

**Stewardship 2025
United in Christ**



**Yesterday,
Today and
Tomorrow**

Psalm 46:7 “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.”

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17, 2024 – New Member Sunday
9:15 AM Worship Express**

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In today’s Good News, Jesus talks about the end times and what he has to say is downright scary. Anyone who has had to face war, famine and earthquakes know they are undeniably frightening to live through. The only good news is that the scarier things get out in the world, the more important it is for us to gather together, remember that God is indeed with us and to keep loving and caring.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Words for you to meditate on...

*Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our hearts, our hopes, our sins are one
our comfort and our cares.
We share our mutual woes
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

WELCOMING GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

P: God gathers God's Chosen People together to encourage them with the WORD and strengthen them with the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

All: Amen!

CONFESSION

Right Side: I hate, sometimes I lie.

Left Side: Sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.

All: We have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.

Right Side: Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced.

Left Side: Sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.

All: We have not lived as your Chosen People. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

All: Even though we are in bondage to sin, there is hope for freedom. Not by our own doing, but because God has chosen to forgive us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we know this is true. Amen.

Stand

GATHERING SONG: "Give Me Oil in my Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp
keep me burning, burning, burning.
Give me oil in my lamp
I pray, hallelujah!
Give me oil in my lamp keep me
burning, burning, burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain: Sing Hosanna (3 times)

To The King of Kings
Sing Hosanna (3 times)
To the King.

Give me gas for my Ford
keep me truckin' for the Lord.
Give me gas for my Ford,
I pray, hallelujah!
Give me gas for my Ford
keep me truckin' for the Lord
Keep me truckin'
till the break of day. *Refrain*

Give me hot sauce for my taco
let me witness in Morocco.
Give me hot sauce for my taco
I pray, hallelujah!
Give me hot sauce for my taco
let me witness in Morocco.
Let me witness
till the break of day. *Refrain*

GREETING

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.

LITANY

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord.

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

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

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

P: One does not live by bread alone,

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, when we are feeling down or think all is lost, help us to turn to you. You are always there, ready to listen and willing to provide the strength and courage to make it through any trial. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL SONG: "Help Us, O Lord"

**Help us O Lord to hear your word.
Open our hearts to feel your word.
Give us the strength
to live your word each day.**

Lector: The Good News according to the 13th chapter of Mark, verses 1-8.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOOD NEWS READING: Mark 13: 1-8

Narrator (Lector): As he walked away from the Temple, one of his disciples said...

Disciple (Men and Boys): **Teacher, look at that stonework! Those buildings!**

Jesus (All): **You're impressed by this grandiose architecture? There's not a stone in the whole works that is not going to end up in a heap of rubble.**

Narrator (Lector): Later, as he was sitting on Mount Olives in full view of the Temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew got him off by himself and asked...

Disciples (Women and Girls): **Tell us, when is this going to happen? What sign will we get that things are coming to a head?**

Jesus (All): **Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming "I'm the One." They will deceive a lot of people. When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what's coming.**

Lector: The Good News of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sit

CHILDREN'S WORD/ THE WORD

Stand

SONG OF THE DAY: "We Love"

**We love (clap, clap)
because God first loved us.
We love (clap, clap)**

because God first loved us.
We love (*clap, clap*)
We love (*clap, clap*)
We love because God first loved us.

GOD'S PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING SONG: "For Life and Health"

For life and health
and every good
We give you thanks, O Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Music is played as those who wish to come forward for communion come forward and kneel at the communion rail. Others are invited to commune in your pew. All are welcome.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace till life everlasting.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, you have welcomed us to the meal and fed us with the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You have given us the strength to go out into the world to be your people. Help us to be more like Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BENEDICTION

P: We go out into the world to be God's Chosen People.

All: But we do not go alone. God goes with us as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.

All: In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE