

Saints Triumphant

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OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES Psalm 84 is a song of peace, sounding very much like David (though we don't know for sure who the author was) when he had time to contemplate. He loved to think about his relationship with God, and this is evident throughout these words. Today is our remembrance of our loved ones who have gone ahead of us on the road into eternity. Maybe they took an "early exit." Maybe they had lived a full life and they were completely ready for the change. But each of them knew that their destination wasn't just heaven but to live with God. He is our goal in life, and his grace will get us there.

Participation in the Lord's Supper is a privilege Jesus extends to persons who adhere to his Word and have publicly confessed their oneness in the faith. This biblical teaching is the basis for our practice of "close communion" at Our Savior. Members of other WELS or ELS congregations are invited to commune with us. Other guests are asked to speak with the pastor if they wish to commune.



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"For All Your Saints, O Lord" (p.8)

CW, #555:1-3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Since we are assembled to hear God's Word and call upon him in prayer, let us think of our unworthiness. Let us confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and action. Let us acknowledge that we cannot earn his forgiveness or by our own strength set ourselves free from our sinful human nature.

Silent Self-Examination and Confession

P: O God our Father, you have set forth for us the way of life in your Son Jesus. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to carry the cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P: Forgive us for our neglect of your Word, for our unwillingness to serve you wholeheartedly, and for our careless stewardship of your gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

P: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, grudging in forgiveness, slow to encourage others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: “Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us pure hearts, O God; restore to us the joy of your salvation.” (from Psalm 51)

P: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A PRAYER-SONG OF THE FORGIVEN

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

(p.9)

CW, #272

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 52:1-10

The prophet foretells the return of God’s captive people to Jerusalem and the rejoicing that God’s promise fulfilled will mean. This becomes for us an illustration of the joy God’s people will experience when our Savior returns to take us to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive. For this is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.” For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. “And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.” How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

RESPONSE HYMN

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

(p.8)

CW, #555:4

THE GOSPEL LESSON**MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Jesus' parable of the Ten Virgins teaches us to be prepared and watchful for his return.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Around The Throne A Glorious Band”

(p. 10)

CW, #549:1-4

SERMON**PSALM 84**

“Let God be our Destination”

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CW, p. 31

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYERS

- P: We come before you, Father, at your invitation, grateful for your love and promises.
- C: Hear us for the sake of Jesus, and give us hearts of compassion like yours.**
- P: We thank you for your grace in taking home our loved ones who have died in faith.
- C: Help us to emulate their faithfulness and anticipate your return.**
- P: We pray for those who serve our country, in the military and in government.
- C: Place your protecting hand over all in danger and guide those in doubt.**
- P: We pray for missionaries, for persecuted Christians, and for those who are searching.
- C: Bless the proclamation of your Gospel with the Spirit of truth and comfort.**
- P: Hear us now as we place before you the people and needs on our hearts.
(first, those for whom prayers are requested; then, each worshiper in silent prayer)
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus Sinners Does Receive" (p. 11)

CW, #304

SERVICE CONTINUES

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Around The Throne A Glorious Band”

(p. 10)

CW, #549:5



SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For All Your Saints, O Lord

1 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, With you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this your name we bless And hum-bly pray a - new

Who fol-lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, Our grate-ful hymn re - ceive.
 Who count-ed you their great re - ward, Ac - cept our thank-ful cry.
 Learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath To suf - fer and to do.
 That we like them in ho - li - ness May live and die in you.

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Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it

with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your

sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Around the Throne, a Glorious Band

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1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The saints in
 2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They bore the
 3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And sing the
 4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through end - less

count - less num - bers stand, Of ev - 'ry tongue, re -
 cross, de - spised the shame. From all their la - bors
 tri - umphs of his grace. Each day and night they
 years to live and reign; You have re - deemed us

deemed to God, Ar - rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.
 now they rest In God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.
 sing his praise, To him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise;
 by your blood And made us kings and priests to God."

- 5 Oh, may we tread the sacred road
 That saints and holy martyrs trod,
 Wage to the end the glorious strife,
 And win, like them, a crown of life.

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

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1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this say - ing pon - der
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace re - veal - ing,
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord for - sak - en;
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his in - vi - ta - tion.

Who in sin's de - lu - sions live And from God and heav - en wan - der.
 Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim; Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing
 Wea - ry souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en
 Come, o - bey his gra - cious call; Come and take his free sal - va - tion!

Here is hope for all who grieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 Who with hum - ble hearts be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 In his arms that they may live — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 Firm - ly in these words be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

5 I, a sinner, come to you
 With a penitent confession.
 Savior, show me mercy, too;
 Grant for all my sins remission.
 Let these words my soul relieve —
 Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe —
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave —
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Intro: How do we perceive heaven? Is it going to be like one long church service? Or is there something more that evokes a deep desire to be there?

Let God be our Destination

1. We Learn to Long for Him (84:1-4)

- 1.1 From deep within we want to see him.
- 1.2 We desire to live in his “sanctuary (protection).”
- 1.3 We recognize our blessing to be His.

APP: Have we ever been jealous of a bird’s life? Maybe we should... as the Psalmist says.

2. We are still Traveling to Him. (84:5-9)

- 2.1 It is worship that fulfills and rejuvenates us.
- 2.2 When it gets “dry” in our life is when we most need the Spirit.
- 2.3 The saints who are already there had to travel the same hard road in life.

APP: A big part of the travel must be in prayer for the Father to be our shield and safety.

3. We will one day Live with Him. (84:10-12)

- 3.1 We do well to consider the lowest volunteer position in the temple.
- 3.2 All the grace and good things in life come from Him.
- 3.3 When we get to where God really lives, we get to blossom into his glory.

App: If only we could have a visit from our loved one to tell us what it is like? Jesus told the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus to help us differentiate

Conclusion: We already have the promise and they already have the destination. We simply need to keep our spiritual GPS on target (HIM) and we will surely get there.



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

As the Church Year ends, Advent becomes the "turn" of the story – after so, so long and so much waiting, our hero comes. It is a season among believers that awakens our kingdom imagination as we intentionally long for his arrival with those who had been waiting. With him come the most elusive of human desires: hope, peace, purpose. In the fulness of time the Creator himself, the Author, steps into the story and takes over the lead role.

Hampered by our own limitations of time and space, we watch as the one who sets everything into motion begins to "walk among us."

Advent Study

Fellowship Hall, between services in December



- STRENGTH FOR THE BATTLES
- VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST



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Please Join Us for



*Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm,
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th at 9:30am
No Thursday evening service*

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/15)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (11/22)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Ezekiel 34:11-16,23,24
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Gospel	Matthew 27:27-31
Psalm	Psalm 47

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT
Service Theme

PASTOR

Mark Wagner

ORGANIST

Robert Klug

HYMNS

555:1-3, 272, 555:4,
549:1-4, 304, 549:5

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 52:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 25:1-13

THE SERMON:

Psalm 84

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