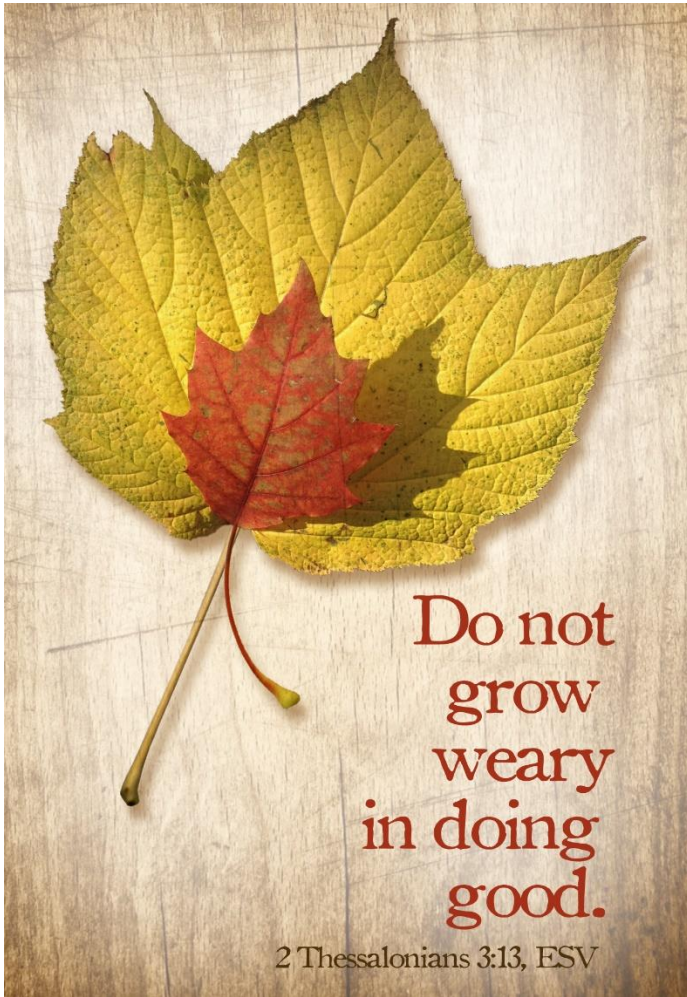


Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025
10:30 a.m.



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Signs of the end time fill today's gospel. Christ will come again "to judge the living and the dead," we confess in the creed. How, then, shall we live, knowing that everything around us will one day pass away? We can live with hope if we know that history is heading toward the God who loves us. Yet we also live in the present moment ready for action, making the most of the time given to us as a gift.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Stand

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

[P] Most merciful God,

[C] We confess that we are in bondage 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.

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

[C] Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “O Sing To The Lord”

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won - ders. For

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo, can -
2 Pues nues - tro Se - ñor ha he - cho pro - di - gios, pues

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sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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CANTAD AL SEÑOR
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Psalm 98; Psalm 150: 1 Cor. 12:3

- 3 So dance for our God
And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God
And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God
And blow all the trumpets.
And sing to our God,
And sing to our God.
- 4 O shout to our God,
Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God,
Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God,
Who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God

KYRIE

[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.**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain (intro.)

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

Verse 1

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 2

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 3

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 4

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming and that it will bring doom to the evil but vindication to those who fear God.

R See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, preferring to live on the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them that if they want to eat, they need to work.

R Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

intro: one chord

C Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal - life. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL [P] The Gospel is written in Luke chapter 21, beginning at verse 5.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke's presentation of Jesus' teaching about the last days emphasizes the necessity for responsible behavior in the time between Jesus' ascension and the second coming.

[P] When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 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.

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

1 Re - joice, re-joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER

introduction

C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, ' and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer

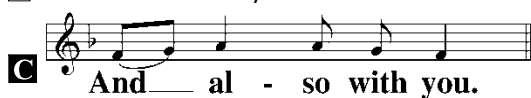


P Let us pray. God of our salvation,

C all that we have comes from your hand. We bring what you have already given us--bread and wine for your table, and gifts for the work of your kingdom. Most of all we give you thanks for your greatest gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

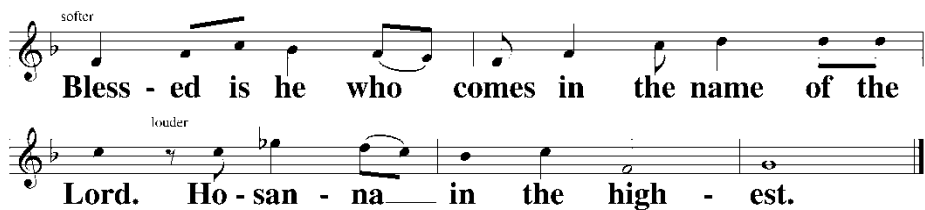


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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.

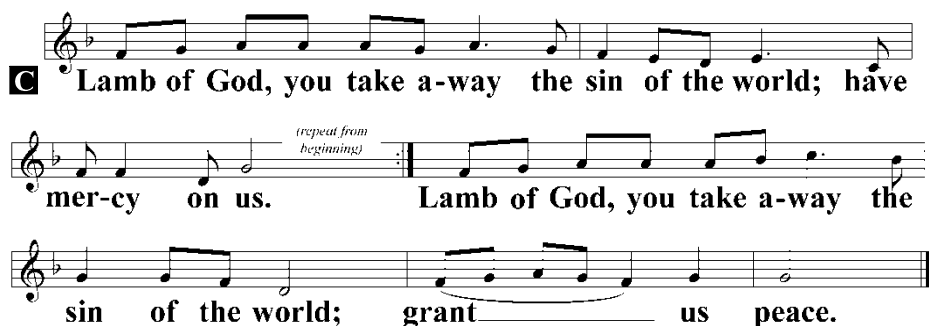
P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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

THE LAMB OF GOD



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN “Great is They Faithfulness”

1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960
 Music: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

FAITHFULNESS
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Lam. 3:22–24; James 1:17; Gen. 8:20–22; Ps. 89:1–2

Stand

THE BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C] Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

intro: one chord

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

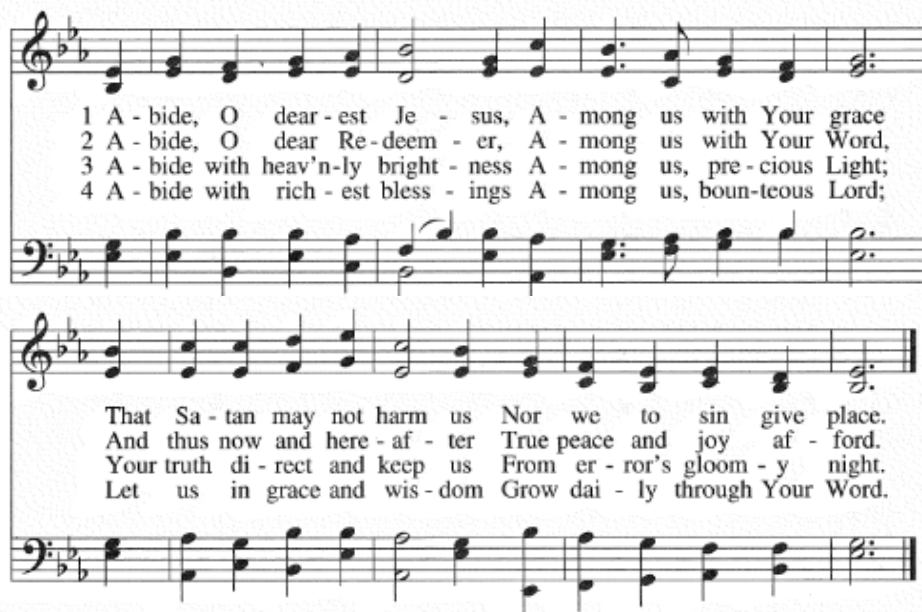
P Let us pray. God of the living, you gather and shepherd your flock, satisfying us with bread from heaven. Sustain us through this meal until the day of resurrection, when we shall see you face to face; in the name of our living redeemer, Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P 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. **C** **Amen.**

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Abide O Dearest Jesus”



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;

That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
 Among us, Lord, our strength,
 Lest world and Satan fell us
 And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN
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Luke 24:29; John 1:4–5, 14, 17; 12:46; 2 Thess. 3:3

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
