

The 2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Saturday – November 6, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – November 7, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed
10:30 am. Voters' Assembly



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151

PIn the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

Exhortation

LSB 290

PI will go to the altar of God,

Cto God my exceeding joy.

POur help is in the name of the Lord,

Cwho made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm 146

- P** ¹Praise the LORD!
- C** **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**
- P** ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** ³Put not your trust in princes,
- C** **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**
- P** ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
- C** **on that very day his plans perish.**
- P** ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- C** **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
- P** ⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
- C** **who keeps faith forever;**
- P** ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
- C** **who gives food to the hungry.**
- P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C** ⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**
- P** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- C** **the LORD loves the righteous.**
- P** ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
- C** **but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
- P** ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
- C** **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**
- ALL** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the people of God in all places where there is persecution for the name of Jesus, that they may have courage to share the word of life, the word of the cross and the word of the empty tomb, let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For those who persecute, that their hearts may be turned, and that they may come to the knowledge of salvation; to one day share with us in eternal life and in singing the praises of Jesus our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the easing of persecution, that the word of salvation may spread freely to all nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend Your Church O Lord in all times and in every place, in every need and every blessing. Extend Your kingdom among us in these days, O gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn "God of Our Fathers" (LW # 501)



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.
Tune: George W. Warren, 1828-1902

NATIONAL HYMN
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading: Revelation 6:9-11

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:1-3, 11-23

¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin every year.

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which 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, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And 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,”***

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places 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 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. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

Mark 13:1-13

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] 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 are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Sermon "Whose Plan and Timetable?" Mark 13:1-13

Stand

Creedal Hymn # 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Offertory Hymn # 781:1-2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive



All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Sit

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who continues to gather people for God from every tribe and people and nation and language; and will one day gather us before the throne to rejoice in life and share in eternity.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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

LSB 166

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 727 "On Eagles' Wings"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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