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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Only a Holy God" CityAlight

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God**

**What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God**

Chorus:

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God (Chorus 2x)**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God Only my Holy God (Chorus 2x)**

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE *Psalm 16:11; Mark 13:13*

L: You make known to me the path of life;
C: in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

L: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
C: The one who endures to the end will be saved.

Silence for personal reflection and confession

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which **ONLY** You can change; and grant us grace to grow more and more in the likeness and image of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in whom our life is made clean and perfect. Have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: God's inspired word declares: "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin" (Heb 10:17). What we could never accomplish by our many sacrifices, Jesus accomplished by a single act: His death on the cross has cancelled out all our sin for all time. May our almighty and merciful Lord grant us faith to receive His perfect gift of pardon that we may live our daily lives in the peace of God; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C:** Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE "Every Move I Make" Sunday School Kids

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Jesus, Great High Priest of the Church, the fruit of sin has been blood and destruction, but You have saved us by blood—the blood of You shed upon the cross that has purchased our pardon and peace. Grant that no sin remain in us so that we may learn to walk in holiness all the days of our life and grow in grace until at last You deliver us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost is from the Prophet Daniel, the 12th chapter. (12:1–3)

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE to the Hebrews, chapter 10 (10:11–25)

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“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,”

then he adds,

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

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

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let 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. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Mark 13:13b*

**L: Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved.
C: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:1–13*

**L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” 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.”

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. 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.

“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. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. 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. 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. And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 702 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine,
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrows's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

SERMON “The Church is THE Progressive Party (in Christ!)”
Hebrews 10:11-25 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

We thank You, O Lord, our God and Father, for all Your goodness. We praise You especially for the everlasting covenant You have made with us through the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that every good work we do would be pleasing in Your sight for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Preserve Your Church throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for Your Son's glorious return. Lead us to proclaim with zeal His coming to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Bless all pastors and ministers, that they may preach the pure doctrine of God's saving Word, which will never pass away. Give faith to all who hear, that in Christ they may have the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Uphold all in authority, especially President Biden and Congress of the United States, Governor Pritzker, and legislature of our state, and all judges. Graciously enable them to lead according to Your will and for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We give You thanks, Holy Lord, for the fruits of the earth provided by Your hand. Supply the needs of all who grow, process and distribute our food, and move us to share these bountiful gifts with our neighbors in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Behold the sick and infirm, the dying and all in need [*especially _____*]. Grant them healing of body and patience to endure their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Bless those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

C: hear our prayer.

L: Grant these and all our petitions, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught and enables us to pray saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26*

L: 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: Amen.

HYMN No. 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

SENDING

L: Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.