

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Last Day of Judgment and Deliverance

November 12 & 13, 2016

5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

As the end of the Church Year draws near, God's Word holds before us the invitation to salvation, the end goal of the story we have been telling since Advent. There is coming a last day of divine judgment or deliverance. Judgment, either eternal separation for all who have rejected God's call to faith in Christ, or deliverance from that judgment for fellow sinners who have already been justified by their Baptism into Christ and faith in Him. There is no room for fear among those who already belong to Christ, even though the threatening perils of our sin and the attacks of the devil may shake our faith and hope. God has come to save us in His Son, born of Mary in Bethlehem—God's beloved Son empowered by the Holy Spirit. He is the perfect fulfillment of God's Law on our behalf, the one, spotless sacrifice by whose resurrection and ascension God's love is now ours through faith in Him.

### WELCOME

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –  
and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God –  
not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #509 "Christ Is Surely Coming"

*Please rise and face the cross at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:  
Root and Stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!

See the holy city! There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring All HE loves to give,  
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:  
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Behold, the great day of the Lord is coming.

**People: Turn our hearts to your gracious promises.**

Pastor: The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

**People: The Lord is faithful. He will establish us and guard us.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation.

**People: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Pastor: Beloved, let us confess our sin, our fears, our weaknesses, and our need of God's help.

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**People: Gracious God, we confess to you that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We confess the weakness of our fears and failures and our forgetfulness of your mercy toward us. Grant us the strength of your forgiveness and your provision of faith, hope, and love, and so enable us to face all challenges of life and remain faithful to you. Amen.**

Pastor: "Not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People: (sung)**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** (Be seated)

### **✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 4:1–6* (The great day of the Lord)

"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. "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

**EPISTLE** *2 Thessalonians 3:1–13* (Warning against idleness)

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the

teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

**8:00 ANTHEM**      *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* J.S. Bach

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 21:5–36* (Jesus foretells wars and persecution and of the coming of the Son of Man.) Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. "But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. This will result in your being witnesses to them. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life. "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the

Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

(Be seated)

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON HYMN #508 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"**

The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hours, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

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My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation  
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

#### **SERMON**

**"The End"**

**Luke 21:5-36**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: The day of the Lord is coming, and the Lord will sound forth its coming  
through the voice of His prophet Elijah. Let us call in the name of Jesus  
Christ to Him who will give answer to our prayers.

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.  
(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #642 “O Living Bread from Heaven”**

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, you here have led me To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me The treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food,  
while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

**HYMN #662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!

*Refrain*      **Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.      *Refrain*

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.      *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.      *Refrain*

**HYMN #727 “On Eagles' Wings”**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!”

**Refrain:**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings.**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise be to you, O Lord, for through this sacred Meal you fill  
us with faith and increase your gifts of hope and love. Help us to walk in  
the confidence that you walk with us. Grant us your blessing; through  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN #669 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

**Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;  
but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

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