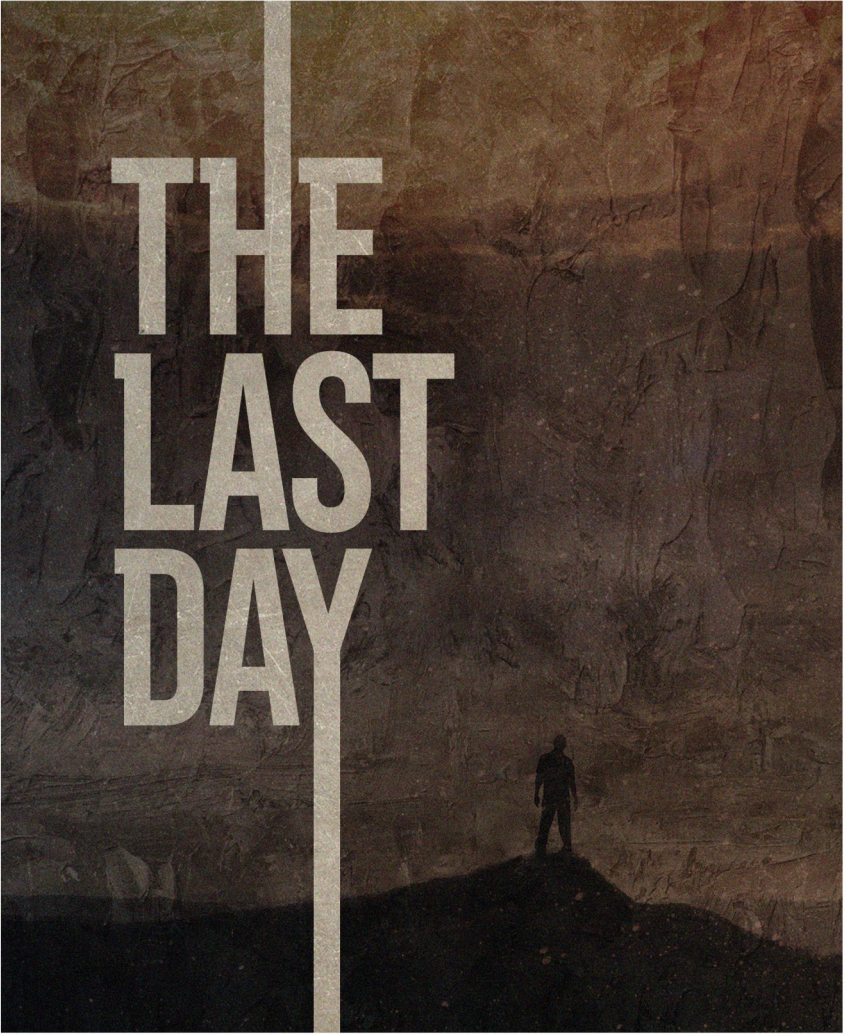


Last Sunday of the Church Year

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*The Last Day—A day of deliverance which
God's people eagerly await*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious Holy Spirit, you come to us through your Word to create pure hearts within us and to renew our strength to serve. Bless our praise today and help us live lives of holiness. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Jesus promised, "I am coming soon," but what does soon mean to the eternal God? We don't know. We want Christ to return quickly because we know the Last Day will be a day of great deliverance for God's people but we can't know how long we will have to wait.

While we wait we need to avoid two extremes: impatience and indifference. Let's not despair if the deliverance of the Last Day does not come as quickly as we would like. But let's never doubt that that deliverance will indeed come. How do we remain ready? In this last week of the Church Year our Savior does what he has done all year—points us to his Word. Scripture records countless promises that have already been fulfilled in Christ. That assures us that the as-of-yet unfulfilled promises are as good as done. The Last Day will come. There's no doubt it will be a day of blessed deliverance for God's people.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Certain days mean different things to different people. One person's day of celebration is someone else's day of crippling loss. That will be even more true on the Last Day. God has marked in ink on his calendar when Jesus will return to "judge the living and the dead" (Apostles' Creed). In the final two weeks of the church year it is natural for us to think about that Last Day and what it means. The Last Day will mean very different things to different people. A day of terror for some, and a day of joy for others.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Order of Worship



HYMN: *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

CW 486



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore you with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



Mid-night hears the wel-come voic - es and at the thrill-ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.
No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your-selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar-riage hall
such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride-groom, who is near."
to eat the Sup - per at your call.
sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

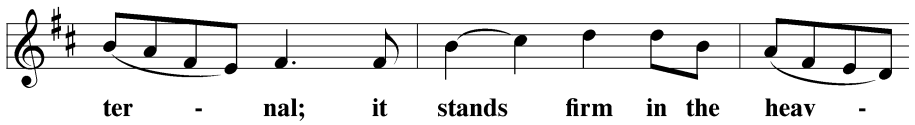
Oh, Taste and See (5pm & 8am)



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Song of Praise (10:30) - Jubilate Choir *The Lord Is My Salvation*

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground. The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun. The Lord is my salvation.

Refrain

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won. The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades I know spring will come. The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation. (*Refrain*)

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son. Glory be to God the Spirit.
The Lord is our salvation. (2x)

(*Refrain*)

The Lord is our salvation. 2x)

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4

Like we are, Habakkuk was waiting for the LORD to act. God promised that he would, and he had his prophet put that promise in writing.

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

¹I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

²Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 22:6-13

Jesus will return soon. When he does, the reward he won for mankind will be in his hand.

⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

⁷“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

¹⁰Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

¹²“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

Luke 12:35-40

Jesus urges us to remain ready for his return at all times.

³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending CW 487



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee



once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Sermon

THANKSGIVING

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.**

Offering



 [Connect Card](#)

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 [Give Online](#)

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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 \dagger give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELS CONNECTION Video

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

After worship, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult and Teen Bible studies begin at the same time in the fellowship hall and youth room.

For Worship Next Week

Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 23rd)

Theme: We Give Thanks for Daily Bread

Service: Scripture and hymn favorites praising God for blessings of many kinds

Sunday Theme (Advent 1): Come, Lord Jesus—As King!

Bible Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Philippians 4:4-7; Matthew 21:1-11

Hymns: 548, 301, 305, 524



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good!

As our nation gives
thanks for the blessings
poured out on us, we
Christians know the God
to whom those thanks
can be directed.

Spend time with the Lord
this Thanksgiving as we
celebrate the God who
gives every blessing.

Thanksgiving Eve: 7:00pm

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

