

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOV. 17, 2024



The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this trouble was coming, that his followers would be hated because of him. He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join in communion today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ HYMN - "OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING" LBW #559

▲ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...with you all. **And also with you.**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken)

Lord God, govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always keep in mind your Great Day of Judgment. **Stir us up to holiness of life and fervency of faith that we may live with you in the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

▲ LITANY Adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

We worship you dear LORD. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

▼ SPECIAL MUSIC - "BY HIS GRACE" - The Rutland Girls & Nora Zeigler

▲ **JEREMIAH 31:31-34** (p. 784 in pew Bible)

▲ **1 PETER 4:1-11** (p. 1205 in pew Bible)

▼ KCJAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ The Holy Gospel from the 8TH Chapter of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

▲ **JOHN 8:31-36** (p. 1063 in pew Bible)

▲ The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Sung)

▼ MESSAGE - WHAT'S IN A NAME?

▲ HYMN - "JESUS MESSIAH"

**He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing. *Chorus***

**His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing. *Chorus***

Chorus: **Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all.**

Bridge: **All our hope is in You All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God The Light of the world. *Chorus***

Ending: **Jesus Messiah Lord of all.**

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Heavenly Father, creator of all things, **we come before you today seeking your divine guidance and wisdom. We gather as a congregation and recognize the importance of this in our journey of faith. We ask for your divine wisdom to fill our hearts and minds.**

Help us understand the impact of stewardship on our spiritual lives, families, church, and our community. Lord Jesus, inspire a spirit of generosity, rooted in the love and grace you have poured upon us. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▲ 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

▲ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(If you prefer grape juice to the wine, please let the one serving you know.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG – “LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD” LBW #230

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE