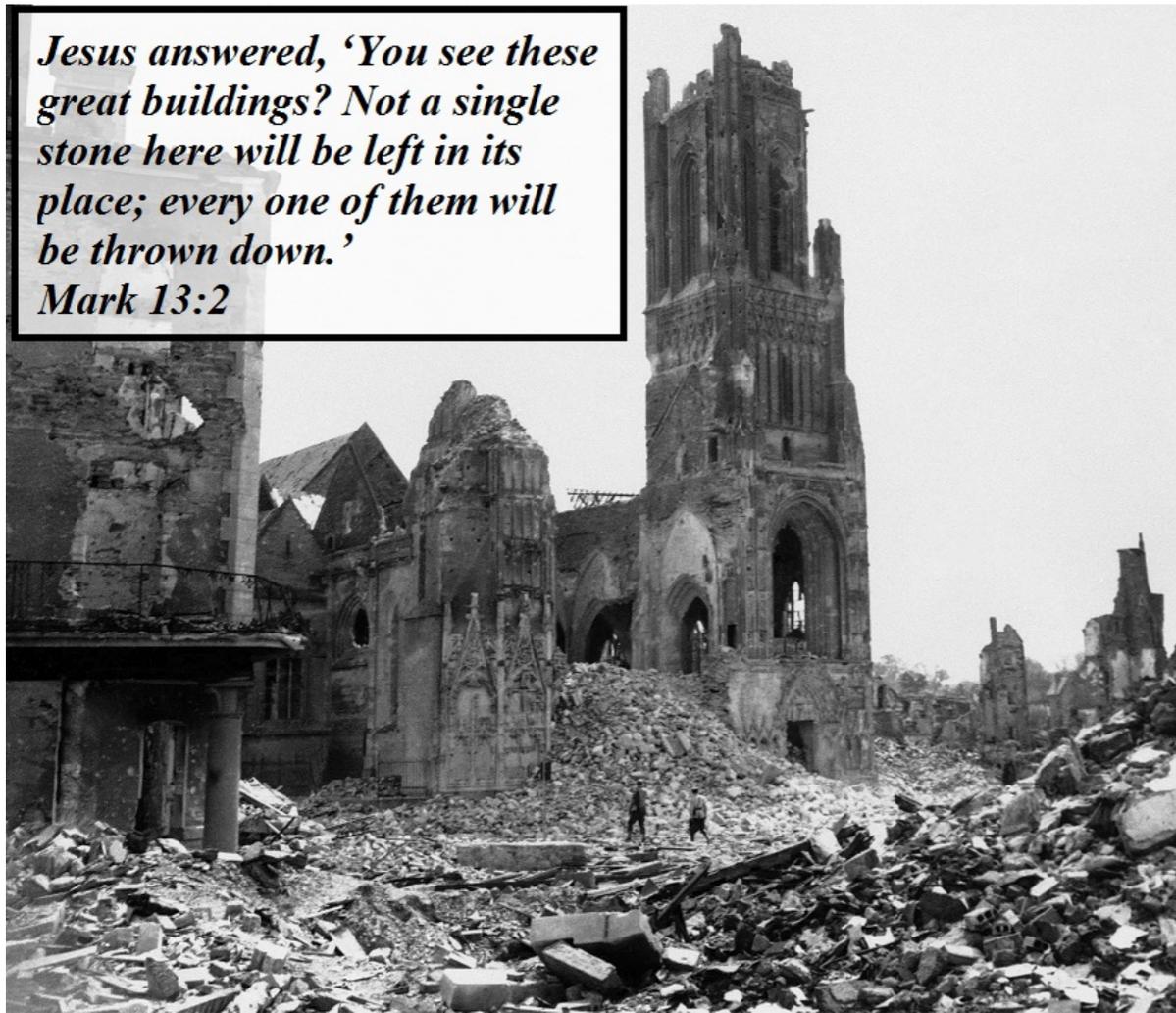


THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021, 8:30am

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."



Jesus answered, 'You see these great buildings? Not a single stone here will be left in its place; every one of them will be thrown down.'
Mark 13:2

**Music of Preparation,
 Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church as we worship in the name of the Creator, the Savior and the life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway.
*(Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate, **not in the envelope basket.**)*

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer - Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB, hymn #673, tune 524

Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.

There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.

Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.

O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

(Moment of silent reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: (Sung) Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis ~Gloria to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: (Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (Sung) And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O almighty Lord, the fruit of sin has been blood and destruction, but You have saved us by blood - the blood of Your Son shed upon the cross. Grant that no sin remain in us and that we walk in holiness all the days of our life and with confidence in Your promise, until at last our Lord comes to deliver us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

Hymn: "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

LSB, hymn #684

"Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;

But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."

O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!

The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;

But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,

Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,

Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

(A Time of Distress and Blessing)

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book- will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:26-29

(God Is A Consuming Fire)

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Stand

Alleluia and Verse - Common

John 6:68

C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-13

(Endure To The End)

As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB, hymn #748

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
 Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
 Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
 And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
 Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
 And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;
 Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

Sermon: "The End To Come"

Mark 13:1-8

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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. 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

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Create In Me

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR VETERANS

P: Dear friends in Christ, at this time, I ask that all of our veterans as well as those in active service in the armed forces of our country to please stand.

Today, we gather at this time to lift up prayers of thanksgiving to our God on behalf of the service that you have offered and still offer to our country as veterans of our armed forces. We live in a broken world where Satan and sin would seek to rise up and destroy peace in our world to hinder the work and will of God. Thus God, in His wisdom, granted the authority of the sword to government that it might be an agent of God's wrath to bring punishment on the wrong doer (Romans 13:4). For God desires to put down evil that we might live quiet and peaceful lives. In view of the sacrifice that you have made as you have served in the armed forces to secure and guard the peace that we now enjoy by God's grace, I now ask the people of God this question. Will you use

the gift of this peace to work to further the Kingdom of God that others might come to know the peace of God which is found in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior?

C: We will with the help of God and we praise God for the peace that is ours in Christ and for the gift of peace He has granted to us to allow us to work while it is day before the night comes when no man can work.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, on this Veterans Day, we give thanks for those who selflessly served our country to make and keep us free. May their sacrifices not have been in vain as we seek to preserve them in our generation. We thank and praise You for the gift of peace and freedom that is ours within this land. We praise you for the gift of the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces as they have dedicated themselves to preserve this peace and freedom. Grant that by the leading of the Prince of Peace, we may dedicate our lives to furthering the Gospel of Peace in the lives of those for whom Your Son died that they might live. All glory be to You as we look forward to a time when peace shall reign forevermore upon Your great return in Christ our Lord.

C: Bless us and them and keep us strong in the Lord.

P: O Lord, we remember before You those who need Your strength in physical protection today. Keep safe in body and soul those serving in our nation's armed forces or other occupations whose duty puts them in harm's way. We pray for those service members who are deployed, those who serve our country far from home, and the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. May Your care be shown to them by many. Bless our chaplains as they faithfully minister to many on land and sea.

C: Keep them all strong in the Lord. Amen.

P: Dear friends, We thank you for your service to our country and pray God's continued blessings upon you. Let us all stand for the prayers of the Church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . That the Lord grant safety and blessing to His Church, that standing firm upon the ground of His promise and washed in the blood of our Savior, we would endure to the end in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would deliver us from an unjust government and unrighteous laws and provide for us elected and appointed civil servants who heed His Word, protect us from our enemies, and enable us to worship the Lord and serve our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would open our eyes to the needs of the poor, advocate for the cause of life, preserve the aged and infirm, and be faithful witnesses to our children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would grant to our pastor the wisdom that comes down from above, so that the Word of God be preached with all truth and conviction and that we may hear and believe God's Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would deliver the sick from illness, the troubled from their afflictions, the dying from fear, and the grieving from sorrow. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would fill us with gratitude for all of His gifts, a spirit of generosity to support the poor, and a spirit of delight to return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Lord would deliver us from persecution and error and that we, standing upon the firm ground of Christ's death and resurrection, would endure to the day of His coming when, with all those who have gone before, we shall be reunited. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

C: 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

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: **(Sung) Amen**

Closing Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation” *LSB, hymn #728*

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our parents, George & Ellen McKibben, by Carol Turner and Gail Ferreebee.

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