

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 13, 2022-9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

L: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #434 Jesus Shall Reign

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 "Glory to God in the Highest..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

C: without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Congregational Songs: *Open the Eyes of My Heart
Trading My Sorrows***

FIRST READING Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 21

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LUKE 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM – “Soon and Very Soon”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN#490 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

OFFERING –

MUSIC “Untitled Hymn”- Praise Team

OFFERTORY #186 “Create in me...”

LITANY FOR VETERANS' DAY (insert)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#437 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 141, Prayer for Preservation

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1, All for the Glory of God

Wednesday, Ezekiel 43:1-12, Glory Returns to the Temple

Thursday, Psalm 46, Be Still and Know

Friday, 1 Peter 1:3-9, A Living Hope

Saturday, Luke 18:15-17, Jesus Blesses Little Children

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." -- Luke 21:8

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

- What's your understanding of or vision of the coming "day of the Lord," the day of judgement? Does it concern you? Why or why not? (Mal 4:1)
- Today, I want to sing and make some joyful noise about... (Psa 98)
- When have you felt worn out or discouraged by "doing what is right?" (2 Thess 3:6)
- As a person of faith, how do you explain and respond to tragedies, natural and human-made disasters, wars and other troubling occurrences in the world? (Luke 21:5)

PRAY: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESS: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.