



25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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## As We Gather

Like the disciples of old, we look around us and presume that the accomplishments of mankind will endure. But even now, they are falling, brick upon brick. There is no repairing a world that must be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. The urgent need is not to predict when these things will happen, but to endure when they do come. The world is in labor until God delivers His eternal kingdom, but you are not of the world. You belong to the Lord. Through your witness, the elect of many nations will be called by the Spirit through the preaching of the Word. The world will reject you, but you belong to God. He who endures in this faith to the end will be saved.

## Prelude

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

P. Manz

## Opening Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#821, sts. 1, 4 & 5

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Revelation 4:11; 15:4*

- P** Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,  
**C** for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.  
**P** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?  
**C** For You alone are holy.  
**P** All nations will come and worship You,  
**C** for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!

## Confession and Absolution

*We pause to remember and confess our sins before Almighty God...*

**P** We confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**C** Merciful Father, with heartfelt repentance we confess our sin. We were sinful at birth and every day we 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 await Your return in glory with eager expectation, and we have been 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 in righteousness each day and be messengers of Your peace in our time.

**P** 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, and by His authority, 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.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Introit

*Ps. 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*

**P** The one who endures to the end will be saved.

**C** Let Mount Zion be glad!

**P** Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!

**C** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**P** consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

**C** that you may tell the next generation that this is God,

**P** our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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 You 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.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

✠ The Time of the End ✠

*Daniel 12:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Anthem of Praise Duet**

“When Peace Like a River”

### **Epistle**

✠ The Full Assurance of Faith ✠

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“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,” <sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Gospel**

✠ Signs of the Close of the Age ✠

*Mark 13: 1-13*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>“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. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
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.

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn

“Christ Is Surely Coming”

#509

- 1 Christ is surely coming  
Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega,  
First and Last and Lord:  
Root and Stem of David,  
Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Savior,  
Nations near and far!
- 2 See the holy city!  
There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy,  
Washed from ev'ry sin:

- Thirsty ones, desiring  
All He loves to give,  
Come for living water,  
Freely drink, and live!
- 3 Grace be with God's people!  
Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise  
From the\_ eternal home:  
“Surely I come quickly!  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering**—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at [www.stpauloaklawn.org](http://www.stpauloaklawn.org). For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

## Offertory Meditation

## ✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

### Hymn

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire"

#553 sts. 1-5

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| 1 | O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,<br>Creation's mighty Lord,<br>Redeemer of the fallen world,<br>By holy love outpoured: | You now ascend the Father's throne<br>In robes of light arrayed.   |
| 2 | How vast Your mercy to accept<br>The burden of our sin<br>And bow Your head in cruel death<br>To make us clean within.         | 4 O let Your mighty love prevail<br>To purge us of our pride<br>That we may stand before Your throne<br>By mercy purified. |
| 3 | But now the bonds of death are burst,<br>The ransom has been paid;   | 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,<br>Our future great reward;<br>Our only glory, may it be<br>To glory in the Lord!      |

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**Hymn**

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

#722

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| <p>1 Lord, take my hand and lead me<br/>Upon life's way;<br/>Direct, protect, and feed me<br/>From day to day.<br/>Without Your grace and favor<br/>I go astray;<br/>So take my hand, O Savior,<br/>And lead the way.</p> <p>2 Lord, when the tempest rages,<br/>I need not fear,<br/>For You, the Rock of Ages,<br/>Are always near.</p> | <p>Close by Your side abiding,<br/>I fear no foe,<br/>For when Your hand is guiding,<br/>In peace I go.</p> <p>3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen<br/>And night has come,<br/>I know that You will strengthen<br/>My steps toward home.<br/>Then nothing can impede me,<br/>O blessed Friend;<br/>So take my hand and lead me<br/>Unto the end.</p> |
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**Communion Blessing**

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**Closing Prayer****Benediction****Closing Hymn**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#575 sts. 1, 2 &amp; 4

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| <p>1 My hope is built on nothing less<br/>Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br/>No merit of my own I claim<br/>But wholly lean on Jesus' name. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>refrain</i> On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br/>All other ground is sinking sand.</p> <p>2 When darkness veils His lovely face,<br/>I rest on His unchanging grace;</p> | <p>In ev'ry high and stormy gale<br/>My anchor holds within the veil. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,<br/>Oh, may I then in Him be found,<br/>Clothed in His righteousness alone,<br/>Redeemed to stand before His throne!<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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**Postlude**

"Trumpet Tune"

J. Clarke



## **Announcements & Notes:**

- *There is a Voters' meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.*
- *The Ladies Guild will be selling Christmas cards in front of the school hall doors and in the wings today next Sunday.*
- *This year's Advent devotion books are printed and ready to be collated, we just need a small group of volunteers to put them together sometime this week—check with Sandy.*
- *Our Faith in Action group is collecting for this year's "Worth Township Christmas Care Toy/Clothing Drive." New, unwrapped toys and games as well as new coats and outerwear like hats, gloves, scarves for children infants through 14 years of age may be left in the box across from the church office.*
- *Our Thanksgiving service will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will again have the opportunity to give thanks by bringing non-perishable food items to the altar, which will then be distributed by our Faith in Action Food Pantry. There will be no 6:00 PM service for Thanksgiving Eve or during Advent.*
- *Midweek Advent services begin the following Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, also at 7:00. Before each of the 3 Advent services you're invited to join us in the gym / Fellowship Hall before the services for supper beginning at 5:30—the first week is Pizza! Then we'll come into church and sing a few favorite hymns before the service. PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU—ANYTIME!*



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Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	Lois Kaminske
Patty Sellers	Janet Varnagis
Dawn McNicholas	

- **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**
- *For Beth Hopp, who celebrates a birthday on Nov. 15.*
- *For Norma & Al Silinski celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.*
- *For Rev. Wayne and Ashley Miller on the birth of their healthy baby girl Nov. 10th. She is also the granddaughter of Linda and Warren Miller.*

*See inside back cover for  
"Announcements & Notes"  
And "Acknowledgements & Thanks"*

**Please pray for these friends and family of our members:**

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