



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2016

10:30 Service of the Word

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

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Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of the God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed.

Free us from the slavery of sin;

liberate us from the bondage of guilt;

and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn Take Our Lives

(For music turn to Hymn 58 in the Songbook binder)

- 1. You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You.
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A holy nation, and we belong to You.**

Refrain:

Take our lives as a sacrifice

Shine in us Your holy light.

Purify our hearts' desire,

Be to us a consuming fire.

- 2. You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry "Father we belong to You."**

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Our hearts cry “Father we belong to You.” *Refrain***

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† **WORD** †

First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a

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. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 98 (*read responsively*)

L: Sing to the Lord a new song,
the Lord of wonderful deeds.

**C: Right hand and holy arm
brought victory to God.**

L: God made that victory known,
revealed justice to nations.

**C: remembered a merciful love
loyal to the house of Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

L: Shout to the Lord, you earth,
break into song, into praise!

**C: Sing praise to God with a harp,
with a harp and sound of music.**

L: With sound of trumpet and horn,
shout to the Lord, our king.

**C: Let the sea roar with its creatures,
the world and all that live there!**

L: Let rivers clap their hands.
the hills ring out their joy!

**C: The Lord our God comes,
comes to rule the earth,
justly to rule the world,
to govern the peoples aright.**

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now 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. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and 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. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 21:28)

C: Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“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.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And 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.

⁹“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.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“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.

¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day O Master, Let Me Walk with You
(For music turn to Hymn 818 in the Red Hymnal)

1. O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
teach me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt. Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 to the dead.
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.**

The pastor concludes the prayer:

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

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Offering & Anthem *Hear Me Now, O Lord* by Jay Althouse

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus our Lord, now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
(For music turn to Hymn 325 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

2. **In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.**

3. **When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

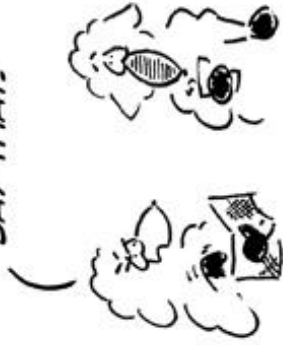
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LIKE 21:5-19

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Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	Becky Nohe, Joy Lethbridge, and Ella Schuller

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 20th

Greeters and Ushers	Dick and Phyllis Henderson
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Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	Stewardship and Finance Committee

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