

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Last Sunday of the Church Year – November 24th, (11:11 am)

STAY AWAKE

Psalm 93

Isaiah 51:4-6

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *"heaven and earth will pass away."* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). He is *"the firstborn of the dead,"* who in His great love *"has freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *"his dominion is an everlasting dominion"* and His Kingdom *"shall not be destroyed"* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose, He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *"a light to the peoples,"* which *"will never be dismayed"* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4-6). As He *"is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,"* so wait upon *"the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life"* (Jude 20-24).

WELCOME – (Deanna)

GATHERING SONG – THANKS AND PRAISE

We are here together
To lift our hearts as one
We're in our Father's presence
His Spirit is with us

***It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God
It is right to give Him thanks and praise
For His heart is overflowing with love for us
And His mercy we can never contain***

And each and every morning
We'll tell of His great love
Of all His faithful mercies
And all that He has done
For who can match His kindness
And who can count His works
Oh let our praise continue
'Til evening draws in close

*Glory honour wisdom power and strength
To our Saviour Jesus worthy of all praise
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OPENING PRAYER and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P - In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION

P - Psalm 24 instructs us concerning those who may enter the sanctuary and worship the Lord, the King of Glory:

C - "Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? "

P - And the answer is given: "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart."

(silent reflection)

P - We use the words of ancient King David from Psalm 51 as we confess our sins, asking God to give us clean hands and pure hearts: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

C - According to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

P - Wash away all my iniquity,

C - And cleanse me from my sin.

P - For I know my transgressions,

C - And my sin is always before me.

P - Against You, You only, have I sinned,

C - And done what is evil in Your sight.

P - Cleanse me and I will be clean;

C - Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P - Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C - And renew a steadfast spirit within me."

P - Be on guard, keep awake. The Lord is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before Him.

ABSOLUTION

P - Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP SONG – GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

We bow our hearts we bend our knees

Oh Spirit come make us humble

We turn our eyes from evil things

Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

And oh God let us be a generation that seeks

That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

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KIDS MOMENT – “CHRIST IS THE KING” (Shelby)

KIDS SONG – KING OF THE JUNGLE

Who's the king of the jungle? (hoo hoo)

Who's the king of the sea? (bubble bubble bubble)

Who's the king of the universe, and who's the king of me?

I'll tell you: J-E-S-U-S

Yes! He's the king of me

He's the king of the universe, the jungle and the sea

PRAYER BEFORE READINGS – *Dear God. We thank you for your Holy Word that guide, forgives, motivates and saves us through the work of Christ on the cross. Bless the readings we will hear today in our hearts. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

READING OF Isaiah 51:4-6 (Penny)

**4 “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law^[a] will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.**

**5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.**

**6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;^[b]
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.**

READING OF EPISTLE – Jude 20-25 (Penny)

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Doxology

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

READING OF HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 13:24–37 (Penny)

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

No One Knows That Day or Hour

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows,^[c] or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

WORSHIP SONG – HOLY

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down

***Holy is Your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You
Holy holy God (are You)***

*All blessing all honor belongs to You
All power all wisdom is Yours all blessing
All blessing all honor belongs to You*

SERMON – STAY AWAKE (*Jude 20-25 and Mark 13:24-37*)

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God Almighty, Father, Son, and Spirit – One.

God the powerful Creator Spoke the Word, and it was done.

Heav'n and earth broke forth in goodness

And declared their Maker's praise.

All that is, both seen and unseen, Works divinely-ordered ways.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God.

Earthly minds must bow before Him, By His myst'ry overawed.

He, before the rolling ages, Was begotten as the Son,

God from God and Light from Light, With the Father equal, One.

Born of Mary, Virgin, graceful, By the Spirit's pow'r He came;

For our sake by Pilate sentenced – On the cross His tortured frame.

Suffered, buried, then arising On the third day, as ordained;

He ascended into Heaven, And has thus forever reigned.

He will come again in glory, Seeking all, both great and small.

Those then living and those sleeping Shall endure the judgment hall.

His the kingdom never ending; His the Lordship and renown.

Ours the faith that waits His coming; Ours the hope, the joy, the crown.

We believe the Holy Spirit Gives the gifts of here and now –

Lord, Life-giver, moving, working, To Him also all must bow.

He has spoken through the prophets; He has spoken in the Church,

One and holy, apostolic, To be spread o'er all the earth.

One the faith and one the washing Taking all our sins away.

One the hope of final rising On the Father's certain day.

Then, for all who follow Jesus – Mercy, peace, and life restored –

Ever-lasting, ever-living, Adoration of the Lord.

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WORSHIP SONG – LION OF JUDAH

You're the Lion of Judah

The Lamb who was slain

You ascended to heaven

And ever more will reign

At the end of the age
When the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You
And the eyes of all men
Will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice
You'll reign at Your Father's side

***And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords***

There's a shield in our hand
And a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits
That cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us
For these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men
Need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell
Yet was raised up to reign
At His Father's side

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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.**

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (Pastor)

P – The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the love of GOD and the communion of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all. Amen.

CLOSING SONG – HE REIGNS

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

It's all God's children singing

Glory glory hallelujah

He reigns He reigns

It's all God's children singing

Glory glory hallelujah

He reigns (He reigns)

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

And all the powers of darkness

Tremble at what they've just heard

'Cause all the powers of darkness

Can't drown out a single word

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