

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

November 16 & 17, 2024

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Welcome

Welcome. The writer of Hebrews urges us to “not stop gathering together with other believers” but “encourage each other even more” (10:25, God’s Word Translation). So let us worship.

Prayer Before Worship

Jesus, as You predicted, wars and disasters abound. Help us to not be led astray but to trust in Your power and goodness. Amen. (Mark 13:5-8, 26).

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Candace Buck in memory of her father, Thomas Buck, who passed away 29 years ago.

Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit by Deborah Moro in memory of Mary, Clair, and George.

Theme: “Do Not Be Alarmed”



The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus’ teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. “When?” “What?” “How?” The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as “but the beginning of the birth pains” (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus’ time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our “hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” No merit of our own can prepare us “when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale, . . . in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way.” No matter what comes we are “clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand” (LSB 575/576).

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Our Worship to The Lord

Saturday Service – 4:00 PM

Liturgy – Page 203 – Holy Communion
Hymn #722 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
Hymn #700 “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

Sunday Service – 10:30 AM

Liturgy – Insert Baptism and Holy Communion
Hymn #722 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
Hymn #700 “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”