

Central Lutheran Church

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 17, 2024**

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God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

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This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MUSICAL MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us...

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW pg. 149)

Sung by the congregation

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb Forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all
other."

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach 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 to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 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 approaching.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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

C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ

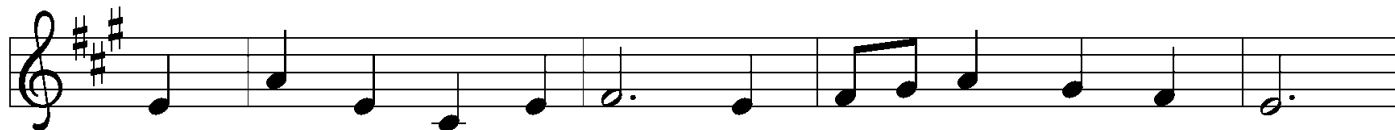
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Veronika

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please sit or kneel for prayer. The response to each spoken petition is:

P Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Linda** Gourley, **Byron** Myrick, **Paul** Chambers, **Gail** Oehler, **Sylvia** Chadwick, and **Charlene** Zimmermann.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through **Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: More Love

Sung by the Choir

*More love, more love, the heavens are blessing the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love. More love, more love;*

the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling, O Zion, more love.

*If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love God,
Whom ye have not seen?*

*If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love god,
Whom ye have not seen?*

*More love, more love! The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love, more love, more love!*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

C our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed... (*Pr Veronika continues prayer*)

THE LORD'S 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;
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

C Thanks be to God

COMMUNION

As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, and you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please fold your arms across your chest. Please note that grape juice is not available at this time.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.

LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray... Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

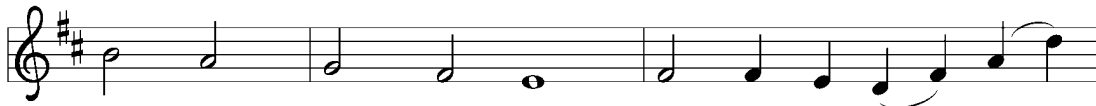
SENDING HYMN

ELW 434

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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Gathering Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Hymn of the Day: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Musical Offering: *More Love*

Music: Based on a Shaker Hymn, setting by Sid Davis

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Sending Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Other Music: *Gospel Acclamation; Holy; Lamb of God*

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications

Church Council

The council is our group of lay leaders who represent different ministry fields. They meet on the second Sunday of every month after worship in the Parish Hall. All church members can attend any council meeting. If you would like to get in touch with the council, contact the church's administrative assistant and she will help you.

President- Ted Steinke

Vice President- Jan Moody

Secretary- Linnea Castillo

Education/ Youth/ Activities- Carrie Enocksen

Evangelism/ Mission & Outreach- Anne Monson

Treasurer- Janis Farrow

Administration- Mark Buie

Worship- Mary Glenn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Pastor Veronika's Office Hours: By appointment.

Church Admin Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm

Serving in Worship Today: Usher – Mary Glenn; Lector – Ed Wolfgang; Assistant Minister – Jeff Lowry

Thanksgiving Collection: We collected canned and packaged food for the Mt. Olive Lutheran Food Pantry to distribute during Thanksgiving to those who may need an extra serving of grace this holiday season. Our last day of collection was today. **If you can help deliver the food to Mt. Olive on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 20, please contact Rachel in the church office.**

Sunday School: Join us for all-ages Sunday School **after worship today.** We will share a lunch and then make chrismons to hang on the tree in the sanctuary during Christmas. Chrismons are special Christmas tree ornaments that are gold and white and feature Christian imagery. They originated in North American Lutheran churches in 1957. Advent is right around the corner, so why not start preparing now for the coming of Christ?

Caring & Sharing: Next Sunday, **November 24 at 9:00 am** we will have Caring & Sharing- a time when everyone gets together to send birthday, anniversary, and get-well cards to members of the congregation and beyond.

Thanksgiving Potluck: Next Sunday, **November 24 at noon,** we will gather for a potluck lunch and Christmas cookie sale in the Parish Hall. Meat and protein will be provided. We ask every family who is able to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Return to Communion Cups: We will return to using individual communion cups during worship each Sunday, starting in Advent (December 1st). If you would like to receive communion in the pew, let an usher know and they will tell Pr. Veronika to administer you communion in your seat. We are also looking for volunteers to help with worship preparations and clean up. If you are able to volunteer, please let Rachel in the church office know.

Advent & Christmas Schedule:

- December 1- Advent begins
- December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:00 pm- Wednesday Advent Vespers and Soup Suppers (in partnership with Emanuel Lutheran Church)
- December 16 from 9am-noon- Gift wrapping at Cesar Chavez Learning Center
- December 21 at 6:00 pm- Las Posadas at Emanuel Lutheran Church
- December 22- Last Day to Order Poinsettias
- December 24 at 7:00 pm- Christmas Eve Worship Service
- December 29 at 10:30 am- Service of Lessons and Carols

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Visitation: If you or someone you know is in need of visitation from Pastor Veronika or one of our visitation team, please contact the church office at central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com or at 214-327-2222.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via phone (214-327-2222) or via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Irisz Gonda
 Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
 Linda Gourley
 Maribeth Kilday
 Charlene Zimmermann
 Ed Andrewson
 Robin Friedrich
 Jover Veraguas
 Byron Myrick
 Aba Desilus
 Gail Oehler
 Asher Parmley
 Proctor Family
 Sylvia Chadwick
 Elizabeth Cardenas
 Maggie Lund
 Karen Spitzer
 Elizabeth Brownsted

Relationship

Friend of Pastor Veronika
 Friends of Janis Farrow
 Sister of Julie Atkins
 Friend of Myke Riley
 Aunt of Jan Moody
 Friend of Anne Monson
 Friend of Mary Glenn
 Brother of Ruth Chambers
 Father of Alesia Pearson
 Friend of Victor Chacon Montero
 Friend of Beth Garcia
 Friend of Julie Atkins
 Friends of Julie Atkins
 Mother of Mary Glenn
 Daughter of Irene Hallmon
 Friend of Janet Rashbaum
 Mother of Kristy Hamlin
 Friend of Janis Farrow

Church Members

Don Smith	Yuvonne Muirhead
Mario Montejo	Lydia Landfair
Kris McDowell	Mary Swenson
Nancy Nulisch	Judy Christiansen
Carol Paschetag	Suzanne Schwenn
Paul Chambers	

Newly Married: Francisca Celina Gomez & Argenis Rios Arango