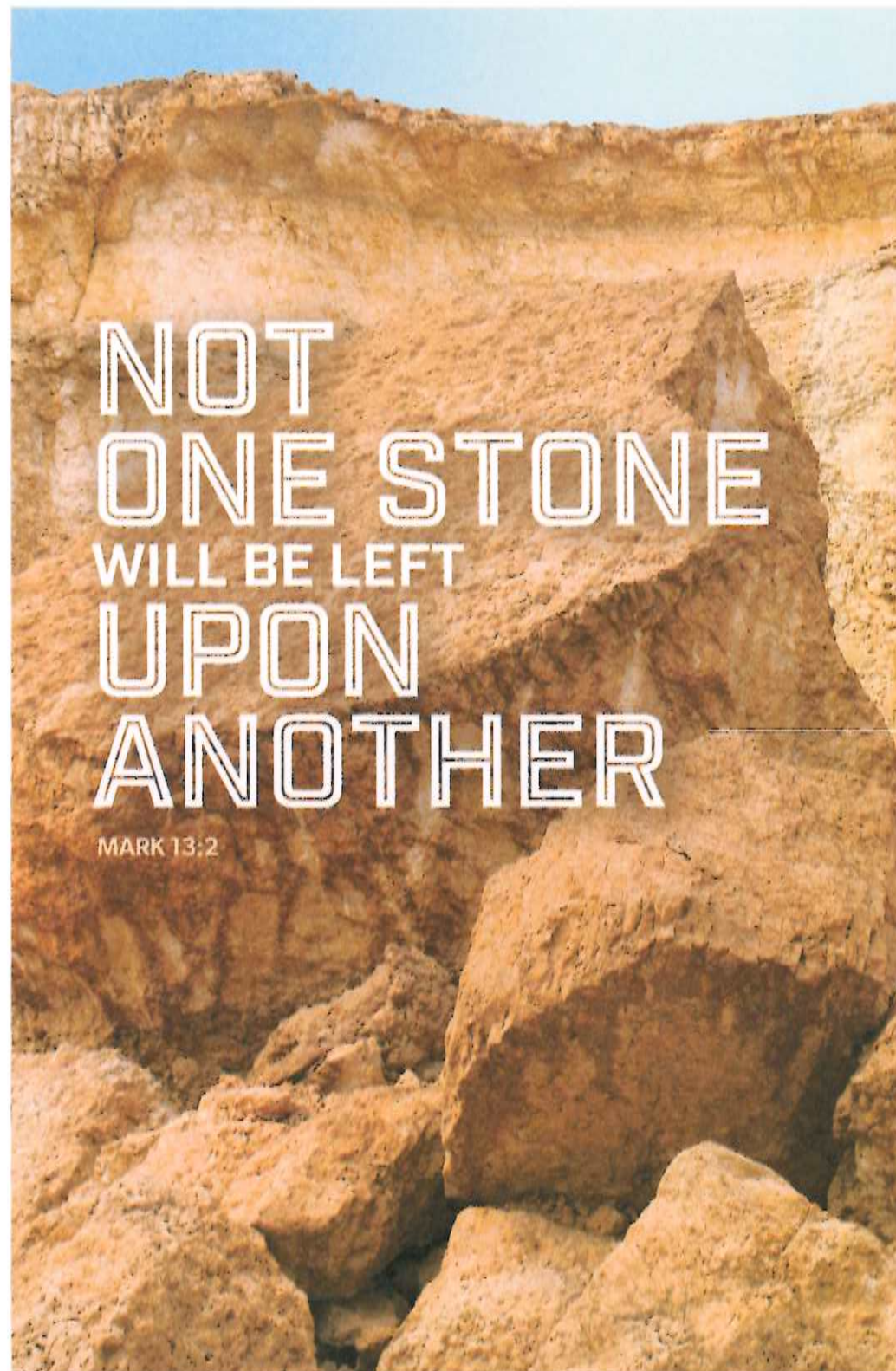


Holy Presence

In Jesus' day the temple in Jerusalem loomed large, both as a central physical structure in the city and as a powerful symbol of God's presence among the people. It was a major part of Jewish religious life of the time, and the location where it stood remains important for many people today. The disciples would certainly have found it unsettling to listen to Jesus forecast the temple's destruction. Would it really fall? How could such an important place ever be lost?

We often look to buildings, institutions, and societal structures for stability. But even our surest foundations can fail, and often do. Jesus reminds us that though stability comes and goes, we are not alone amid the changes. When the world comes apart at the seams, when we don't know what will happen next, God accompanies us through it all. Though wars continue, though death is near, Jesus responds, "Do not be alarmed." We are not alone! Through all the endings and beginnings of our shared human life, God goes with us.

When God gathers us around the font for baptism, we are reminded of how Divine Presence has been with people throughout the ages. The words often shared as water is poured into the font recall scenes from the great flood, the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea, and John baptizing Jesus. God has shown up, again and again! These promises of God's presence are still for us, every day that we live. Whenever we find ourselves interacting with water, we have the chance to be reminded that God has claimed us as beloved, and still carries us through life's hard moments. How might you remember your baptism today? Where is God's presence most important for you?



Millcreek Lutheran Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024

Welcome, friends in Christ! We appreciate your presence here today. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us – knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book, fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and introduce yourself to Pastor Scott as you leave. We're glad you are here!

Prayer: Gracious God our Father, who restores us in righteousness by the death of your Son: Accept our devotion to Christ our Savior as our desire to be forgiven, that his death may reconcile us with you. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation

For he alone is worthy...Christ the Lord

We'll give him all the glory...Christ the Lord

Oh, Come, let us adore him...Christ the Lord

*Confessions & Forgiveness: Page 56

*Opening Hymn: No. 241 LBW (green), *We Praise You, O God*

*Greetings: Page 57, line 5

*The Kyrie: Pages 57 & 58, line 6

*Hymn of Praise: Pages 58 & 59, line 7

*Prayer of the Day: On the lesson insert (read in unison)

Children's Sermon

The First Reading

The Psalmody: On the lesson insert (read responsively)

The Second Reading: On lesson insert

*The Alleluia Verse: Page 62, line 14

* The Gospel

*Responses: Page 63, lines 15 & 16

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: No. 320 LBW (green),

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Page 121

Senior Choir Anthem: *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

*The Prayer: Page 76

*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43

*Departing Hymn: No. 381 NCH (red), *It is Well, with My Soul*

Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated

Postlude

***Please stand**

When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men and women across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith.

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

Elizabeth, a Hungarian princess, gave large sums of money, including her dowry, for relief of the poor and sick. She founded hospitals, cared for orphans, and used the royal food supplies to feed the hungry. Her generosity and charity did not earn her friends within the royal court. At the death of her husband, she was driven out. She joined a Franciscan order and continued her charitable work. She founded two hospitals, and many more are named for her. Her lifetime of charity is particularly remarkable when one remembers that she died at the age of twenty-four.

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we receive Brayce Michael Miller into our spiritual family today. Brayce is the son of Stephen Miller and Stormy Rother.

The altar floral arrangement is given to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Brayce Miller.

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Chris, love Mom.



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

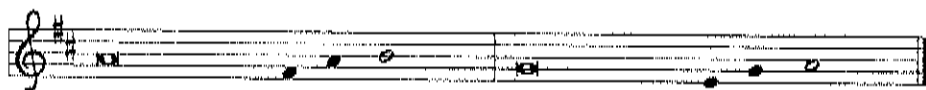
Daniel 12:1-3

"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. ²Many of those who sleep in

the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Psalms

Psalm 16; tone 1



Protect me, O God,
for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD,
"You are my LORD,
my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly
that are in the land,
upon those who are noble
among the people.

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings
to such gods,
never take their names
up on my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion
and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries
enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD
who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me
night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD
always before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me
to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence
there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

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

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these,

there is no longer any offering for sin.]

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

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

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

³When 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?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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."

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We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 And with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We 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, all.
 Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727

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It Is Well With My Soul 381

Horatio G. Spafford

Philip P. Bliss

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin, O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin not in
 4. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

Refrain

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul,



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Our Mission

Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and our selves.

Sunday November 17, 2024

Serving You This Morning:

Pastor,	The Rev. Scott J. Paradise
Lay Leader,	Susan Long
Organist, Pianist,	Debra Tice
Lay Reader,	Linda Shectz
Ushers, Audio,	Frank Hoffman and Scott Johnson

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

OPERATON CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who participated in the Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child project. We collected a total of 53 shoeboxes this year. However you helped with the support of this project, either by filling a shoebox, a monetary contribution or your continued prayers for this project a **BIG THANK YOU!!!** Lisa & Pat

You're invited to our **PIZZA PARTY**. Join us for a fun-filled event with pizza, games, and a community service craft for local nursing homes! Sunday November 17th from 1-3 pm at Millcreek Lutheran Church, 221 N. Sheridan Rd., Newmanstown. RSVP to mlckidsclub@gmail.com or 717-228-8857 by Friday November 15th. Flyers concerning this event are available to pick up from the table in the narthex.

The Congregation Council approved inviting our church family to participate in the **ELCO School District's annual Holiday Program** to help families in need in the ELCO School District. We will collect at church on Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, November 17. Here's how you can help:

- Donate Dutchway gift cards (\$25 increments, please)
- Donate Target gift cards (\$25 increments, please)
- Donate money (any amount)

If you have questions, please check with any member of the Congregation Council. We appreciate your generosity!

The Reverend Stacy Chavis announced her resignation as pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church, effective October 24, 2024. In her letter to the congregation, she expressed gratitude for the privilege of serving the congregation, witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence in moments of baptism, confirmation, and welcoming new members. Despite her joy in ministry, she discerned that stepping away is essential for her wellbeing and the congregation's future. The bishop's office worked directly with the congregation to create a transition plan and appointed The Reverend Lois Van Orden as the intentional interim pastor starting Sunday, November 17.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

We will share in the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** Sunday November 24th celebrating the Festival, Christ the King.

TREASURER'S REPORT: November 10, 2024, Current Offerings-\$1,140.00, Plate-53.00, Coffee-10.00. **Total-\$1,203.00.**

Attendance-79, Sunday School-26

ADVENT DECORATING will take place on Sunday, November 24, 2024 after the worship service as we pre-decorate the church in preparation for the First Sunday in Advent and the rest of the Advent season. Please speak to Stephanie Gahres 610-507-0081, if you would like to get more information and to volunteer for this Millcreek tradition.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: The Sunday School students are once again collecting Christmas cards to include in “goody bags” for MLC members who are physically unable to attend worship. The individual list will be on the table next to the bags. **Individual bags for each member will be set up in the narthex starting November 17th. Please deposit cards before the church service on December 15th (deadline),** so that they can be ready for delivery after church. We would also appreciate any **volunteers who would be willing to make deliveries** to these members after December 15th. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table. Please contact Nicole Johnson (blouch1986@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thank you., Nicole Johnson

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

***THANK YOU:** Thank you so much for the lovely cards and notes sent in honor of my father's passing... But thank you for all the cards and notes sent and prayerful support you gave to my father over these past four years he was at Cornwall Manor. When I would visit, we would read each one together and he would smile and feel your love. So, thank you for not forgetting him and keeping him close. As incredible as his life was, nothing meant more to him than my mom, me and the MLC Community. Sincerely, Britt and John Saitta*

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Lorraine Eberly, 118 Memorial Blvd., Newmanstown, PA 17073

IF YOU ASKED FOR A MILLCREEK MEMBER TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH SECRETARY WHEN OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED SO SHE CAN KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT.

MILLCREEK MEMBERS PRAYER LIST: Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Pottceiger, Norm Sharp, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBER REQUESTS ARE LISTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TO BE INCLUDED, YOU MAY CONTACT LINDA EACH WEEK WITH YOUR REQUESTS BY NOON ON THURSDAY. secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call 610-589-2570

NON-MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Mike Nelson, (friend of Kristin Bender)

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 21st • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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