

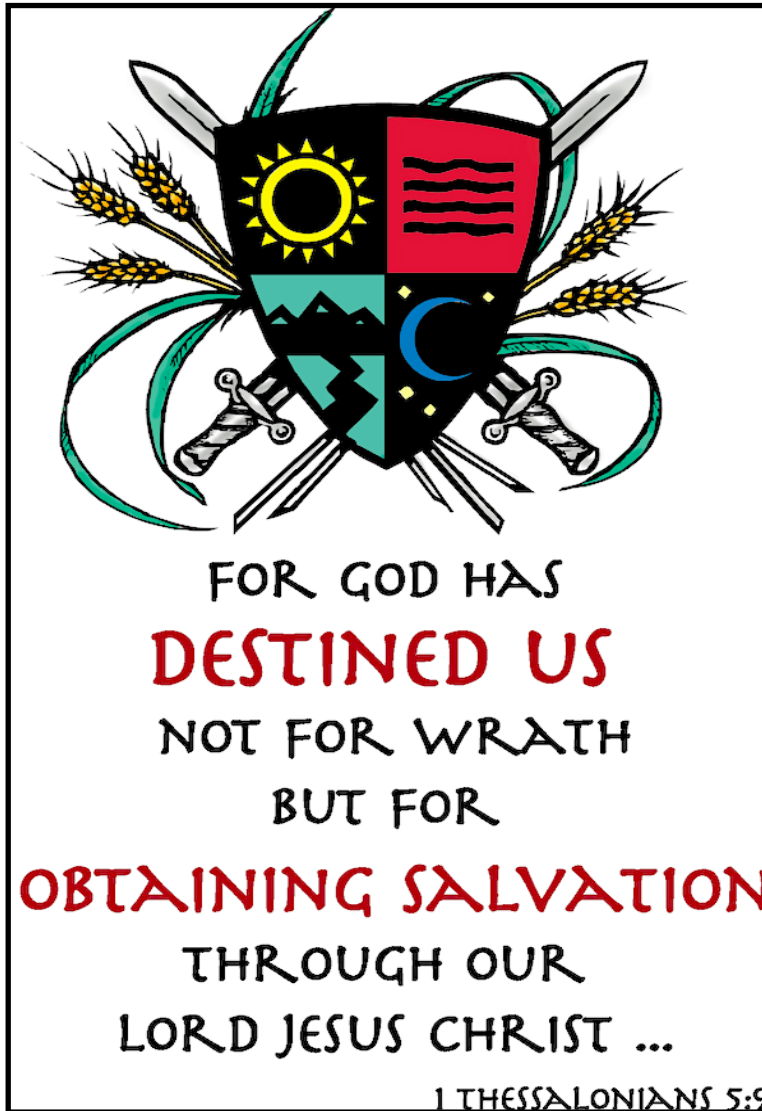
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2nd Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment – November 12, 2023

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. 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 in 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!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mark Hartmeister

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 94 (pew bible, page 531)

*O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day,
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis your Savior, 'Tis your Savior, On His bright returning way.*

*Come, O Long-Expected; weary Waits my spirit anxiously.
Life is dark and earth is dreary Where Your light I cannot see.
O my Savior, O my Savior, When will You return to me?*

*Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my humble station, Watching for You till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior, In Your bright, Your promised, land.*

*With my lamp well-trimmed and burning, Swift to hear and slow to stray,
Watching for Your glad returning Waiting for the blessed day.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior, O my Savior, quickly come!*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

516 – *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C 
A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 1

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

C Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

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 that yields its fruit in its season,

C And its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

P The wicked are not so:

C But are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:

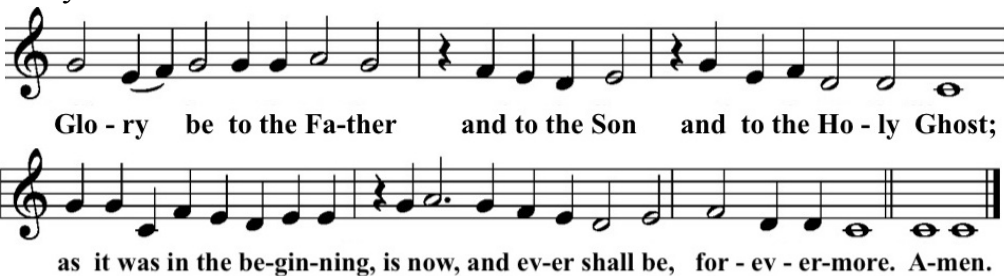
C Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous:

C But the way of the wicked will perish.

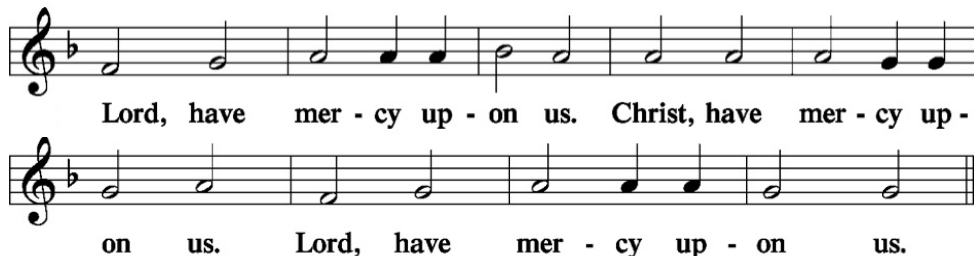
P Glory be to God!

C



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**All glory be to God on high, And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify, A child of God forever. The Father's love, the Savior's
birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**
[LSB #947:1, alt.]

P Let us pray:

C



A - - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Daniel 7:9-10

The Ancient of Days Reigns

9 “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Matthew 25:31-46

The Final Judgment



31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

513 – *The Clouds of Judgment Gather*

Sermon

Text – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Theme – "God Gives Us All We Need To Know"

- ◆ About our Savior's return on the Last Day.
- ◆ About the importance of staying ready for it.
- ◆ About the deliverance He'll bring to His believers.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spi - rit 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.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

508 (1-6) – *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun (11/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Extended Calendar

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wednesday, Nov.22, 7:00 pm
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.3, 10:45 am
- Christmas Potluck & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.10, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Monday, Dec.25, 9:30 am

In Our Prayers: Ruth Claeys who hospitalized last week after suffering a stroke. She was released from the hospital Friday and is continuing her recuperation at home. She is also recovering from spinal meningitis. May the Lord tenderly keep her. <> We also pray for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Ed Chiappetti, Pat Newton, and Georgia Waters each of whom is dealing with a medical ailment.

Synod News & Notes

- **2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org
- **The November CLC World Missions Prayer List**, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. You may view it at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12).*
- **New In Your Mailbox Today:** CLC October Financial Report

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 13-18

Mon Matthew 10:24-33 Jesus warns His disciples that the unbelieving world will not treat them better than it treated Him. “So do not be afraid of them.” The victory which He won over the world will also be theirs, along with the heavenly Father’s tender care.

Tues 1 Timothy 4:4-11 The apostle urges young Pastor Timothy to continue teaching the words of the faith and good teaching rather than the absurd myths of the unbelieving world.

Wed Psalm 85:6-13 Remembering how God led and cared for His people of old, we can confidently call upon Him in every time of need (v7). “The Lord will indeed give good things” (v12).

Thur 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Paul reminds the Thessalonian Christians of the Gospel Word which he and others (like Silas, Timothy, etc.) had brought to them, the apostolic word which they had received as the Word of God, which it is.

Fri John 15:18-25 On the same night in which He was betrayed, Jesus reminds His disciples again that the world that hates Him will also hate them. At such times they should remember that they are in good company. The unbelieving world also hates God the Father and God the Son.

Sat Romans 8:26-28 When God’s children face opposition and persecution, the Spirit also helps them in their weakness, and all things work together for their good.