

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Christian Magnell  
November 17, 2024, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Jan Hanson

WELCOME AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*“The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord”*

Celebration Singers

HYMN

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord God, we begin our worship

**in the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Father, so often we turn from you. Send your Spirit to help us reflect on how we’ve turned from you. *(time for reflection)*

**Lord, we need your grace. We’ve sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We know the ways we’ve fallen short; send your Spirit to transform us. Forgive us of our sins and lead us to new life every day.**

We are forgiven in the name of Jesus. He has set us free!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON “The Day is Coming”

HYMN

*“Goodness of God”*

READING: Daniel 12:1-3

*Where do you turn in times of trouble? In this look to the future when the dead will arise, we are told that those who follow Jesus – the wise ones – will shine like stars.*

12 “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. 2 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. 3 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.

READING: Hebrews 10:11-25

*Christ died once for all. This sacrifice can't be repeated. He died for you almost 2,000 years ago. God has forgiven us and forgotten our misdeeds. Because of this, you can stand with confidence in front of Christ.*

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 “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,” 17 then he 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,

brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places 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 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. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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 drawing near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      God is good.      **All the time.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-13

*What Jesus said, happened. It's really that simple. The Temple, as Jesus prophesied, was torn down around 40 years after he said that – within one generation as we read in other Gospels. And his promise continues: a promise of salvation.*

1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” 2 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.” 3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead

many astray. 7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. 8 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. 9 “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. 10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. 11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you



Praise God this isn't our situation in the US. I shared a few weeks ago that a pastor I got to know in Nepal was arrested for showing a movie about Jesus. In Nepal it is illegal to share the Gospel and Christians there are at risk.

The Good News is the ongoing presence of God. Jesus promises salvation. We are simply to endure. Life will not always be easy, and our goal is to stay faithful. In other words, keep your eyes on Jesus!