

The Last Judgment

VERSE OF THE DAY “But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.” Malachi 4:2

WORSHIP NOTES: **Welcome to our worship this morning!** Our risen and ascended Lord will return to “judge the living and the dead.” We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. The book of Hebrews freshens our perspective on the old covenant pictures. The tabernacle procedures were not irrelevant because they sketched a framework for the full portrait of our salvation. Here we see color added to the black-and-white images of sacrifice and we encounter the parallel reality of a holy place in heaven. Jesus, himself the victim and the priest, has fulfilled all expectations! He’s done it! And we learn again to be profoundly aware of his kindness and grace in Christ. There’s no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the “DAY of our ATONEMENT.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far side (south) of the entry.

Parents’ Room: At the far left (southwest) of the entry.

Hearing Help: Enhanced hearing units are available.

Large Print Hymnal: Contact an usher.



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PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Great God What do I See and Hear"

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Great God, what do I see and hear?
The end of things created;
The judge of mankind shall appear
On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
The dead which they contained before:
Prepare, my soul, to meet him!

The dead in Christ shall first arise
At that last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding.
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet him.

But sinners filled with guilty fears
Behold his wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
They trembling stand before his throne,
All unprepared to meet him.

O Christ, you died, and yet you live;
To me account your merit,
My pardon seal, my sins forgive,
And cleanse me by your Spirit.
Beneath your cross I view the day
When heav'n and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet you.

God Welcomes Us

- P:** On behalf of our risen Savior Jesus Christ, I welcome you all to God's house. But why have you come?
- C:** **We share the Psalmist's joy when he said, I rejoice with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' We come with joy to rejoice that God is our Savior.**
- P:** How good it is to rejoice in the name of the Lord. Let's begin then by lifting up our hearts and voices in praise to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God Forgives Us

- P:** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The word of God urges us to confess to the Lord all the wrong that is in us. This is something we do with a heart full of humility and penitence at all times, but we especially do it when we meet together to thank God for what he has done for us, to praise him, and to hear his word. So come with me now to God's throne of grace, and let us confess our sins together.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

- C:** **Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have wandered from your way like lost sheep. We have followed our own sinful desires, and have disobeyed your laws. We have done things you have forbidden, and we have ignored things you have commanded. We admit that we are thoroughly corrupt by nature. There is nothing good about us. Lord, show us your mercy. You have promised to do this for Jesus' sake.**

WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

- P:** You have confessed your sins before Almighty God. Now be strengthened in faith, remembering that he does not want any sinner to die, but would rather have him turn from his evil ways and live. As a called servant of the Word, and by God's command and authority, I forgive you all your sins. Rest assured, that your sins have been covered by the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ, your Savior. God's peace be with you. Let us rejoice in his full and free forgiveness!

God Teaches Us

WE PONDER THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 4:1-3

In the judgment all the weariness of the flesh will fall away, and we will leap for joy at the just judgment of God. Those who have rejected his just judgment in this life will not be able to escape in the life to come. Assuming that we did what we could to share the gospel message with them, we will not mourn at the misery they have brought down on themselves by their despising of so great a blessing as that won by the Savior at so great a cost to him.

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty.

WE LISTEN TO THE SECOND LESSON John 5:19-30

Jesus assures us that there is a happy harmony between himself and his Father in everything. Therefore we need not fear that what he has said might be contradicted by his Father. Quite the contrary: the Father loves his incarnate Son so much that everything has already been handed over to him. What a delight and a joy now, in the hour of our death, and on the Day of Judgment to hear his Word! By his Word we are assured of everlasting life. Therefore worship the Son who has won that life for us. What else is there really worth doing? May all of our life be an act of honor to the Son of God, our Judge, our Life, our Savior, our All!

Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, 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.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. 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. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, 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. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. “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—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. 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.

Forever with the Lord!
Amen! So let it be.
Life from the dead is in that word,
My immortality.

While time on earth is spent,
Absent from him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul, how near
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye
The golden gates appear!

Lord, be at my right hand,
Then can I never fail.
If you uphold me, I shall stand;
With you I shall prevail.

So when my dying breath
Shall rend the veil in two,
By death I shall escape from death
To endless life with you.

I'll know as I am known;
How shall I love that word
And oft repeat before the throne,
"Forever with the Lord!"

WE MEDITATE ON THE WORD**HEBREWS 9:24-28**

“Do We Grasp Why He’s Coming Back?”

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. 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. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But

now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, o Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

God Hears Our Expression of Faith

WE STATE WHAT WE BELIEVE - NICENE CREED

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.

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.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in 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;
And they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father
And Spirit ever blest.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

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!

God Listens to Our Prayers

WE PRAY ABOUT OUR FINAL DAY (and we include special prayers)

WE JOIN IN OUR LORD’S PRAYER

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

WE RECEIVE HIS SACRAMENT – Institution & Distribution

WE GIVE THANKS (*Common Doxology Tune*)

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INSTALLATION OF ALTAR ASSISTANTS

God Dismisses Us with Peace

WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING (from Jude 24-25)

- P:** To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...
- C:** **to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen.**

WE CELEBRATE GROWING & GOING IN CHRIST (*Common Doxology Tune*)

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Growing and Going through your Word,
Stronger in Christ we’ve been restored,
Take all the gifts we offer you,
That we your mission may pursue.

To Christ today our thanks we bring;
His life, his death, his suffering.
Oh, risen Lord, teach us your ways,
To love and serve you all our days.

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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saints Triumphant Sunday is November 11/14: We will be asking you to add information to our prayer list for this special part of our worship by giving us information of your loved one or friend who has died in the last 3 years. You may scan the QR code and fill out the google form or you can find printed cards on the welcome center. They will be included in the remembrance prayer on Thursday, November 11th and Sunday, November 14th. Thanks!



Intro: How on earth will we fix this? Can humans create a mishap so great that we can't fix it? Yes, indeed we can and have! The sacrificial system wasn't for "our doing" but for one who "has done it." This is how the Gospel secures us before the judgment seat.

Do We Grasp Why He's Coming Back?

1. Not to do what he has already done...

- 1.1 In this case, history doesn't repeat itself.
- 1.2 There is only ONE Savior: God's solution to sin.
- 1.3 As our true high priest he stepped in and sacrificed himself "for us."

App: Jesus came to repair what had been broken. His "fix" was not temporary, but "once for all." This is how Hebrews puts color to the previous black-and-white picture of promise.

2. But to bring us what he has already won!

- 2.1 We can't fall prey to the DIY attitude of our day.
- 2.2 This is the hardest, dirtiest job that only HE could do.
- 2.3 Do you know how this Jesus loves you, has repaired your life?

App: Sometimes we DIY'ers have to give way to an expert. We admit that we don't have the skill or tools needed for the job and we stand back to watch. What relief then when the impossible has been accomplished.

Conclusion: We rejoice at the end of the church year to face boldly the reality of our sin, death and impending judgment. For in our desperate admission that we can't fix it, we discover that he can, he has and he's coming back to prove it "once for all."

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/7)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:45 AM	Call Meeting
	5:30 PM	Board of Elders Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Church
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Bible Information Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Service
	8:00 PM	Bible Information Class
Sunday (11/14)	8:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 st Lesson	Isaiah 52:1-6
2 nd Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm	90

*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

"Faith Grasps the
Victory Won for Us"
Service Theme

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SONGS:

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FIRST LESSON :

Malachi 4:1-3

GOSPEL:

John 5:19-30

THE SERMON:

Hebrews 9:24-28

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He's Coming Back?"