

Saints Triumphant

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I will not die but live, and will proclaim what
the LORD has done. Psalm 118:17

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TODAY'S FOCUS: As we approach the end of all things and the great Day of Judgment, we want to make sure we have it all straight; the readings for this Sunday help us prepare by their careful description of what is to come, so that we will not fear as we look and long for the day of his appearing. Rather, clinging to his grace in Word and sacraments we strive to live as though who know what to expect at the end of it all.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Heavenly Father, I confess that I too often forget about the eternity which You are preparing for me. I get so caught up in the things of this world that I fail to look with eagerness to my eternal home. Forgive me! Remind me of the eternal home which is mine, that I might be filled with zeal to serve You and with eagerness to live this life to the full. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

Parent's Room: far left (southwest).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress"

A Mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing.
Our Helper He amidst the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, Doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate.
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He!
The Lord of hosts his name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim: we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure!
One little word shall fell him -

A mighty fortress, A rock unfailling, The King of Glory, forever, A-men!
For endless ages, Enthroned in praises, The King of Glory, Forever, A-men!

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go - This mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His Kingdom is forever.

A mighty fortress, A Rock unfailing, The King of Glory, Forever, A-men!
For endless ages, Enthroned in praises, The King of Glory, Forever, A-men!

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For endless ages, Enthroned in praises, The King of Glory, Forever, forever! A-men!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PASTOR: 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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Christ have mercy.

- P:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Lord have mercy.**
- P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Let us pray. We get so caught up in the things of this world that we may fail to look with eagerness to our eternal home. Forgive us! Remind us of the eternal home which is ours, that we might be filled with zeal to serve You and with eagerness to live this life to the full. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C:** **Amen.**

SONG

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like you there is no other,
True delight is found in you alone.
Your grace, a well too deep of fathom,
Your love, exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good, and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield, against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me.
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise.
My joy, when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life.
My guilt, and cross laid on your shoulders,
In my place, you suffered, bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.

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You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to your name.
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THE FIRST READING DANIEL 12:1-3

The God who protected his elect in this life will certainly not abandon them in death and in the Day of Judgment. Those who lived in such lowliness, following in the footsteps of their Savior in his humiliation, will rise in triumph and live with him forever in glory. The fate of the damned, who do not know or who despise his gracious Word, impels us to labor with all our might to bring them to the righteousness of the gospel. What a glorious special reward of grace awaits all those who labor thus! What a blessed added incentive to all, especially to pastors, to share the saving Word!

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

HYMN “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
autumn's rich o'erflowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health,
private bliss and public wealth,
knowledge with its gladdening streams,
pure religion's beams:

Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prosp'ring hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of our best;
and by deeds of kindly love
for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days
praise to God, immortal praise.

THE SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

What a day that will be! Therefore encourage one another with the certainty of its coming and the total and utter blessedness of the saints in heaven and the saints on earth who will finally be joined in perfect harmony with the Lord. No, we will not despair at the death of those who die in Christ. No, we will not live in dread of our own funeral. Rather with confidence in the Savior who promised it, we will drive away such despair and dread with the happy contemplation of the blessedness that awaits us. For he would not die and rise in vain; nor could he ever lie to us. Even so, Come Lord Jesus!

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

PREK-2 SING

“Thankful”

10:30am

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

based on the Epistle Lesson

THE SERMON HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(arr. J.S. Bakken)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,

And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight,
My cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

THE SERMON PSALM 118 (SELECTED) “HE OPENS THE GATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE OFFERINGS & WELS CONNECTION

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

THE DIALOGUE OF REMEMBRANCE

(During the second part of the responsive reading, the minister will read the names of loved ones who have departed this life and entered eternal glory. After each set of names, a bell will be rung.)

P: In the beginning God created humans in His own image, and gave them the opportunity to worship Him freely by not eating from the Tree of Knowledge. But Adam and Eve lost

God's image when they listened to the devil and decided to eat from that tree. They plunged into turmoil, guilt, and despair. God's message to them was clear:

C: Dust you are, and to dust you will return.

P: Adam and Eve had children. Those children were NOT born in the image of God, but were born in the image of Adam and Eve. We, too, are children of Adam and Eve.

C: Dust we are; to dust we will return.

P: But God would not leave things in that fashion. He promised a Savior to Adam and Eve. That Savior became "dust", born in Bethlehem, crucified, laid in a grave. But death could not hold Him! And because it could not hold Him, it cannot hold you either.

C: Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out.

P: Dust we were, but we will be raised in glory and honor!

C: So will it be with the resurrection of the dead.

P: The body that is sown is perishable,

C: it is raised imperishable;

P: it is sown in dishonor,

C: it is raised in glory;

P: it is sown in weakness,

C: it is raised in power.

(sung) **I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.**

Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.

Danger and sorrow stand round me on ev'ry hand.

Heav'n is my fatherland. Heav'n is my home.

P: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

Thomas Ade, Catherine Ade, Thor Bendzka, Alicia Bintz, Benjamin Brich, Art Cavaleia, George G Clark, James Flink, Cindy Flood

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

Donald Gehrke, Armand Goeden, Margaret Green, Leroy (Bud) Grossman, Cindy Harris, Nels Harvey, Gladys Hasbargen, Patricia Jancoski, Thomas Jancoski

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)

Ruth Kiehnau, Sharon Kirsch, Ed Krause, Ruth Lawrence, Dave Lemke, Cathy Lemke, Esther Lemke, Camden Locklair, Bob Ludtke

P: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

C: **We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.** (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Robert Maxfield, Donald Molyneux, Naomi Shelvik, Norbert Netz, Dan Olson, Danny Parbs, Walter Parrott, Willard Riemer, Donald Sauer,

P: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C: **I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.** (Luke 23:42-43)

Elaine Schramayer, Naomi Shelvik, Marilyn Steinke, Janet Stirmel, Lois Stirmel, Melvin Stirmel, Judy Thiede, Kristine Weltzien, Jeffrey Worm

P: Be faithful, even to the point of death.

C: **And I will give you the crown of life.** (Revelation 2:10)

(sung) **Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.**

What e'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.

And I shall surely stand there at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.

WE PRAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

P: 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: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Jerusalem the Golden"

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes
The weary and oppressed:

I know not, oh, I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending
With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion
Resounding full with song.

Oh, sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven
Your glorious name to bless.

The Christ is ever with them;
The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed
Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David;
And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory
The Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed,
The Light that knows no end.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Worship at Our Savior

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 25th at 9:30 am
(no Thursday night worship)

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Thursdays at 3:30 pm & 7:00 pm

December 2nd

December 9th

December 16th



OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24th

6:00 pm Sunday School Service (Pre School – 6th grade)

8:00 pm Worship Service

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Saturday, December 25th

9:30 am Festival Worship

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 31st

6:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

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| Sunday (11/14) | 8:00 | am | Worship Service |
| | 9:15 | am | Adult & Teen Bible Study |
| | 9:15 | am | Sunday School |
| Tuesday | 10:30 | am | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 | am | Senior Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:00 | pm | Choice School Open Forum |
| | 8:30 | am | Children's Chapel |
| | 4:00 | pm | Public School Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 6:30 | pm | PTF Meeting |
| | 7:00 | Pm | Worship Service w/Communion |
| Friday | 9:00 | am | Mom's Circle |
| Sunday (11/21) | 8:00 | am | Worship Service w/Communion |
| | 9:15 | Am | Adult & Teen Bible Study |
| | 9:15 | am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 | am | Worship Service w/Communion |

Next Week's Readings

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| First Lesson | Exodus 20:1-17 |
| Second Lesson | Romans 8:1-10 |
| Gospel | John 2:13-22 |
| Psalm | Psalm 69 |

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

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**"THE CHURCH
TRIUMPHANT"**

PREACHER:

MARK WAGNER

MUSICIANS:

Steph Boeckman

Mark Mandler

Jimmy Pautz

Alyssa Pautz

Percussion: Adam Wagie

Keyboard: Sarah Baumann

Guitar: Jimmy Pautz

Violin: Alyssa Pautz

SONGS: AS PRINTED

FIRST LESSON:

Daniel 12:1-3

SECOND LESSON:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

THE SERMON:

Psalm 118:6-9, 17-24

**"HE OPENS THE GATE
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"**