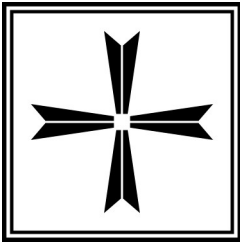




LORD, KEEP US MINDFUL
OF THE JUDGEMENT

*LAST JUDGMENT
NOVEMBER 2ND, 2014*



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! He will come to judge the living and the dead. We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses' psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there's no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our redemption.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

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. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

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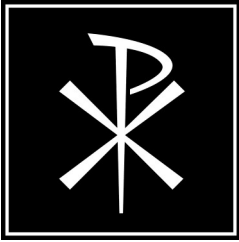
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

#208

GREAT GOD, WHAT DO I SEE AND HEAR

~PLEASE STAND

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

L God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD ~ "GLORIA IN EXCELSIS"

L In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final quarter rest at the end of the second line.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
2. We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.
4. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship.

L Let us pray:

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. We pray this and all things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

~PLEASE BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 7:9-10 (PG. 1384)

*Who doesn't shudder
when he hears the
somber statement,
"The books were
opened"?
Believers can rejoice,
knowing they are
judged on the simple
fact that their names
are written in the book
of life.*

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

*How frail and short is
the life of the human
creature! Our
disobedience earned
God's righteous anger.
While there is time, let
us turn to God for
mercy. He will restore
us and make us glad
again.*

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
² **Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
³ You turn men back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."
⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**
⁵ You sweep men away in the sleep of death;
they are like the new grass of the morning—
⁶ **though in the morning it springs up new,
by evening it is dry and withered.**
⁷ We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
⁸ **You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

- ⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
- ¹⁰ The length of our days is seventy years—
 or eighty, if we have the strength;
**yet their span is but trouble and sorrow,
 for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**
- ¹¹ Who knows the power of your anger?
For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
- ¹² Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Relent, O LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
 for as many years as we have seen trouble.
- ¹⁶ **May your deeds be shown to your servants,
 your splendor to their children.**
- ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
**establish the work of our hands for us—
 yes, establish the work of our hands.**

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 (PG. 1841)

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Paul reminds us to be mindful of the coming judgment by living alert and self-controlled lives.

VERSE OF THE DAY

MATTHEW 24:42



C Refrain. (sung twice)

L Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

C Refrain. (sung twice)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46 (PG. 1542)

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

Lord, keep us mindful of your coming judgment that we might be found in faith, judged by your grace, and gifted with eternal life!

~PLEASE STAND

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³²All 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. ³³He 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. ³⁵For 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, ³⁶I 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? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers 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. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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, ‘I tell you the truth, 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.”

After the Gospel, the congregation responds:

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

~PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

HYMN OF THE DAY

#209

DAY OF WRATH, OH, DAY OF MOURNING

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

SERMON

DANIEL 7:9-10

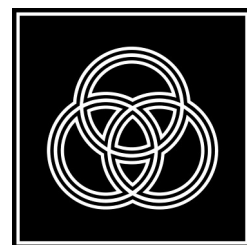
APOSTLES CREED

~PLEASE STAND

C: 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.



Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.

~PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.

~PLEASE STAND

- L** Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.
- C** **Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**
- L** Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.
- C** **If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.**
- L** We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.
- C** **Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**
- L** Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.
- C** **Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**
- L** Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.
- C** **Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**
- L** Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.
- C** **Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- L** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- L** Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~PLEASE BE SEATED

THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR

PRAYER

~PLEASE STAND

L Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

L The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C **Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

BLESSING

L Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

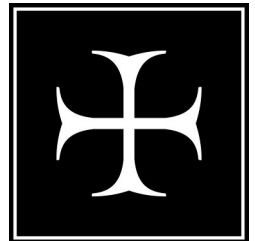
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

#213 vs. 1,4-6

FOREVER WITH THE LORD

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).



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