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Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.*

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 2025

ELW SERVICE OF THE WORD Setting 1

Prelude – “Soli Deo Gloria” – setting, J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 596 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – pg. 213



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

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HYMN OF PRAISE – p.12 ACS “Glory To God...” (Congregation will sing all)



1 ;Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

;Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

;A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ;A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!

REFRAIN

;A - le - lu - ya! ;A - mén! ;A - le - lu - ya! ;A - mén! ;A - le - lu - ya! ;A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

John Armstrong, Worship Assistant

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

(Choir will sing the Refrain before and at the R)
(The Psalm will be sung alternatively, beginning with Choir)

Refrain: *Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom wonders belong;
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power, O sing to the Lord a new song!*

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
 with the harp and the | voice of song.
⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
 shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
 the world and those who | dwell therein.
⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 who comes to | judge the earth.
⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
 and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

John Armstrong, Worship Assistant

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 172) HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-

-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-

lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Pastor – The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Pastor Larry Kudart

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Larry Kudart

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 713 O GOD OF EVERY NATION

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Hear us, O God.

Cong – Your mercy is great.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong – Amen.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always!

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “O God Of Every Nation” – setting, Anne Krentz Organ

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY HYMN – (ELW 686) WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Cong – Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

Cong - Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 632 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

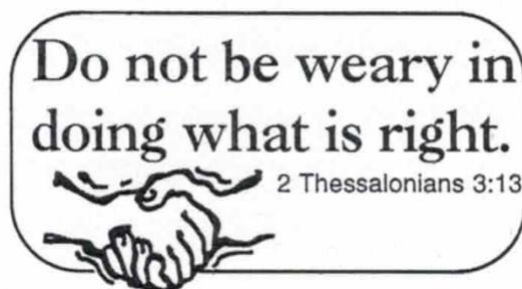
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Postlude– “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” – setting, Emily Maxson Porter

Pastor - Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School on: November 30, Thanksgiving weekend.

December 28, Christmas holiday

January 4, after the New Year

MEASURE OF LOVE – November 9, 2025

Attendance – 47

Total Deposit - \$3954.37

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

Choir – 9:00 a.m.

ELW Service of Word & Prayer Setting 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

Handbells – after Sunday School

MONDAY

Funeral for Bill Yorgen

Visitation – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service -11:00a.m.

Lunch – approx. 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study Coffee – 10:00 a.m.

November 16, 2025

THURSDAY

Al-Anon – 10:30 a.m.

Newsletter Deadline

FRIDAY

AA – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – Nov. 23, 2025

Choir – 9:00 a.m.

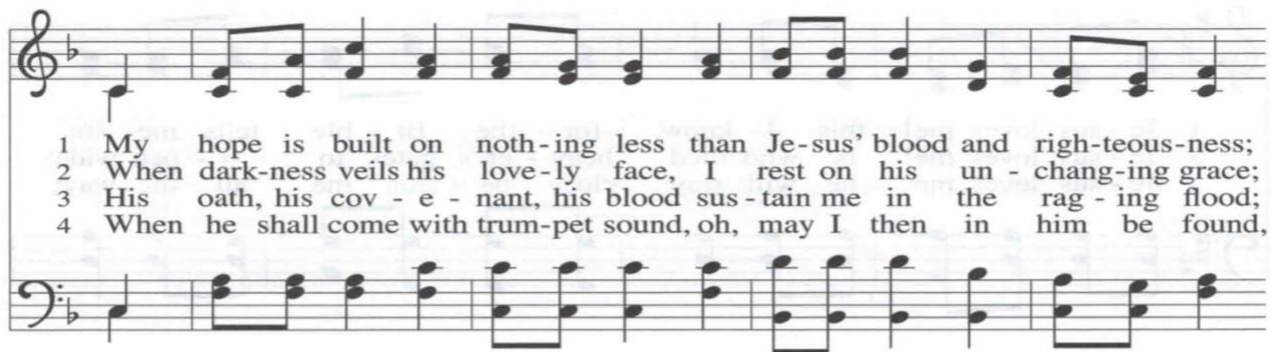
Holy Communion Setting 3 – 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class – 11:00 a.m.

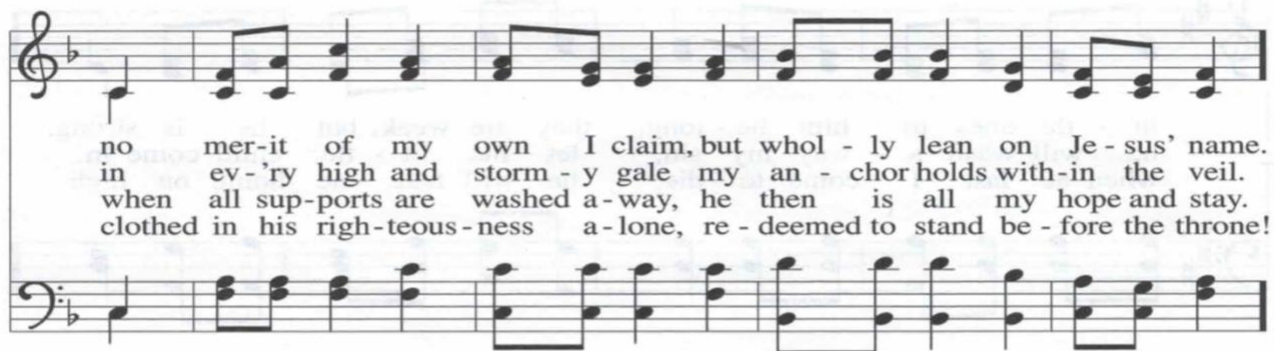
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Handbells – after Sunday School

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

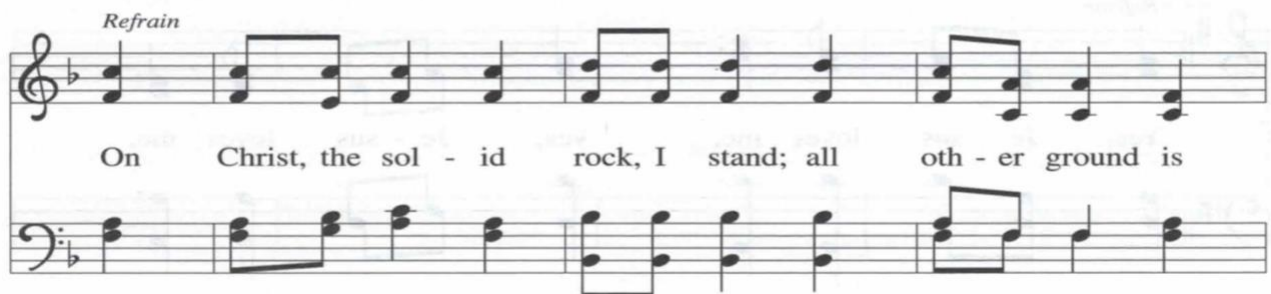


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

THE SOLID ROCK
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O God of Every Nation

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1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent.

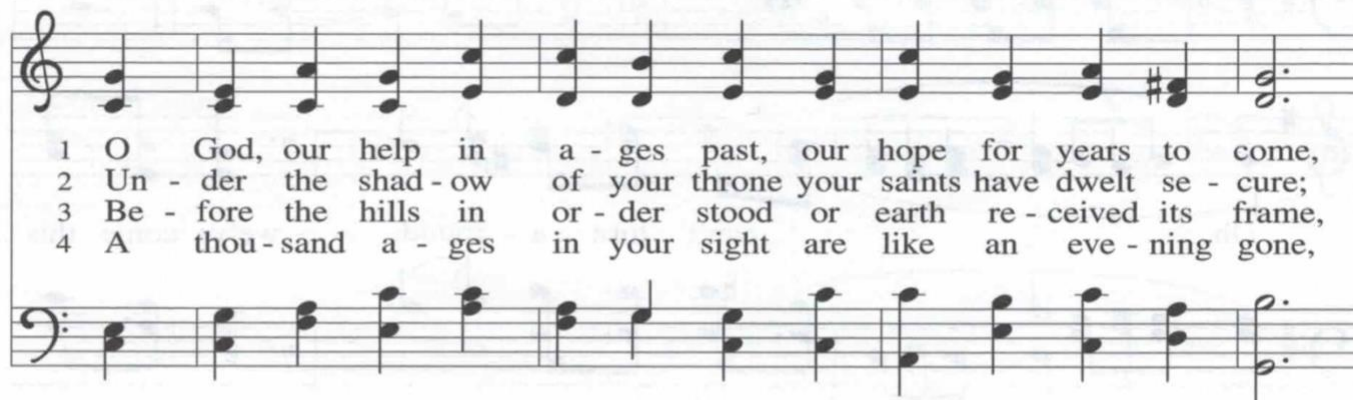
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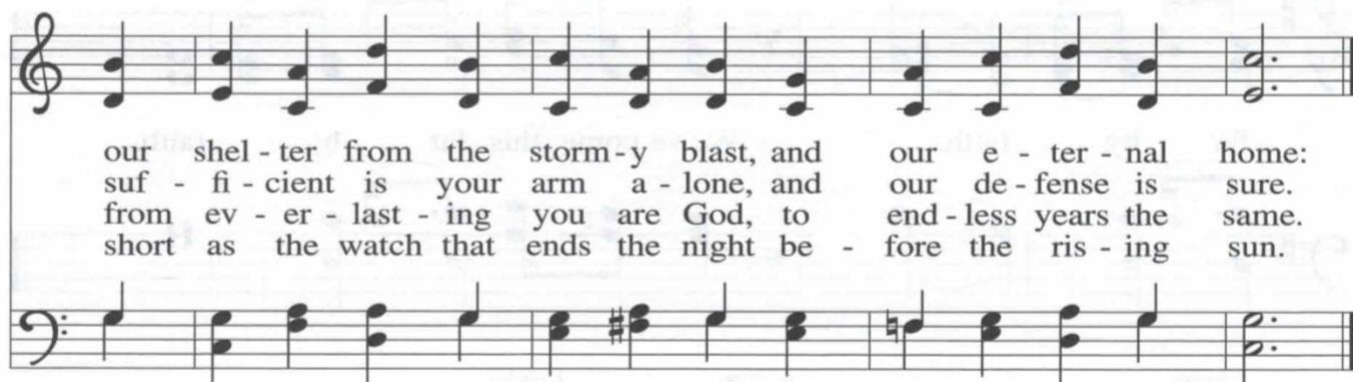
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: William Croft, 1678–1727

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