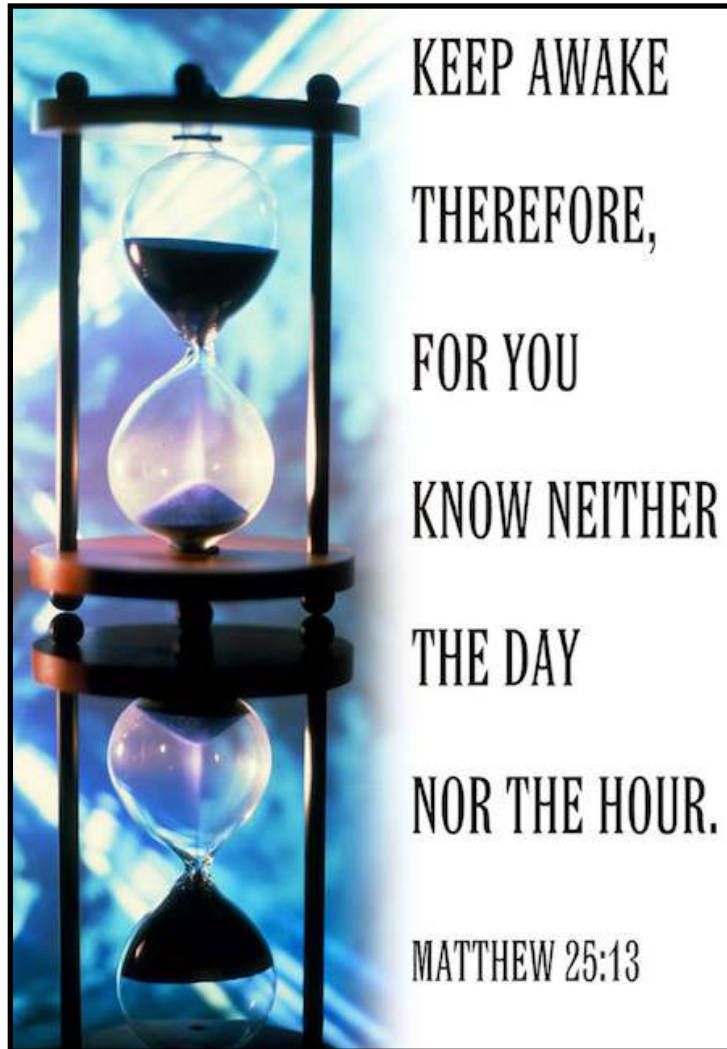


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



KEEP AWAKE

THEREFORE,

FOR YOU

KNOW NEITHER

THE DAY

NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

**2ND SUNDAY OF END TIMES
(LAST JUDGMENT)
NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p.529)
- ◆ The Hymns: 516 (1-2), 575, 563, 516 (3)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 9:24-28, John 5:17-24
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

Sermon Text – Malachi 4:1-3

THE DAY IS SURELY COMING!

1. When the arrogant will burn like stubble.
2. When the righteous will shine like the Sun.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (516, stanza 3)

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VISITORS, WELCOME! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Hebrews 9:24-28

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, so 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.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

C Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

C And on his law he meditates day and night.

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season:

C And whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

P Not so the wicked!:

C They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:

C Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

P For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:

C But the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson – John 5:17-24

Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 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. 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.

Sermon Text – Malachi 4:1-3

“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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (11/11)	8:30 am	Elders’ Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Three Men in the Fiery Furnace, OT 55)
	10:45 am	Bible Class downstairs
Sun (11/18)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Daniel in the Lion’s Den, OT 56)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Children’s Christmas Eve Service Practices: Dec.1,8,15,22 (10:00–11:30 am)
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.2
- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, Dec.9
- Children’s Christmas Eve Service: Monday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year’s Eve Communion Service: Monday, Dec.31, 7 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE: Sunday, Nov.18, 8:30 am
Sunday, Dec.2,16,23, 8:30 am

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE DURING NOVEMBER

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Don Claeys
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Thursday, Nov.22, 9:30 am

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

NOVEMBER 12-17

Mon Isaiah Ch. 35 For what good reason do Isaiah's sermons bounce around from law to gospel? Well, unrepentant sinners weren't scared of God's judgment, so Isaiah delivered warnings of condemnation/Law. On the other hand, repentant sinners needed the good news of God's warm-hearted love. Which of the two is targeted here? We know who needed to hear: "*Behold, your God will come . . . and save you.*" They are the redeemed who walk on the *Highway of Holiness, shall not go astray*, and are His *ransomed* souls.

Tues Ch. 38 Why did God extend good king Hezekiah's life? Because he was a reverent king (3) to whom God's people were devoted and wouldn't chicken out when it came to war (6). God was in control of daylight-saving time (7-8) as well as the duration of our lives—as Hezekiah knew (15-20), and so do we.

Wed Ch. 40 God deals generously with sinners who repentantly surrender. *Comfort* repentant sinners? *Yes, Comfort My people,*" (says who?) *says your God.*" (Why?) *Because our warfare* (against God) *has ended.* (On what basis?) *Because our iniquity has been pardoned.* (By whom?) *We have received our pardon from the LORD's hand*, signed and sealed by God. How long does the pardon last? Both for time and for eternity, so that's *doubly* good. Vv. 3-5 clearly refer to John the Baptizer; check it out in Luke 3:3-6.

Thurs Ch. 41:8-13 God is good to repentant sinners, and many Hebrews are among them (cf. Romans 9:6-8). God chose them and assures them: "Fear not, for I pledge to not let you slip away (10). I will deal with anyone who picks a fight with you (11-12), and all the while I will hang tightly to your hand and assure you: 'Don't get scared, for I am right here to help you.'"

Fri Ch. 42 More good news: God has selected a Champion who is fully qualified as Savior, for He is Spirit-guided (1-4) and Father-authorized (6) to enlighten and deliver humanity (7). Wherever we live and work (10-11), let us give glory to the LORD, who is so emotionally devoted to us (14) that He will reverse the laws of nature (15-20) for our blessing. Are we tuned in (23)?

Sat Ch. 43 For those not yet convinced—God repeats and emphasizes: "*Fear not, for I called you by your name; You are Mine!* Repeat this to yourself when life is rough (2-4), and repeat this for your relatives held captive in Iraq (5-14). Not convinced yet? Then pay attention to the One who reversed the law of gravity (16) to rescue His people (17). And if that still weren't enough, He will invent something so new that even animals and nature will get the point (18-21). God will make a road in the wilderness (via John the Baptizer) and give drink to God's chosen people via Jesus, the Water of Life (John 4:14, John 7:37-38)—all because He loves us. Hallelujah and Amen!