

Music Today

Terrie Sanchez w/ Song of Bethlehem Choir

**AS WE GATHER**

Like the disciples of old, we look around us and presume that our accomplishments will endure. But even now, they are falling, brick upon brick. There is no repairing a world that must be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. The urgent need is not to predict when these things will happen, but to endure when they do come. The world is in labor until God delivers His eternal kingdom, but you are not of the world. You belong to the Lord. Through your witness, the elect of many nations will be called by the Spirit through the preaching of the Word. The world will reject you, but you belong to God. He who endures in this faith to the end will be saved.

**Gathering Song                    *A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

**Welcome & Invocation**

**Opening Song                    Crown Him with Many Crowns LSB 525 (vv 1,2,4)**



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns,    The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son,    The God in - car - nate born,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life,    Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing    Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose,    Yet of that rose the stem, The  
His glo - ries now we sing,    Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Tune and text: Public domain

**Confession and Forgiveness    *Psalm 16:11; Mark 13:13***

Pastor:            You make known to me the path of life;  
**People:**            **in Your presence there is fullness of joy;**  
Pastor:            at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
**People:**            **The one who endures to the end will be saved.**

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

Pastor:            Let us confess our sins to God our Father:  
**People:**            **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: O almighty Lord, the fruit of sin has been blood and destruction, but You have saved us by blood—the blood of Your Son shed upon the cross. Grant that no sin remain in us and that we walk in holiness all the days of our life and with confidence in Your promise, until at last our Lord comes to 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.

**People: Amen.**

### **New Member Welcome**

#### **Announcement of the Day**

Pastor: This is the second-last Sunday of the Church Year, as the long green season of Pentecost comes to its close. In the service today, we are reminded that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. From Daniel, we hear that the wise in faith shall shine like stars in the darkness of unbelief. From Hebrews, we learn that the blood of Jesus has given us the right and confidence to enter into the holy place of God's presence. From Mark, we hear how Jesus points to the signs of destruction to come and the promise that he who endures to the end shall be saved.

**Reader**

*Jan Denney*

#### **First Reading**

*Daniel 12:1–3*

*(Those who are wise shall shine like stars.)*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 10:11–25*

*(A single sacrifice for sins)*

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>"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,"

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>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.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 13:1-13*

*(Signs will test your faith but the one who endures to the end will be saved.)*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup>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."

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

**Song of the Day                      Built On the Rock                      LSB 645 (vv 1,3,4)**

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

Tune and text: Public domain

**Sermon**

*Bloody Days*

*Pastor Aaron Boerst*

**Creed – Nicene Creed**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for**

**the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

**Pastor:** We pray to the Lord. That the Lord grant safety and blessing to His Church, that standing firm upon the ground of His promise and washed in the blood of our Savior, we would endure to the end in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would deliver us from an unjust government and unrighteous laws and provide for us elected and appointed civil servants who heed His Word, protect us from our enemies, and enable us to worship the Lord and serve our neighbor, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would open our eyes to the needs of the poor, advocate for the cause of life, preserve the aged and infirm, and be faithful witnesses to our children, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would deliver the sick from illness, the troubled from their afflictions, the dying from fear, and the grieving from sorrow, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would fill us with gratitude for all of His gifts, a spirit of generosity to support the poor, and a spirit of delight to return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would grant us hearts filled with faith and repentance, that receiving the holy body and blood of our Savior in this Holy Communion we would be strengthened and comforted both now and even to everlasting life; let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord would deliver us from persecution and error and that we, standing upon the firm ground of Christ's death and resurrection, would endure to the day of His coming when, with all those who have gone before, we shall be reunited, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Hear us on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

***Local concerns are added by congregational elder here.***

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

## Offering Now Thank We All Our God #895 (v1)

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours to day.

Text and tune: Public domain

### Presentation of Gifts

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. [*Psalm 145:15, James 1:17*]

**People:** Amen.

### Holy Communion

#### Preface

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**The Words of Our Lord** [*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*]

#### Proclamation of Christ

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. [*1 Cor. 11:26*]

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. [*Revelation 22:20*]

**Lord's Prayer** [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People:** 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.

#### Distribution

*In Christ Alone*

## My Hope is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

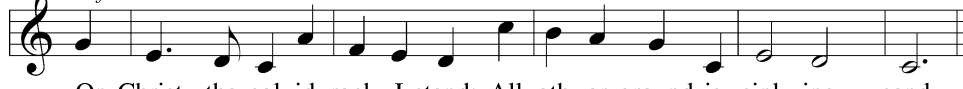


blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Tune and text: Public domain

## O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe LSB 666



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Tune and text: Public domain

**Benediction** [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song**                      **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**                      **LSB 660 (vv 1,3,4)**



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Tune and text: Public domain