

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude

East Acklam

Francis Jackson

The Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

We come before him with thanksgiving; we worship him with music and song.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all people.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. His love endures forever!

*The Hymn of Praise

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

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*The Call to Confession

God does not want anyone to perish. He desires that all would come to repentance. And so, he sent his one and only Son, that we would believe, repent, and have everlasting life. With this assurance, let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come to you, confessing our sin. There is so much in this world that is not good. We confess the ways we have added to the pain, injustice, and destruction. We confess those times when we get caught up in our own lives, neglecting those who suffer. We confess that we so easily lose perspective, getting distracted by worldly things, rather than staying focused on what truly matters.

We confess how we allow fear and worry to push out our joy and trust in you. Lord, have mercy. [Silent confession.] Almighty God, in your tender love, forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The good news of the gospel is that through the blood of Christ, we have the forgiveness of sins. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response

Give Thanks

Smith



Give thanks ___ with a grate - ful heart, give thanks ___ to the Ho - ly One, give



thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ ___ his son. Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-11

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The Sermon

The End Is Coming!

Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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*The Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Canzona Girolamo Frescobaldi

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *O Christ, the Great Foundation* 443

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude *We Gather Together* Craig Phillips

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Connor Rousseau

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker

Greeter: Anne Schmidt

Fellowship Hour: Larry & Teresa Long

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir.

The flowers today are in honor of Alan & Linda Poplewski's 56th wedding anniversary.

*****The Session will meet on Tuesday, November 19 @ 7:00 p.m.*****

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

2nd @ Second will meet today in the church library @ 10:15 a.m.



Office hours for the week of November 18 will be **Monday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

Harvest Sunday – November 24



We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on **Sunday, November 24**. Please place it on the table in the main hallway by the office. We will collect food items through **Sunday, December 1 (First Sunday of Advent and Communion)**. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help feed others.

Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship **NEXT Sunday November 24** decorating the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. Everyone is invited to help!



Harvest Dinner Thank You

A huge Thank You to everyone who attended, contributed to, and provided food for the Harvest Dinner on November 10. Many hands made wonderful, delicious food to share with the 85 people who attended. Thank You to our turkey roasters, Kristin Fowler, Jody Hoepfner, Alan Poplewski, and Connie Sedgwick. The dinner was an incredible success! Looking forward to next year!



Mission Committee Updates



Please continue to look for items to donate to our winter-wear mission for local school children. Items will be collected through mid-December and may include mittens, hats, gloves, boots, snow suits, coats, etc., (for all ages and sizes).

Stockings may be found on the table in the Mission Corner to fill for the "I Support the 1%" Veterans' Food Pantry. A list of items which you may include in the stockings is also provided. **Next** Sunday, November 24, will be the last Sunday for collection.



The Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree mission are due Sunday, December 10 so they may be distributed to the children before Christmas. Angel Tree provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents. Tags with suggested gift items for each child are available for pickup in the main hallway. Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community.

In the Mission Corner there is a "Box of Blessings" where you can leave small personal care items like the toothpaste & toothbrushes we often get at dental cleanings, or other small items you might find on sale & pick up. These will be added to the periodic food pantry collections.



Let's Go Caroling



On Saturday, December 14, we will be heading out to sing Christmas Carols and deliver Christmas cards to some of our homebound friends. Afterward, we will gather at church to enjoy snacks and more Christmas singing. All are welcome to join! More details will follow. For now, mark your calendars and please sign up so that transportation can be arranged.

Mark 13:1-11

New International Version

13 As Jesus 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; every one 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.