

PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5475 Bell Road
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The 25th Sunday
after Pentecost
November 14, 2021

O, COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

9:15 a.m.

* Indicates that the congregation will stand.

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Celebrate

Sunday, November 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. "Many of

those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."



Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

"You are my LORD, my good a-¹bove all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are ¹in the land,
 upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.

³But those who run after ¹other gods
 shall have their troubles ¹multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings ¹to such gods,
 never take their names up-¹on my lips. **R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion ¹and my cup;
 it is you who up-¹hold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a ¹pleasant land;
 indeed, I have a ¹rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who ¹gives me counsel;
 my heart teaches me night ¹after night.

⁸I have set the LORD al-¹ways before me;
 because God is at my right hand, I shall ¹not be shaken. **R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹it rejoices;
 my body also shall ¹rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me ¹to the grave,
 nor let your holy one ¹see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the ¹path of life;
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for-¹evermore. **R**

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ¹³he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹⁴and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁵For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁶And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these

things are about to be accomplished?"

⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, ⁶"Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁷Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁸When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁹For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 13. **Tuesday** Hebrews 10:32-39. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, 1251) Zechariah 12:1–13:1. **Thursday** Psalm 93. **Friday** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. **Saturday** John 3:31-36. **Christ the King** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

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God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters (*recent natural disasters may be named*). Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved (*especially*). Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

November 14, 2021 25th Sunday after Pentecost

*"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with
thanksgiving: Psalm 69:30*

Today: 9:15 a.m. Worship

Church cleaning. Come at your leisure and mark off cleaning jobs on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help!

LSSI Hope Chest – basket in the entryway for your donations. Please make checks payable to the church or put cash in an envelope marked for LSSI. We will send in one check.

The Sunday School will have a "Blue Christmas" Christmas tree with decorations to purchase to raise money for Sunday School.

November 7th offering: Current: \$770.00 Mission: \$200.00 LSSI
Holiday Hope Chest: ~~\$~~10.00

Thank you for your support!

*"Be grateful for what you have. It will make you
content. And when you find contentment with your life,
you will find happiness"* *Healthy-family.org*

The Promise of Apocalypse

A joke made the rounds in bookstores in the spring of 2020: "Post-Apocalyptic fiction has been moved to our current affairs section."

The genre of apocalyptic is much like modern science fiction—stories set in surreal landscapes with plot twists that hold up a mirror to the challenges of our own time. Much of the Bible was written by, for, and about people living through persecution, political unrest, suffering, and uncertainty about the future. As we move toward the season of Advent, Jesus frames wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines as the birth pangs of an emerging new creation. There are *always* wars and rumors of wars, disasters, and upheavals.

The good news is that God is present in all of it. God shows up in the pain, taking it seriously and holding it gently. And God is present above it all in the cosmic story that is so much larger than the daily news. Furthermore, God is present in the moments of joy that always find a way to break through—for life is always more than its worst moments, even in war zones, crises, and pandemics.

Throughout the centuries, the symbol of hope in religious art is the anchor. God is holding the anchor of hope, holding the line that runs through every human soul, holding for us the hope that will not let us go. Apocalyptic brings these layers together: the cosmic story of the universe, the noise and upheaval of our own generation's crises and birth pangs, and that solid anchor of hope. Our sacred texts are lenses to open our eyes and minds to uncover and notice how God is present among us in the most bewildering moments of our lives.