

November 17, 2024
26th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" Schalk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 16:7-11

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

**Because we keep the Lord ever before us,
we shall not be moved.**

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!

Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

**For God does not give us up to death,
but shows us the path of life.**

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #41** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mark 13:5-8

God of grace,

**all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.**

We grasp for whatever security we can find.

**Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.**

Renew our hope, increase our courage,

and keep us watchful for the signs

of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Live in peace, forgiven and freed. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN: GTG #544 "Bless the Lord" BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
(Sing three times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Gläser

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 12:1-3 O.T. page 640
God will deliver the people

PSALM Psalm 16
Fullness of joy

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."

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

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

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

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

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 10:11-25 N.T. page 176
The way to God through Christ

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:1-8 N.T. page 38
The end and the coming of the Son

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 6:68-69
The words of eternal life, by which we have come to believe.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Guide Me" Akers / Carter

SERMON "Shine Like the Brightness of the Sky" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #837** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" SHOWALTER
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

+**CHARGE** Heb. 10:23-25
... while you wait and watch for the coming of Christ's reign. **Amen.**

+**BLESSING**
... this day and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

POSTLUDE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Kallman

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Nancy Sue MacDonald
Greeters: Susan Chien and Marge Welch
Next Week's Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

**Today's flowers are given by Mary Lou French
in memory of loved ones**

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#8: Pentecost (part 3):

Peter tells the multi-national crowd about Christ’s resurrection and ascension. 3000 people believe and are baptized. The church is born! (*Acts 2:22-42*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 32. What do you affirm when you say he was “conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”?

First, that being born of a woman, Jesus was truly a human being. Second, that our Lord’s incarnation was a holy and mysterious event, brought about solely by free divine grace surpassing any human possibilities. Third, that from the very beginning of his life on earth, he was set apart by his unique origin for the sake of accomplishing our salvation.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Board of Deacons	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mari Nicol	Nov. 19
Laurie McGonigal	Nov. 21
Bob Caltrider	Nov. 23

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