

**For we do not want
you to **GRIEVE**
like the rest of mankind
who have no **HOPE**.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Saints Triumphant Sunday

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign -
 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend
 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 you; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the A - men Sound from his

tem - ple draw near. Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 - might - y can do As with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): **Amen.**

P: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

C: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.**

P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: **they are ever praising you.**

P: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Confession of Sins

P: Heavenly Father, we run hard the race which you have marked out for us. Our eyes are fixed on Jesus, your perfect model for our faith. Yet we are easily distracted and hampered by severe strains in this life. Our sinful nature entangles and hinders us. Our thoughts, words and actions fall far short in showing love for you and those around us. Hear us as we confess our sins:

C: **Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

P: Be assured that our heavenly Father has heard your confession. Through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, he forgives you all your sins. In faith run with perseverance the race marked out for you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

God's Word

Old Testament Lesson--Isaiah 52:1-6

¹ Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.

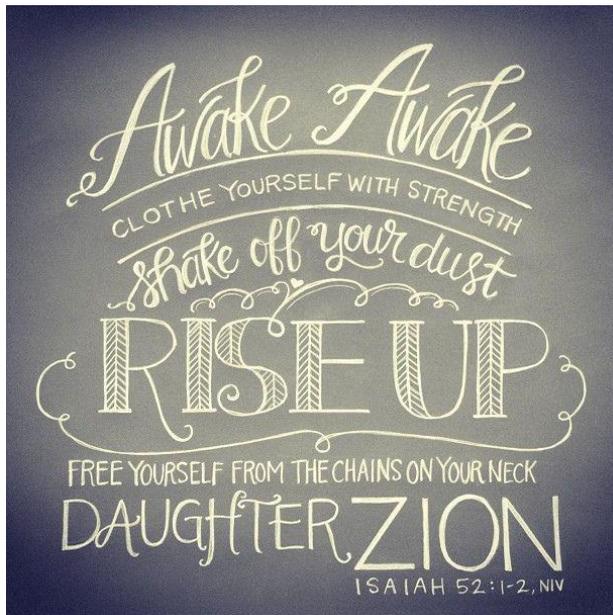
² Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive

³ For this is what the Lord says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴ For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the Lord. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed.

⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it.

Yes, it is I."



Soloist

"By Faith"

Words & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townsend Arranged & Orchestrated by Michael Lawrence ©2011 ThankYouMusic



Gospel—Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Sermon Hymn

"Behold, A Host Arrayed in White"



Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand snow - clad
De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how glo - rious
O bless - ed saints now take your rest; A thou - sand times you



moun - tains bright; With palms they stand. Who is this band Be -
they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band, God's
will be blessed For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death And



- fore the throne of light? These are the saints of
throne for - ev - er near. So oft in trou - bled
scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



glo - rious fame, Who from the great af - flic - tion came And
days gone by, In an - guish they would weep and sigh; At
home with God; You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad. Re -



in the flood Of Je - sus blood Are cleansed from guilt and
home a - bove The God of love For - e'er their tears shall
- joyce and bring Your fruits and sing Be - fore the throne of



blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place, Their
dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest, The
God. The myr - iad an - gels raise the song; O



voic - es they in wor - ship raise. Their an - thems swell Where
heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The Lamb their Lord, At
saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift up one voice; Let



God does dwell Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song.

Sermon Text--1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

An Informed Look at Death

The believer's hope.

The believer's future.

Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed (spoken together)

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

P: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

P: Encourage us by your gracious splendor. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

P: Your saints will triumph forever in a new heaven and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Commemoration

P: On this Saints Triumphant Day, we remember those of our congregation who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of his people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in his mercy God has summoned them to his presence that they may continue in joyful service to him forever. We especially remember this day:

Mary Mattie
Bob Wiemann
Toni Davis

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on,
for they will rest from their labors,
and their deeds will follow them.

Revelation 14:13

P: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts.

Silence

P: May their memory among us be blessed and may we follow their footsteps of faith to your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"There Is a Higher Throne"



There is a high-er throne than all this world has known, Where
And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne. We'll



faith-ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come. Be - fore the
hon - or him in per-fect song where we be - long. He'll wipe each



Son we'll stand, made fault - less through the Lamb; Be-
tear - stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die. The



- liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.



Hear heav-en's voic-es sing; their thund-'rous an-them rings. Through
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em-'rald courts and sap-phire skies their prais-es rise. All glo-ry,
em-'rald courts and sap-phire skies their prais-es rise. All glo-ry,



wis-dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon-or are to God our King who
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reigns on high for-ev-er - more.
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TOWN MEETING: Join us today, Sunday, November 15th, at 11:30a for COR's Town Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's Ministry. In addition to the presentation of our annual budget, topics of conversation include increasing the grades in our school from 5th to 7th Grade. A Call for a new teacher to teach Grades 4-7 (Ms. Nitz's Call was a one year Call) and take over as Principal (Mrs. Miller has asked to step down from this position). Adding Kindergarten back to the Preschool classroom and including Grades 1-3 in our middle classroom. Your thoughts and participation are appreciated.

COR Blessing Bags: These bags have been provided by the COR Women's Group for you to share with homeless or people in need. Take a few to have in your car. We pray they will be found a blessing and comfort.

Wildfire Cleanup: Do you love Colorado? Do you love Coloradans? Did it break your heart to hear about all of the wildfires? Are you looking for a chance to share the love of Jesus with those in need? We are hoping to be able to partner with WELS Christian Aid and Relief and other WELS Colorado congregations to see what assistance we can offer to those effected by the wildfires. Step one is to gauge the interest of our congregation. If you are interested in the possibility of helping with cleanup from the wildfires, sign up in the narthex or email Pastor Engelbrecht. If we have sufficient interest, more info will be on the way!

Christmas Mission Market: It's here! The COR Women Group's Annual Mission Market starts today! There are some very nice gifts for co-workers, family, or yourself! All donations/proceeds will be given to our 2020 Befriend A Mission Home Mission – stop by the table to read about the missions and to get a head start on Christmas shopping! Contact Sue Schmidt with any questions.

Thanksgiving Worship: Our Thanksgiving Worship-services will be held Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 7p and the same service will be repeated Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, at 9a. The service will also be broadcast online. Reserve a spot!

COR Outreach & Adult Discipleship Meeting: This Monday, November 16 at 7:30p here at COR. There is also a Zoom meeting for those to attend remotely – check your COR Update for directions.

LIVING NATIVITY: December 12th & 13th from 5-7p. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex if you can help with the Living Nativity. Please consider serving to share the Christmas Message to our community.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Martin Luther College has gifted us a number of Advent Devotions that focus on the Old Testament stories leading to the birth of Jesus; one for each day, December 1st – 25th. Please take some for you and your friends.

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and Advent Wednesdays at 7p

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**A warm welcome to our visitors.
May the Lord bless your worship
with us today.**

- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.christredeemer.church and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.