

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17th, 2024

Portage Lake United Church

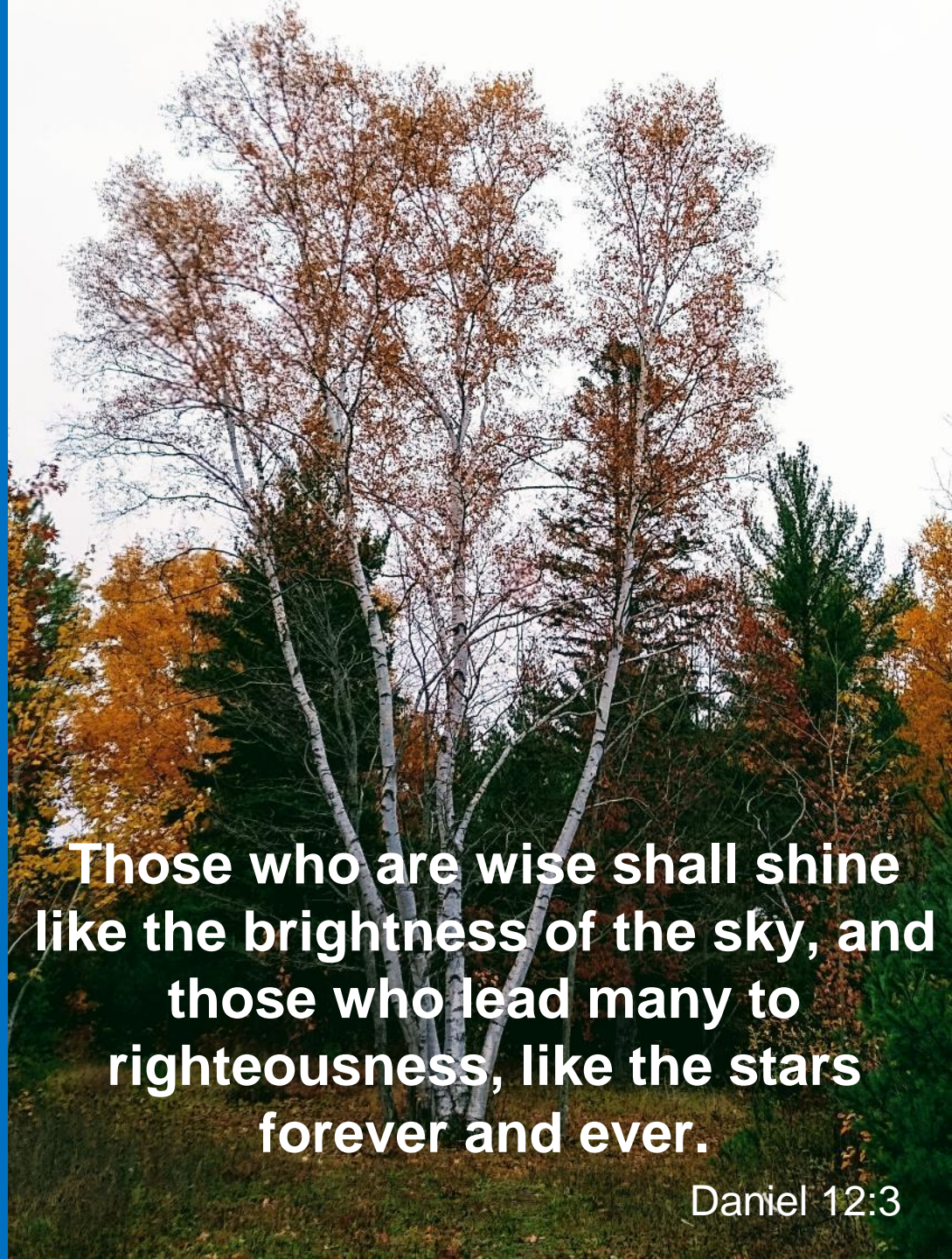


Lectionary Year B

Liturgical Color: Green
Proper 28(33)



Ann Campbell



**Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the sky, and
those who lead many to
righteousness, like the stars
forever and ever.**

Daniel 12:3

Welcome and Announcements

We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and mercy. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- #GivingTuesday with Cooper Shores CHF opened for donations on November 12 and runs through December 3. This is a wonderful opportunity to donate to Copper Country Angel Mission and have it amplified with a match by Cooper Shores. Just go to coppershores.org/giving-tuesday or find a link on the Angel Mission website, ccangelmission.org, and donate to Angel Mission and other charities.
- Lois requested that PLUC be given five children we could support for the Angel Tree Project. We were given a family of five children. We now have a list of each child's two Wants and two Needs. This information is available on the table in the lounge or was sent out over email. If you are able and willing to purchase one or two gifts on this list, please let Lois know.
- The Nominating Committee is looking for two people who would like to serve the church in the role of Elder. We are also looking for someone to become our Clerk. If you are interested in serving, please talk to Beth, Michelle, or Lou Ellyn.
- Consistory will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 PM
- Articles for the December newsletter are due by Friday, Nov. 22.
- We are looking for someone to provide coffee after worship next Sunday.
- Angel Mission needs: Whole pasta
- ***Are there any other announcements?***

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland
Musician: Susie Bykkonen
Greeter: Ann Campbell
Reader: Dianne Sprague
Prayer Writer: Jim Northey
Coffee: Ann Campbell, Biruta Lowther
Children's Church: Oliva Bykkonen



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MEDITATION

There is always opportunity for a new beginning in our relationship with God. Because God is infinite, unlimited possibilities for growth and starting anew exists.

(Rueben P. Job)

PRELUDE

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,

**Let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,

**let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**



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GOD

Lamentations 3:22-23

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923



1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,
creator of all that is and is to come,
you made the world and called it good.
We thank you and praise you,
for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation,
yet you promise to make all things whole
and live among us in joy and peace.
Keep us watchful for Christ's coming,
enliven our hope,
and support us through the birth pangs
of your new creation,
that we may welcome you with songs of praise.
Amen.



+ Prayer of Confession (unison)

You are the God of all people, O Lord,
the creator of all things good.

Forgive us when we fail to see the good.

Forgive us when we refuse to see the “all.”

We are searching for your presence
and grasping for your grace,
unable to believe
that we cannot be separated from your love.

Forgive us, God of mercy,
and through Christ our redeemer,
free us to try again.



PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.
By one spirit we were baptized into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.



WORD



*God speaks to us in
scripture, reading,
preaching and song*

Daniel 12:1-3

The Resurrection of the Dead

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**



Daniel
12th Century
Domkirche (Augsburg, Germany)

Hebrews 10:11-25 (11-17 shown here)

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. **12** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” **13** and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” **14** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. **15** And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

17 he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Hebrews 10:11-25 (18-25 shown here)

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, **20** by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us approach 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. **23** Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

292 As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of



God, as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

+ GOSPEL READING Mark 13:1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon

"In Loving Memory..."
Street Mural
Baltimore, MD



Offering

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

How can we thank you, O God,
for all that you have done?

You give us life; you give us hope;
you give us your very self.

Take our offerings—and our very selves—
that your will may be done in our church,
in our community, and throughout your wide
and beautiful world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Offering Hymn "Take My Life" #391 BLUE

LIFE IN CHRIST

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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

ECUMENICAL

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 for ever.
Amen.



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EPIPHANY

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

A D/A A E/A A D/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

A E/A D E/D C#m F#m

dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us;
to your ra - diance; by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness;
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m G Esus E

set us free by the truth you now bring us: Shine on me,
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness: Shine on me,
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry: Shine on me,

G Esus E A *Refrain* E/A D Bm A/C#

shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this

Bm/D B7/D# Esus E Esus E A E/A D Bm A/C#

land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry. Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm/D Bm G Esus E A E/A D Bm A/C# Bm/D B7/D#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

E A E/A D Bm A/C# Bm/D E7 A

grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CHARGE

Hold fast to hope, for God is faithful.
Provoke one another to love and good deeds
while you wait and watch
for the coming of Christ's reign.

BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One God, Mother of us all,
be with you this day and forevermore.



Postlude

Question for Reflection

How do you profess your faith in God's coming reign of justice and peace, even in the face of our troubled world?

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

Psalm 16:11

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Rooted in the Trinity. Growing in God's Word.
Branching out to those in need. Nourished by many waters.

Visio Divina

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