

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus Is Not Just the Messenger

November 17 & 18, 2012

AS WE GATHER The lyrics from a Top 40 song in the 1960s ended with these sad two lines: Don't they know it's the end of the world? It ended when you said goodbye. Anticipating the end of the world can evoke great sadness. But there is joy for those who believe in Jesus and eagerly anticipate His return in the final days. In the Holy Gospel today, Jesus tells His disciples that the glorious Jerusalem temple they are viewing will be destroyed in the near future (70 AD by the Roman general Titus). He then uses this prophecy as a way of describing the end of the world. We will learn much today about the future from the prophet Daniel, St. Paul, and Jesus.

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening"

(Tune: LSB #367 "Angels from the Realms of Glory")

Saints of God, the dawn is bright'ning, Token of our coming Lord;
O'er the earth the field is whit'ning; Louder rings the Master's word:
Pray for reapers, Pray for reapers, In the harvest of the Lord!

Now, O Lord, fulfill Thy pleasure, Breathe upon Thy chosen band,
And with Pentecostal measure Send forth reapers o'er our land,
Faithful reapers, Faithful reapers, Gath'ring sheaves for Thy right hand.

Soon shall end the time of weeping, Soon the reaping time will come,
Heav'n and earth together keeping God's eternal Harvest-home.

Saints and angels, Saints and angels, Shout the world's great Harvest-home.

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(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: Gracious, righteous, and merciful God, we confess that we often fail to see your sovereignty in our lives and in the world around us. Forgive us, dear Lord, from turning our hearts inward on ourselves. Help us to see and bear witness to your steadfast love for all people, even through difficult days and years. Forgive us for shunning your Word, and failing to cling to your promise for eternal life. Today, we intentionally seek your mercy and grace.

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Pastor: The Lord instructs the heart, counsels, and forgives! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of 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. Our hearts are made glad; our whole being rejoices in the forgiveness of God.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, by your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Daniel 12:1-3 *(Those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.)*

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

EPISTLE Hebrews 10:11-25 *(Until the time when God's enemies should be made a footstool at His feet.)* Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered

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for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. A Call to Persevere Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

5:00 ANTHEM

"Everywhere I Go"

Jr. High Choir

8:00 ANTHEM

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Choir

(Rise)

GOSPEL Mark 13:1-13 *(And the Gospel must be proclaimed to all nations.)*

As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 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." "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. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. 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." "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;

"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices

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And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take!

Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare

To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;

She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all glorious,

The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.

Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son,

Hail! Hosanna! We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee

With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,

Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.

No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

SERMON

"On Falling Temples And False Messiahs"

Mark 13:1-12

I. WATCH OUT!

II. ON GUARD!

III. STAND FIRM!

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the back page of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Gracious Lord, your love endures forever. You demonstrated that love by sending your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for us men and our salvation. He showed forth that love by His innocent suffering and death. You confirmed His loving sacrifice by His resurrection from the dead. You have revealed your love for us in your Holy Word.

People: **We thank you for the gift of faith and of hearts that love you through the work of the Holy Spirit. Help us to love one another with the love you have given to us in anticipation of that great Day of the Lord.**

Pastor: Grant us a proper understanding of good works, O Lord, that they may indeed prove in our lives that our faith is living.

People: **Provide us many opportunities to serve you by serving our neighbors in need.**

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Pastor: Protect us from false teachings and false teachers that none may be deprived of eternal life in your Son. Therefore, bless all pastors, teachers, professional church workers and leaders in your Church,

People: that they may be grounded in your Word, pure of character, trustworthy, resolute in purpose, and united in the mind of Christ.

Pastor: Inspire your people to serve with eager hearts and faithful hands, O Lord—to gladly support the spread of the Gospel,

People: that we may share the good news of salvation with those around us and provide for others who do so as well.

Pastor: O Lord, bless and protect our President, the Congress and Judiciary of the United States, the Governor and legislatures of this state, judges, and law enforcement agencies. Bless and protect also the men and women of our armed services.

People: Grant that those who serve in positions of authority may protect the weak, free the innocent, detain the guilty, and enforce the rule of law so that justice may be preserved in our land.

Pastor: Gracious God, grant your healing to those who are sick, facing surgery, or enduring difficulties in life especially Bob, Gretchen, Eleanor, Jerry, Robin, Gil, Nancy, Sarah, Gerald and Joe.

People: Give their physicians caring wisdom and skill to do their work effectively and fill them with peace in their time of affliction. With Michael, Kristy, Carolyn, John, Arlene, Marty, Gina and Rachel, we praise thank you for your abundant blessings.

Pastor: Prepare us for your return, O Lord, through the blessings of your Holy Supper. Through the eating and drinking of your most precious body and blood, nourish our troubled hearts

People: that we may watch and await your return with holy patience.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #819

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

Sing Praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,

The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.

With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r made, In mercy He is keeping.

By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.

Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:

To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.

Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.

For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:

To God al praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;

He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.

As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.

Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.

Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:

To God all praise and glory!

HYMN #629

“What Is This Bread”

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

HYMN #801 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

But when I think that God, His Son nor sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in-
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise) **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"

(Tune: TLH #31 "When All Thy Mercies, O My God")

Am I a soldier of the Cross, A foll'wer of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause Or blush to speak His name?

Must I be carried to the skies On flow'ry beds of ease
While others fought to win the prize And sailed thro' bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace To help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign; Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by Thy Word.

Thy saints in all this glorious war Shall conquer though they die;
They see the triumph from afar With faith's discerning eye.

When that illustrious Day shall rise And all Thine armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies, The glory shall be Thine.

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