

# Confidence Amidst Chaos

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The 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 28b)  
18 November, A.D. 2018  
Dan 12.1-3; Heb 10.11-25; Mk 13.1-13

## Pre-Service Introduction

Talking about difficult things...

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*Both* technological progress...

Powered Flight  
Polio  
Life-Expectancy

*And* a great darkness...

Marriage  
Community and Mental Health  
Individual Freedom

## I. Living in the End Times

Should Christians be surprised by challenges?

### A. Challenges

1. False \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk 13.6)
2. Wars and rumors of \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk 13.7)
3. Earthquakes and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk 13.8)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians (Mk 13.8)

## **B. The Call**

**1. On Guard.** “Be on your guard” (Mk 13.8)

**2. Endure.** “The one who endures to the end will be saved” (Mk 13.13)

## **II. Armed with Faith**

### **1. Christ paid the price for us**

Hebrews 10:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

### **2. Forgiveness is liberating**

Hebrews 10:15–18 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, [Jer 31] <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup> then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

### **3. An Example of Repentant Living**

## **Conclusion**

CCT: The crucified and risen Christ gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to enter our holy places of service.



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Each month, the brewmaster at BrewFinity Brewery will tell us about a new beer, which we will be able to sample. Afterward, our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. We will then eat and chat amongst ourselves.



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**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

*What Makes a Man*

*(And Why Women Need to Know)*

Presenter: Rev. Lance O'Donnell, Oconomowoc, WI

5:00: Brewmaster – 5:30: Presentation -- 6:15: Food & Fellowship

If you know you're coming (to plan for food), contact Rev. Lance O'Donnell [podonnell@splco.org](mailto:podonnell@splco.org) or 262-567-5001.

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**TIME:** 4:30 – 7:30 pm

**COST:** Free will offering  
*Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip*

*Parents will need to supply snacks*

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and let her know if you plan to come.