstance we may trust in you and your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of provision, healing and hope, look with favor on all who are in need. Fill the hungry with good things. Give the poor and unemployed gainful employment. Heal the sick, *especially* Dorothy, Austin, Pat, Richard, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Judy, Don, Nancy, Steve, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley & Sarah and comfort those who mourn. Be near the dying. Give courage to those who suffer oppression and want. Defend all orphans and widows, and protect unborn and the aged. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer**

Pastor: God of every good and perfect gift, we look forward to the blessing of our national Day of Thanksgiving. Bless and protect all who travel in these days. Grant us joy in our gatherings and hearts truly thankful for all your blessings. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer**

Pastor: God of grace, make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in sincere faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of glory, we give thanks for all who have departed this life in faith. As we see the signs of our Lord's second coming, grant that we would not lose heart, but be faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION

### “There is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son

Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

**Chorus: Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son**

**And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names

Precious Lamb of God Messiah Hope for sinners slain **Chorus**

When I stand in glory I will see His face

There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place **Chorus**

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**HYMN #748****“I’m But a Stranger Here”**

I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home;  
 Earth is a desert drear, Heav’n is my home.  
 Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev’ry hand;  
 Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home;  
 Short is my pilgrimage, Heav’n is my home;  
 And time’s wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
 I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, Heav’n is my home;  
 Whate’er my earthly lot, Heav’n is my home;  
 And I shall surely stand There at my Lord’s right hand;  
 Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.

**HYMN #761****“Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me”**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
 Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
 Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;  
 Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
 All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
 Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
 Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
 When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, our righteousness and our salvation, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son’s body and blood.

**People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
 Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
 And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,  
 Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
 Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
 The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
 No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight.  
 But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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