

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Everlasting  
November 17 & 18, 2018

### AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year is approaching its close, we turn our focus to the last things. The very last thing that we confess in the Apostles' Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. In Revelation, John describes the heavenly city of God and tells us that the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Brilliant brightness has always been associated with the seeing of God, from the time when Moses had to veil his face because it reflected the dazzling presence of the almighty Lord. As we come into His presence for worship, we have a partial sense of that glory as we await that time beyond time, when we shall experience it fully in the life everlasting in His heavenly kingdom.

**10:30 BELL CHOIR** *"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"*

### WELCOME

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. Revelation 1:7

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who love us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,

**People: for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

**People: For you alone are holy.**

Pastor: All nations will come and worship you,

**People: for your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful Father, with heartfelt repentance we confess our sin. We are sinful from birth and daily sin in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have been unkind and often have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to you. We do not remain focused on looking with eager expectation to your return in glory and have become taken in by the fleeting pleasures of this world. O Lord, grant us your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

Pastor: Because of the great sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross of Calvary, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE #941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ry one:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that you will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you have promised that at the end of time you will appear in glory to gather your people to you. Keep us firm and steadfast even in the face of hardships, challenges, and disappointments in this world that we never lose the hope in Christ that will sustain us until your return as judge on the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are worshiped and glorified, now and eternally.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### ✠ WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Daniel 12:1–3* (Those who are named in the Book of Life will be delivered.) “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 10:11–25* (The Lord will not remember the sins of the faithful anymore.) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near 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. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 4-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** “The Kingdom of the Lord” Sleeth

**10:30 BELL CHOIR** “A Joyous Ring”

(Rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 13:1-13* (The one who stands firm to the end will be saved.) And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN #508 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awoken.  
But all who live will in that hours, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation  
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

## SERMON

## "Stand Firm"

### CATECHISM *The Second Article*

Pastor: In his "What does this mean?" reflecting on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther reminds us that our final and eternal calling is to live under our Lord in His kingdom and serve Him as we share in the glory of heaven. Let us joyfully confess the article that tells of our redemption.

**People:** And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Holy Father, in the midst of things that only seem stable, your Son warns us to be prepared for great unrest. Wherever chaos erupts, send your people forth with the joyful message of what cannot be shaken or destroyed: the great love you have revealed for us in our Savior's death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving and gracious Father, we commend to you the care of your Church throughout the world. Open the hearts of your people to

welcome that proclamation and share in the work of spreading your Good News. Raise up new servants for your Church, and guard and protect all missionaries, keeping them steadfast by your Word, and for Jack Burkee as he considers his call to serve as principal at St. Paul's. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: King of the nations, look in mercy on our country, our Congress and president, our judges and magistrates, and all those entrusted with civil authority among us. Make them a blessing and take from them arrogance and self-interest. Fill them with wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we thank you for the gift of life especially for the Osell's celebrating Rachel's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lord in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy One, the blood of your Son gives us confidence to come before you with true hearts in the full assurance of faith. Hear us now as we offer our petitions before you for all who are in difficult and trying times, for those who are in prison, for the sick and especially Dorothy, Larry, Marge, Dolores, Bob, Herb, Cindy, Scott, LuEva, Dick, Nancy, Jan, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, Arlene, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Leonard and Sarah. Be also with those who mourn, the lonely and homebound. Grant them healing and comfort, according to your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kind Father, your Son revealed Himself to be the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost and straying. Keep us all under His protection, that we may not neglect to meet together, but gathering attentively around His Word and His Supper. Grant us to be encouraged and to encourage each other. Send us out to call back all who have erred and strayed from His ways. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Author and Giver of all good things, as we come to your Son's table and feast together upon the body and blood that purchased the redemption of the world, prepare our hearts and minds to welcome with thanksgiving His new and eternal covenant, that we might ever

enjoy the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the day of the Savior's return. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, Fountain of life and immortality, to you we give thanks and praise for all who have fallen asleep in Christ and await the joyful resurrection. Especially remembering Jean Fortner who lovingly remembers her parents, grandparents and her aunt and uncle on their anniversary on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Grant that we may also be wise, turning many to righteousness, that on the day of Christ's appearing we may shine like stars forever in the brightness of His eternal glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

##### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

##### **AGNUS DEI #550**

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain:**

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**  
(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 #879 "Stay With Us"**

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, Open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry,  
again Our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side.

Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our eyes Forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold A joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes To see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

##### **HYMN #563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"**

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

### **HYMN #525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight.  
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at your gracious Table. Strengthen us through this blessed gift as we prepare for and await the final coming of Jesus, our Lord, the Bridegroom of the Church. Keep us steadfast throughout our sojourn on earth, and bring us at last to the glory of your kingdom, where perfect joy abounds eternally. This we ask 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #660 “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”**

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.  
From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army He shall lead  
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord in deed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone,  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle, The next the victor’s song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

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