The background of the image is a watercolor-style wash. The top half is a light, airy blue, while the bottom half is a warm, textured orange. The colors blend into each other with soft, painterly edges, creating a serene and hopeful atmosphere.

*But the Lord is faithful.  
He will establish you  
and guard you  
against the evil one.*

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:3**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2022  
10:45 a.m.**

**The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in recognition of the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Merle and Joyce Aukamp and for Merle's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. God's continued blessings and loving care!**

## **As We Gather**

As the end of the Church Year draws near, God's Word holds before us the invitation to salvation, the end goal of the story we have been telling since Advent. There is coming a last day of divine judgment or deliverance. Judgment, either eternal separation for all who have rejected God's call to faith in Christ, or deliverance from that judgment for fellow sinners who have already been justified by their Baptism into Christ and faith in Him. There is no room for fear among those who already belong to Christ, even though the threatening perils of our sin and the attacks of the devil may shake our faith and hope. God has come to save us in His Son, born of Mary in Bethlehem—God's beloved Son empowered by the Holy Spirit. He is the perfect fulfillment of God's Law on our behalf, the one, spotless sacrifice by whose resurrection and ascension God's love is now ours through faith in Him.



**Ever Be** by Bobby Strand, Chris Greely, Gabriel Wilson, Kalley Heilgenthal

**Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old  
Your love is enduring through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today**

### **Pre-Chorus**

**Faithful You have been and faithful You will be  
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing**

### **Chorus**

**Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips Ever be on my lips  
(REPEAT)**

**You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness  
And Your strength becomes our own**

**You're making me like You  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride**

#### **Pre-Chorus**

**Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name and it's why I sing      Chorus**

#### **Bridge**

**You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
(REPEAT)**

## **Welcome and Invocation**

### **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:**      The Lord is faithful.

**People:**      **He establishes us and guards us against Satan.**

**Pastor:**      The Lord is steadfast.

**People:**      **He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.**

**Pastor:**      We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.

**People:**      **May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Pastor:**      In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People:** **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions.  
Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead  
us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness**

***Even So Come*** by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Jess Cates

**All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon**

**Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon**

**Chorus 1  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon Chorus**

**(Bridge)  
So we wait we wait for You God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You God we wait You're coming soon**

**Chorus 2  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
(Even so come Lord Jesus come)**

## Old Testament

## Malachi 4

<sup>1</sup> "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

## Epistle

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

## O Church, Arise

## Won by One

*O Church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness*

*Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations*

*Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from his grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him*

*So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory*

## **Holy Gospel**

## ***Luke 21:5–28***

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup>"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

## Nicene Creed



***He Will Hold Me Fast*** by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

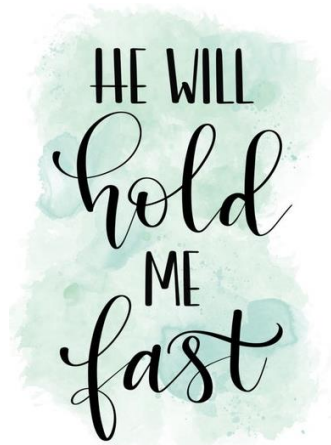
When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

**Chorus**

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast                      Chorus

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last                      Chorus





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***All to Us*** by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman, Matt Maher

**Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,  
You are faithful to the end.  
We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us.**

**Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,  
You are faithful to the end.  
We are waiting on You, Jesus.  
We believe You're all to us.**

**Chorus:**

**Let the glory of your name be the passion of the Church.  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.  
We believe You're all to us.**

**Only Son of God, sent from heaven,  
Hope and mercy at the cross.  
You are ev'rything, You're the promise.  
Jesus You are all to us. Chorus.**

**Bridge:**

**You're all to us, You're all to us  
You're all to us, yes, You are. (repeat)**

**When this passing world is over,  
we will see you face to face,  
and forever we will worship.  
Jesus, you are all to us, Jesus, you are all to us.  
You're all, You're ev'rything to us.**

**We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

## **Distribution Songs**

***Come To The Table*** by Ben Glover, Ben McDonald and Dave Frey

**We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in**

**Pre-Chorus  
Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us**

**Chorus  
(He said) come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
(Come to the table)**

**Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near Chorus**

**Bridge  
To the thief and to the doubter To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes All who've failed you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer All who've loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free All who follow all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down All the lost you have been found  
All who've been labeled right or wrong  
To ev'ryone who hears this song  
Chorus**

**Tag: Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table Come to the table  
Just sit down and rest awhile  
Just sit down and rest awhile Come to the table**

## ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)***

by Jason Ingam, Mike Weaver, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

**Great is Thy faithfulness**

**O God my Father**

**There is no shadow of turning with Thee**

**Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not**

**As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest**

**Sun moon and stars in their courses above**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love**

**Chorus 1**

**Beginning to end my life in Your hands**

**Great great is Your faithfulness**

**You never let go this one thing I know**

**Great great is Your faithfulness**

**(Oh, great, great is Your faithfulness)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth**

**Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide**

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow**

**Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside**

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

**Great is Thy faithfulness**

**Great is Thy faithfulness**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see**

**All I have needed Thy hand has provided**

**Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

## ***Defender*** by John-Paul Gentile, Rita Spring, Steffany Frizzell Gretzinger

**You go before I know**

**That You've even gone to win my war**

**You come back with the head of my enemy**

**You come back and You call it my victory**

**You go before I know**

**That You've even gone to win my war**

**Your love becomes my greatest defense**

**It leads me from the dry wilderness**

### **Pre-Chorus**

**All I did was praise  
All I did was worship  
All I did was bow down  
All I did was stay still**

### **Chorus**

**Hallelujah You have saved me  
So much better Your (this) way  
Hallelujah great Defender  
So much better Your (this) way**

**You know before I do  
Where my heart can seek to find Your truth  
Your mercy is the shade I'm living in  
You restore my faith and hope again**

### **Bridge**

**When I thought I lost me  
You knew where I left me  
You reintroduced me to Your love  
You picked up all my pieces  
Put me back together  
You are the defender of my heart   Chorus**

### **Ending**

**All I did was praise  
All I need to do is worship  
Lord I will just bow down  
I'm just gonna stay still**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

## **The Blessing**

## ***Good God Almighty (Radio)* by Ben Glover, David Crowder**

**Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me  
Praising Your Name no matter what comes**

**I can't count the times  
I've called Your name some broken night  
And You showed up and patched me up  
Like You do every time  
I get amnesia I forget that You keep coming around  
Yeah ain't no way You'll ever let me down**

### **Chorus**

**Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me  
Praising Your Name no matter what comes  
'Cause I know where I'd be  
Without Your mercy  
So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs**

### **Bridge 1**

**Tell me is He good (He's good)  
Tell me is He God (He's God)  
He is Good God Almighty**

**You say Your love goes on forever  
That Your mercy never stops  
So why would I assume  
You'd be somebody that You're not  
Like sun in the morning  
I know You're gonna be there every day  
So what on earth could make me be afraid    Chorus, Bridge 1**

### **Bridge**

**Praise Him in the morning  
Praise Him in the noon time  
Praise Him when the sun goes down  
Love Him in the morning  
Love Him in the noon time  
Love Him when the sun goes down    Chorus**

### **Bridge**

**Jesus in the morning  
Jesus in the noon time  
Jesus when the sun goes down  
Jesus in the morning  
Jesus in the noon time  
Jesus when the sun goes down**

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Elder on Duty:	Fred Hasstedt
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### **Communion**

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

### **Communion in the Pew**

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

### **Care Needed During Worship**

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

### **Nursery Available**

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.