LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR – PROPER 29

Remembered and Remembering November 21, 2021



WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

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.

COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff;18:15-35;26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

№ PREPARATION





- 5 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.

O INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33

- P: 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.
- C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.
- P: 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.
- C: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
- P: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.
- C: Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6

- P: 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.
- C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.
- P: As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.
- C: 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.
- P: As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.
- C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.
- P: As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: 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.
- P: As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.
- C: Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.

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

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

Silence for private confession

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b

- P: We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- C: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
- P: let me know how fleeting I am!
- C: Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,
- P: and my lifetime is as nothing before You.
- C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
- P: My hope is in You.
- C: Deliver me from all my transgressions.
- P: Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- C: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
- P: hold not Your peace at my tears!
- C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P: We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.







SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

(Keep your eyes open for Jesus -righteousness draws near.)

⁴"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

L: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

C: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLEJude 20–25

(Remember your identity in Christ.)

²⁰But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²²Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

O ALLELUIA VERSE

(sung)



Choir: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Congregation: REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37 (The end is near.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴"But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' ²⁶"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸ Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 32"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.





SERMON

C: 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

O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. Your salvation will be forever,

C: and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P: As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [especially . . .], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,

C: and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P: You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who serve as first responders in our communities. Your salvation will be forever,

C: and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P: As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy. Your salvation will be forever,

C: and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. Amen.

OFFERING

Plates are in the Fellowship Hall Please enter your attendance in the Record of Fellowship

★ SACRAMENT

• PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

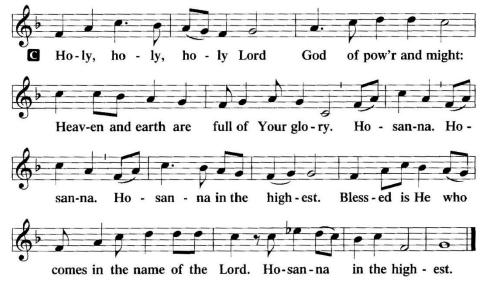
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord Jesus, our Savior, who has saved us from eternal death by destroying sin and death in Your body on the cross and rising to life again before ascending to the Father's right hand from whence You will judge the living and the dead. In these last days, You have given us Your Spirit to govern our hearts and minds as we await Your glorious return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us by sending Your Son to be born of Mary and to die on the cross once and for all for the sins of the world. With repentance and joy, we receive the gift of salvation freely given by our Lord Jesus, who having taken on our nature, took our sin and nailed it to the cross before rising again.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we remember His selfless sacrifice. We ask that as we participate in this Meal of His body and blood, we do so to the building up of ourselves in the holy faith, keeping ourselves in the love of God while we wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Graciously hear our prayers, keep us from stumbling, and present us blameless before Your presence. To You alone, our Savior and Lord, be all glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My № body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

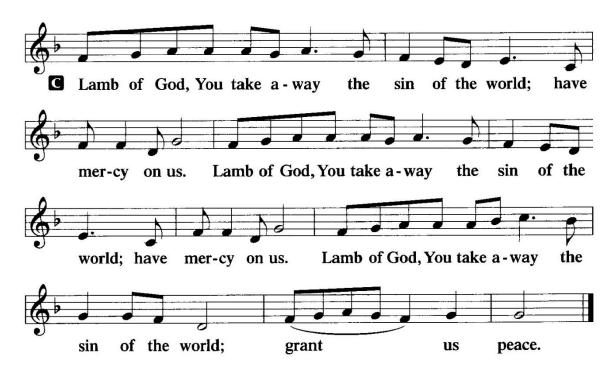
Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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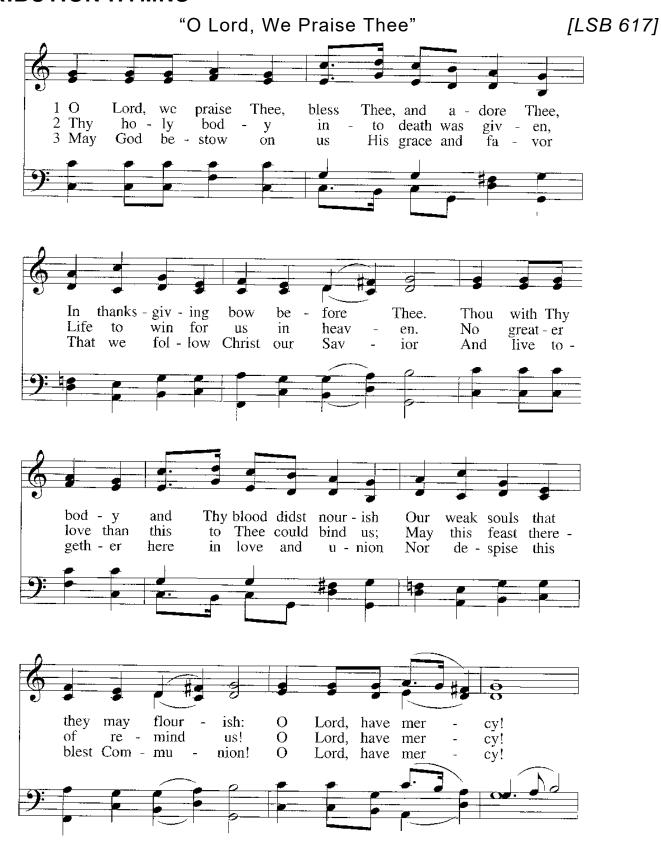
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

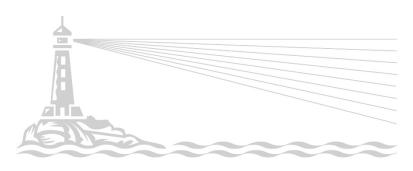




DISTRIBUTION HYMNS







O God of God,

O Light of Light



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

O God, our Savior and destroyer of all that separates us from Your love, we thank You for this Holy Meal of Jesus' body and blood, and we ask that You would build us up in the most holy faith, keep us in Your love, and move us to be merciful to others as You are with us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

C: Amen.

P: 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, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time now and forever.

C: Amen.



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