

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So 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. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW 434

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P: Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

C **Amen**

GREETING

P May the hope to which God has called you, the power of God at work in Christ, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

C: 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.

Refrain

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain

WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel represents a kind of literature called "apocalyptic," which is full of bizarre visions, strange symbolism, and supernatural happenings. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature employs a vivid language that prevents outsiders to the faith from understanding its content. Overall, it 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. ²Many of those

who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

PSALM: Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.**

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

**⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods up on my lips.**

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

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land,*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

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

**⁸I have set the LORD al-ways before me,*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.

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

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 19-25

The letter to the Hebrews presents an extended discussion of how Christ offered himself as a sacrifice so that sinners, cleansed by his blood, might have life. Therefore, the writer concludes, our life together should be marked by confidence, assurance, hope, and encouragement.

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, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And 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,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

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

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

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of
Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his
flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let 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. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without
wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another
to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

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!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not
one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When 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?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no
one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many
astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but
the end is still to come. ⁸ For 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."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Still Lead On"

ELW 624

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

A brief silence.

A: You call us, Lord God, to trust in you when chaos surrounds us. We stand now in turbulent, chaotic times. Hear us as we cry to you. Grant us the faith we need to walk where you are leading. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to be faithful stewards of your creation. Rouse us from complacency, and give us the commitment to restore the damage done by our neglect. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to work for peace and hope in our troubled world. Open our hearts to the needs of all who suffer throughout the world, and help us respond in compassionate action. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to visit the sick and care for the hurting. Lead us out to the poor, the lonely, the outcast, and all those in any need this day. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to be agents of reconciliation in a divided world. Teach us how to love all people, in your name, especially those most different from us. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to cherish and celebrate the gift of life. Teach us to build a community in which all families are safe and loving. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us, Lord God, to be your faithful witnesses wherever you call us to be. Bless the witness of this congregation and our companions this week: St. Paul in West Plains, St. John Lutheran Churches in Wellington and Westboro, and the congregations of the Peace Lutheran Parish. May we stand as signs of your presence in the midst of struggle. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: You call us, Lord God, as you called the saints who have gone before us. Strengthen us to be your living witnesses, that the world might know your love. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Creator God,

C the earth and all that is in it belong to you. Inspire us to use what you have made to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives. May our offerings, given in your name, lift up those who are bowed down; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

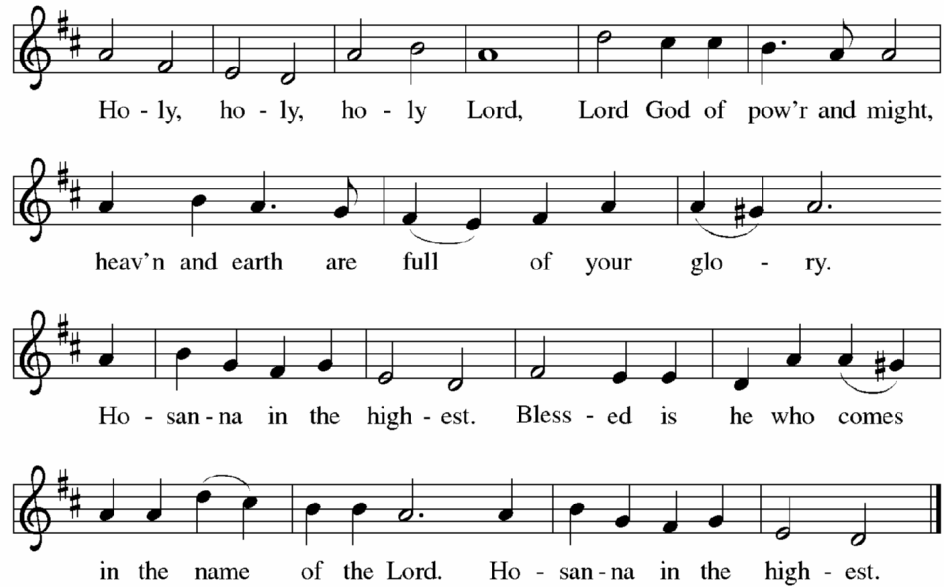
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God...The universe declares your praise...with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution

P: Remembering his love for us...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...in your church without end.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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 Feast with the Lord, who has swallowed up death forever.

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “My Lord, What a Morning”

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“Soon and Very Soon”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray...

At your table, O God, we have been made new. Our mourning and crying and pain pass away, and we see the glory of your presence among us. Unite us with this vision, and make us into your holy people, one in the body of Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P God the Alpha and Omega. Jesus Christ the faithful witness, God the Holy Spirit of truth, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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