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Constant Presence

Chapter 13 of the Gospel of Mark is not an easy read (read the whole chapter sometime today). In today's gospel, at the beginning of the chapter, a disciple gushes over the size and grandeur of the temple in Jerusalem. He is impressed and enthusiastic. Jesus, however, openly mocks what the disciple has so praised.

A small group of disciples pleaded with Jesus for more information later that evening, and his message now seemed even bleaker. Jesus spoke about wars, famines, and social unrest that would disrupt everyone and everything. And that temple over which they had been fawning? Jesus knew that the massive stones of this towering monument to the Hebrew faith would be yet another helpless casualty if the Roman Empire got angry enough. He could give them no comfort, only a firm, unyielding truth: life was about to become a nightmare for everyone. If his disciples wished to make it through this time in one piece they needed to continue to remember his words and follow him.

Jesus warns against being led astray. This is what chaos does. This is what fear does. There is hardly a better way for evil to spread than through chaos. There is hardly a feeling more corrosive to all that is good and holy than fear. In the midst of chaos and fear, Jesus filled the disciples, and fills us, with the power of the Spirit. This Spirit-power helps us navigate the dangers and fears we will surely face in life. These threats, these rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines? They were not just back then. They are now, taking many forms. They are constant, unyielding. But mercifully, Jesus is yet even more constant and unyielding—in ages past right up to this moment. Thanks be to God.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

26th Sunday After Pentecost

November 18, 2018

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P The grace of eternal God, the holy and living One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you all.

G **And also with you.**

A Blessed be God,

G **and blessed be the kingdom, now and forever.**

P There is one Body and one Spirit;

G **there is one hope in God's call to us;**

A One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

G **One God of all.**

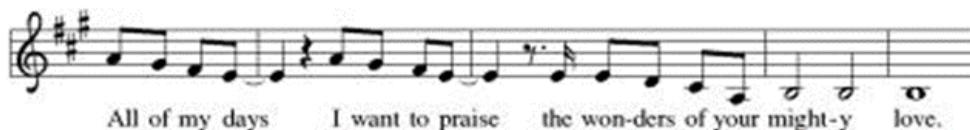
P Blessed be God who sustains and protects the Holy Church.

G **Blessed be God who guides and confirms us in faith. Amen. Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821



My com-fort, my shel-ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength;
 let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.
 Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise
 to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
 sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
 for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.
 Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray, 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. Amen

Sit

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

📖 A reading from **Daniel**:

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.”

📖 Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

🎵 **we give you thanks and praise.**

My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my
bod - y shall rest in hope.

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

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

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.** 🎵

⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶**My 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.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**

because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. 

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰**For 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 for-|evermore. 

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

 A reading from **Hebrews**:

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.

[¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also 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, 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

 Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

 **we give you thanks and praise.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness -
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty.
dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can
faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your
nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver
church is built, and the earth is filled with your



glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

▣ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

³When 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?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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.”

▣ The Gospel of the Lord.

▣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

▣ With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

▣ Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Grace Lutheran Church in Vassar, Middleville Wesleyan Journey Church; Minister of Music Cindy and*

Pastor Ken. Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mickolajczyks) Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks) and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for *Mary Jane Hayner, Delmer and Larry Hansen, Cameron Haddix, Ellie Clark, Karl Golnek, Nikki Haddix, Vicky Dame, Kim Vanderveen, Steadman home, Kalie Triick, Wes & Opal Gillons, Sue Walker, Tim Lowe, John Glasgow, Colleen Endsley, Wendy Eifler, and Dee DeField. Walter and Vickie Brown, Steve Lydy, Doug and Mary Gonsalas, George Ulrich Jr., Dave Bolton and all Veterans past and present.* Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

☞ Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

We Are An Offering

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . God of every generation, we offer you our songs of praise and thanksgiving.
C We bring you these tokens of our talents and our lives. Help us to use our gifts so that justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen

Sharing the Peace of God

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

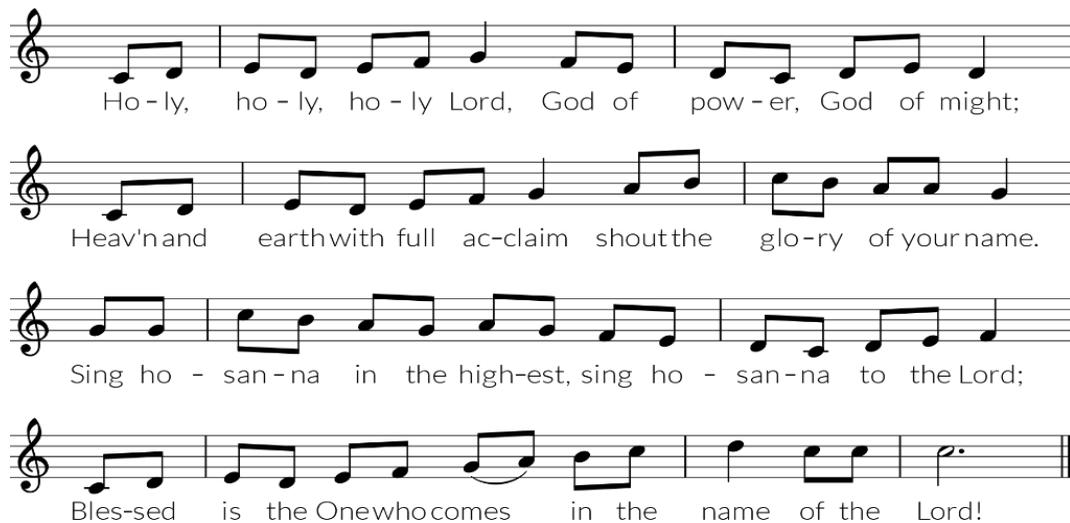
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord;
Bles-sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

☞ **You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.**

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☞ Remembering, therefore, Christ's life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

☞ **By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want.**

☞ By this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

☞ **Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

† **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

† If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

† If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

† **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

† A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

† If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Now We Remain

ELW 500

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

Prayer after Communion

Ⓐ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.

Ⓑ **By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregational announcements

Stand

Blessing

☐ God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you all, now and always.

☑ Amen.

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing. **In the weeks to come this will end and be replaced during Children's Time.***

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

Dismissal

▲ Surrounded by God's people of every time and place, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 18th	Services at 8:00 am and 10:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am MS & HS Youth Groups 6:00 pm Hastings Area Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00 pm
Monday, November 19th	LACS Rehearsal 6:15 pm
Thursday, November 22nd	Thanksgiving Day: Office Closed

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
Lector	Jack Vos	Jeanette Markwart
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Clyde Watson
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Deb Wilke
Children's Church		Tom, Emma & Hope Peck
Table Guild	Deb Wilke	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, November 25, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Vickey Argo
Lector	John Burdick	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Emma Peck
Usher	Kay Marsh & Dave Neeb	Mark Anton & Gary Golnek
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Lyle and Joyce Proksch	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church		
Table Guild	Deb Wilke	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 112 Weekly Giving: \$3,857.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum: This week Adult Forum will study the Accused King. Next week we will study Harvesting and Sowing in Matthew.

God's Creation Calendars are in. If you ordered, please find yours with your name on it, on the table in the fellowship area. There are a few extras still available...for \$5 each.

Hastings Area Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held here at Grace Lutheran Church this evening at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Choir rehearsals will begin Thursdays, beginning Nov. 29th at 7:15 pm. Choir will sing Dec. 9 and Christmas Eve. If you want to sing and Thursday evening rehearsals do not work for you, please talk to Cindy O. so that we can make other arrangements.

Prayer List: If you request prayers for someone on the weekly Participation Card, please inform the office if their status changes. We want to stay updated!

Cards for Homebound: Please sign up for sending cards out to our homebound on the sheet hanging on the side of the mailboxes.

Advent Services *Journey into the LIGHT* on three Wednesdays. December 5, 12 and 19 we gather for a meal and worship. The meal begins at 6:00 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm. If you cannot make the meal, please join us for worship. The first meal is breakfast provided by the Youth and Family Committee.

Holly Trolley December 8th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the Court House Lawn. We need people to make Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, lead singing for carols and set up and teardown at the courthouse, please sign up on the bulletin board. We hope that you can come and join in the festivities as we share the love of Jesus in this special way.

Barry County Cares: We received 2 thank you letters this week for contributions in the months of September and October totaling \$ 204.84! Your generous giving continues to help people in need all over our county.

Giving Tree will be coming soon beginning next Sunday. We are collecting hats, gloves, mittens, shoes, underwear, socks and other related items.