



# The Last Judgment

*Lord, Prepare Us for Your Return as Judge*

November 8 & 11, 2018



**In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome!** We pray that within our church you will find the quiet assurance of God's presence, the warmth of Christian fellowship, and the abiding truth of God's Word. Come worship with us again!

#### **FOR VISITORS**

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#### **FOR THOSE ATTENDING WORSHIP**

- **Contact:** Our pastors and principal are here to serve you. Contact information is provided below.
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- Please be considerate of people who are meditating in the sanctuary before the service begins.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Preaching .....	Pastor Rober Wilke
Presiding .....	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Organist.....	Rachel Grambsch
Ushers (8:00) .....	Randy Koehn, Harold Schaefer, Jadon Schwartz, Joe Grambsch, Ben Grambsch, Josiah Schwartz, Jim Stadler
Ushers (10:30) .....	Tom Schultz, George Decker, Aaron Larson, James Kopfer, Dayne Kopfer, Brandon Lee, Brian Vierck
Greeters (8:00).....	Dale & Joyce Gajdosik
Greeters (10:30).....	Bev Herold and Nicole Henning
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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OPENING HYMN

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* | CW 207

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

### CONFESSON OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

### ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will!

C: Amen.

### HOLY BAPTISM | 10:30

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-3 | NIV

**S**urely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>3</sup>Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

CW | Psalm 90

*Refrain*

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

*Psalm tone*

\*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place\*  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day  
that has just gone by,\*  
or like a watch in the night.

*Refrain*

You have set our iniquities before you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.\*  
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—  
or eighty, if we have the strength;\*  
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,\*  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

*Refrain*

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,\*  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28 | NIV

**F**or Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.<sup>25</sup> Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.<sup>26</sup> Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.<sup>27</sup> Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,<sup>28</sup>so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL

John 5:19-30 | NIV

**J**esus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.<sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.<sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,<sup>23</sup>that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

<sup>24</sup> "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup> Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup>"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. <sup>30</sup> By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A musical score in G major, common time. It consists of two staves. The top staff starts with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The bottom staff starts with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Praise be to you, O Christ!' are written below the notes.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | CW 382

## SERMON

*Get Ready to Go Home* | John 5:24

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

M: Accept our offerings today as an expression of repentant hearts, whose greatest treasure is your gospel. Gracious Lord, grant us your Holy Spirit that every aspect of our lives be an acceptable offering to you.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.
- C: **Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**
- M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.
- C: **If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.**
- M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.
- C: **Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**
- M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.
- C: **Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**
- M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.
- C: **Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**
- M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.
- C: **Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- C: **Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C: **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.**

## HYMN

*Who Knows When Death | CW 210*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning* | CW 209



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