
3RD LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOV. 7, 2021



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (LSB #670)

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!” To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbor as ourself. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God,

People: Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.

Pastor: To those who believe in Jesus Christ,

People: He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: May the Lord who has begun this good work in us,

People: Bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Sung, LSB p. 155)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 12:1-3

“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. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ 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.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:26-29

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: (*From Luther’s Large Catechism*)

We confess that God the Father not only has given us all that we have and see before our eyes, but also daily guards and defends us against every evil and misfortune, warding off all sorts of danger and disaster. All this he does out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a kind father who cares for us so that no evil may befall us...Hence, since everything we possess, and everything in heaven and on earth besides, is daily given and sustained by God, it inevitably follows that we are in duty bound to love, praise, and thank him without ceasing, and, in short, to devote all these things to his service, as he has required and enjoined in the Ten Commandments.

SONG: “I Hear Angels” (Gerrit Gustafson)

**I hear angels singing praises,
I see men from ev’ry nation,
bowing down before the throne;
Like the sound of many waters,
like a rushing wind around us,
multitudes join the song.
And a symphony of praise arises
tears are wiped away from eyes
as men from ev’ry tongue and tribe all sing.**

**Holy, holy, God Almighty,
Who was, Who is and is to come;
All the angels, are crying holy,
to the Lamb who sits upon the throne.
Holy, holy, God Almighty,
Who was, Who is and is to come;
All creation, is bringing glory,
to the Lamb Who sits upon the throne.**

**I see One Who's full of wonder,
eyes of fire and voice of thunder,
shining bright His majesty;
All the colors of the rainbow,
circle Him and fill His Temple,
so beautiful this is to me.
And a symphony of praise arises,
tears are wiped away from eyes,
as men from ev'ry tongue and tribe all sing.
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SERMON: Mark 13:1-13 "Standing Firm"

THE OFFERING

VETERAN RECOGNITION

PRAYER:

Pastor: Lord, we lift before you the members of our Armed Forces,

People: Who serve on land, sea and air, for those who safeguard our shores, and those called to bear arms.

Pastor: We ask You Lord,

People: For blessing to their mission, and safety for their lives.

Pastor: For those standing here before us and before You as their Lord,

People: We thank You for the service these veterans, and many more like them, have given to us as citizens of this nation.

Pastor: As they risked their lives that we might live in peace and freedom,

People: Help us never to forget, or fail to appreciate, all that they have done, and the blessings which are ours today because of their sacrifice. Amen.

HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land" (LSB #965)

**God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state.
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: O merciful Father, You are a refuge for us in time of trouble.

People: Apart from You we are helpless.

Pastor: As long as You are before us, we shall not be moved.

People: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice because You are our fortress. An ever present help in time of need.

Pastor: In Your presence is fullness of joy and in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People: Your prophets of old and Your Son Jesus have warned us of great troubles coming to the world.

Pastor: There will be wars and rumors of war and many people will try to lead us astray from You.

People: There will be earthquakes and famines.

Pastor: Christians will be persecuted and brought to trial because of their faith.

People: Members of families will be divided in their loyalties and in conflict with each other.

Pastor: Many of the prophecies have already been fulfilled, and we recognize, O Lord, that You have graciously spared many of us in our generation from these calamities.

People: If in Your wisdom You should determine that we suffer more in this generation, give us the strength to endure to Your glory and honor.

Pastor: Keep us in Your grace that we might always be ready to stand firm in our Christian faith and life, no matter what.

People: Help Your church to carry out its mission of bringing the Gospel to all the world.

Pastor: Help those in need, especially...*(special prayer requests)*...Grant these petitions according to Your will.

**People: We ask all this in the strong name of Jesus Christ our risen Savior and 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SONG: "Feed Us Now" (Robin Mann)

**Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray.**

**Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord we believe.**

**God is here, O so near;
Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal. May we always feed on you - On bread that is true.
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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN OF THANKS: (Sung, LSB p. 164)
Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

BLESSING: (Based on 2 Timothy 4 and 1 Corinthians 10)

Pastor: If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

People: No temptation has seized us except what is common to man.

Pastor: And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

People: But when we are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that we can stand up under it.

Pastor: The way out is Christ!

People: In Christ the Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: To Him be glory for ever and ever!

People: Amen.

SONG: "In Christ Alone" (Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Adult Bible Class:

**Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.
Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.**

Location: Church fellowship hall.

Topic: Both classes are the same. We are currently finishing up our look at the book of Revelation.



Holiday Service Schedule:

Nov 24th, 6:30pm. Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion

Dec 1st, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Dec 8th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Dec 15th, 6:30pm. Advent Service.

Advent Service Theme: "What Do Angels Do?"

Each week we'll be looking at the role angels play in God's plans and in our life as believers in Christ.

Dec 24th, 4pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Dec 25th, 9:30am. Christmas Day Service with Communion

¹ As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” ² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.” ³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?” ⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ 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. ⁹ “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. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ 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. ¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

1. When did the end times begin?
2. What does it mean to stand firm?
3. Why is it important for us to stand firm?
4. How do we stand firm spiritually when it comes to our faith?
5. How do we stand firm spiritually when it comes to living our life?
6. What does turning away from sin NOT do?
7. How does turning away from sin help us?
8. How long are we to stand firm?
9. What problem do we face in trying to stand firm spiritually?
10. Why is the Holy Spirit so important for us to stand firm?