

THE SACRAMENT, p.21

Distribution Hymn: #312 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices "Close Communion." The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.

THANKSGIVING: "SONG OF SIMEON," p.24 front of hymnal.

CLOSING HYMN: #213 "Forever With the Lord"

BIRTHDAYS: See who's celebrating a birthday this week & wish them a "Happy Birthday!" **Nov 13**—Tyler Brandt; **Nov 16**—Conner Grossman-Powell, Terry Selle; **Nov 17**—Paula & Nikki Bunnell.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today (Nov 12) "Food Pantry Sunday"

NO Sunday School	8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible Study follows).....	9:00 am
MON (Nov 13) Choir	6:00 pm
TUES (Nov 14) Pastor's Circuit Meeting	10:30 pm
Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
WED (Nov 15) Gr.7 Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
THUR—(Nov 16) Gr.6 Bible History	4:45 pm
3D Genesis Movie Outing w/Teen Group Class	7:05 pm
SAT—(Nov 18) Saturday Evening Worship	5:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY (Nov 19) NO Sunday School	8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible Study after worship).....	9:00 am

November 5th Plate Offerings \$ 1,161.00

Weekly Electronic Offerings 100.00

Total Offerings this past week \$ 1,261.00

OFFERINGS YTD (45 wks) \$95,979.30; NEEDED YTD - \$103,140.00

YTD SHORTFALL - \$7,160.70 (NEEDED WEEKLY -\$2,292.00)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIME--LAST JUDGMENT

November 12, 2017

Welcome to Worship today...

Now that we've entered into the season of End Time, our thoughts are directed ahead to our eventual end and the end of all things on the last day. What will people say about you after you are gone? College students are sometimes given the assignment to write their own obituary. What would you say about your life, the impact you made, your accomplishments, the things you valued? In turn, what would people say about you? Today's Gospel Lesson reveals some good words (The actual Greek word is "eulogy") of blessing that God speaks to believers at the last judgment, promising us eternal life.

Worship focus today: Lord, keep us mindful of the judgment that we might hear a promise of eternal life.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: The Common Service, page 15

Opening Hymn: #208 "Great God, What Do I see and Hear"

Psalm of the Day: Ps. 90, page 99 (Sing responsively)

Hymn of the Day: #426 "Yours Forever, God of Love"

Distribution Hymn: #312 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Closing Hymn: #213 "Forever With the Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor) "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."

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10 *The Last Judgment will come. The books will be opened. No one will be able to withstand God's righteous judgment on their own.* ⁹“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 90, page 99 *(Sing responsively)*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Mindful of the coming judgment, let us live as children of the light.* “Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. “*Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*” Alleluia! (Mt 24:42)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46. *All must give an account to God on the Last Day. We are found before Him only in the perfection of Christ.* “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

THE NICENE CREED, *front of hymnal, page 18.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: #426 *"Yours Forever, God of Love"*

SERMON: Based on Matthew 25:31-46

"The Only Eulogy That Matters"

After the Sermon please rise to sing "Create in Me," found on page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

THE OFFERING AND PRAYERS