



BLESSED TO SHARE THE BLESSING IN THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

23rd Sunday after Pentecost 11/8



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Saturday 6 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 AM

Wednesday: 6 PM

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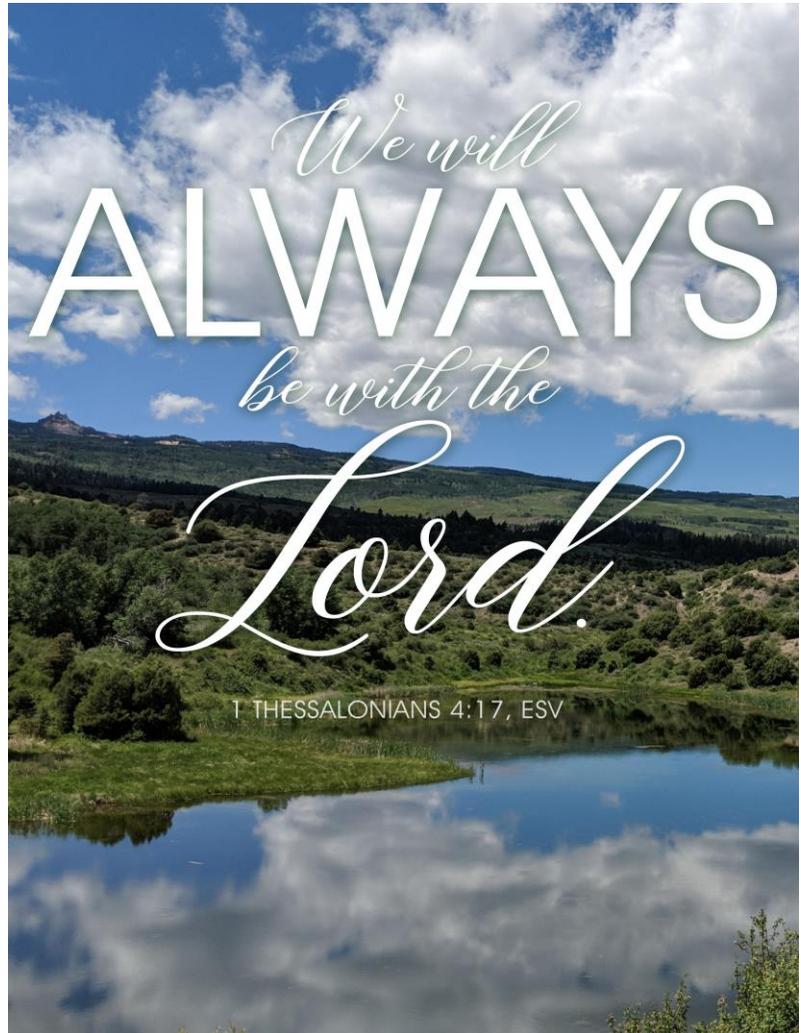
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Hymn of Invocation 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

Confession and Absolution *Setting 4 begins on page 203*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our

heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *Responsively Read*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God,*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

♪ **Kyrie** (*Lord*)

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis** (*Glory in the Highest*)

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
“I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70 *Responsively Read*

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who | seek my life!*

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who de- | sire my hurt!

Let them turn back because | of their shame*

who say, “A- | ha, Aha!”

May all who seek you

rejoice and be | glad in you!*

May those who love your salvation

say evermore, | “God is great!”

But I am poor and needy;

hasten to me, | O God!*

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do | not delay!

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

Hymn of the Day 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets Your people free!

Sermon

Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)
(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)

♩ **Offertory** (*Sing as the offering is brought forward*) **781 We Give Thee But Thine Own**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus (*Holy*)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

♪ Post Communion Canticle: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee 632

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee

My heartfelt thanks forever be,

Who hast so lovingly bestowed

On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:

What wealth is come to me this day!

My Savior dwells within my heart:

How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction (*We Bless & Blessing*)

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

Closing Hymn

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Announcements

Our Friends in need of prayer:

Judy Schuller	Donna Allen	Jim Wagner
James Huling	Dick Medley	Charles Schuller
Bruce Rispoli	Emil Mariani	Pat Dettmer
The grieving Brown family		

Pre - Service meditation:

Reading and meditating on the Psalm, the Introit, and the text the bulletin can be helpful in your pre-service meditation.

This Week at a Glance:

TODAY	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM, Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
MON	LWML meets @ 6:30 PM
WED	Bible study @ 5 PM & Worship @ 6PM (non communion)
FRI	Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM
SAT	Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM 10:30 AM Home Bodies Zoom Room Bible Study.
	Worship Service @ 6 PM
SUN	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Reading over and studying the text for the coming week can enrich your personal prayer and study time and your worship time. The text for Wednesday is Revelation 7:2-8 (9-17) and next weekend is Amos 5:18-24.

When it is again safe to resume choir practice, we will inform you.

Service Schedule: Until further notice

Saturday 6pm Communion service

Sunday 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM Communion

Wednesday 6 pm non-communion

In compliance with all current CDC, Guidelines:

- Social distancing remains in place
- Households that travel together may sit and commune together
- Sharing of the peace is replaced with a wave of peace
- Pews and other surfaces will be wiped down
after the closing hymn is over
- Offering & prayer request box is at the entrance and exit.
- The entry doors will be propped open,
- Take your bulletin with you or throw it away
- If you use a hymnal, please wipe it down
- We will all enter through the narthex and exit through the door on the left, next to the lectern, in the front of the sanctuary. When people are arriving for the next service, as necessary

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Please socialize outside.

Communion Practices

Common cup will be available

Standing at the rail 2 households at a time

(one on the lectern side and one on the pulpit side, no kneeling yet)

An elder will assist the pastor

Communion cup bowls on brass post will be used.

Communion blessing / dismissal will continue to be one after all commune.

Mask Guidance will remain in place as long as necessary.

1. Masks should be worn upon entering the narthex and before being seated in the sanctuary.
2. Since we are seated in accordance with the protocol for social distancing, the mask may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
3. Masks are to be worn as we proceed to and return from communion and can be removed once seated again.
4. At the end of the service, masks are to be put back on and worn until outside the building. However, if for any reason you are unable to wear a mask you are still welcome to join us for worship.

***A simple way to remember when to where a mask is :
when moving in doors, if you are able, you should have a mask on.***

If you wish to purchase altar flowers, please put your name on the altar flower chart in the narthex. The cost is \$40 for two tall vase bouquets, for any questions contact Rod or Jean Kuszynski.

Altar Flowers:
In celebration of
Dean and Gail Bidle's Wedding Anniversary