

2nd Sunday of End Time: Last Judgment November 4 & 7, 2021

The Season The Season of End Time brings the Church Year to a close. During this season we focus on Reformation, Last Judgment, Saints Triumphant, and Christ the King. This year during the season we will focus on *The Word of God!*

The Sunday Today's readings set in sharp contrast the attitudes of believers and unbelievers. The attitude of the unbeliever to any talk of judgment by God can only be denial or terror. But the attitude of the child of God is formed by the Word of God. As that Word has created his faith during his life on earth, so it molds his confidence in the face of death and judgment. But the Word of God and the faith it creates will be seen as fully vindicated by death and judgment. Therefore we look forward to the day on which we pass into the courtroom of God to hear the "Not guilty!" verdict which brought us to faith in the first place. There is no better preparation for death and judgment than a firm clinging to that gracious verdict. There is no better life than the one that has that verdict as its center and the motivation for everything in it. *The Word of God! It gives us confidence to face judgment!*

Opening Hymn *Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning* Hymn 209



1 Day of wrath, oh, day of mourn - ing!
2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing;
3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed,
4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing,
5 King of maj - es - ty tre - men - dous,



See ful - filled the proph - ets' warn - ing:
All cre - a - tion is a - wak - ing,
Where - in all has been re - cord - ed—
Who for me be in - ter - ced - ing
Who does free sal - va - tion send us,



Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
To its judge an an - swer mak - ing.
Thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
When your mer - cy I am need - ing?
Fount of pi - ty, then be - friend us.

6 Think, good Jesus—my salvation 7 On the cross your dying spared me;
Caused your wondrous incarnation, Just and righteous you declared me;
Made you suffer my damnation! I await the joy prepared me.

Text: attr. Thomas de Celano, c. 1190–c. 1260, abr., st. 1-6; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 7; tr. William J. Irons, 1812–83, st. 1-6, alt.

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Tune: DIES IRAE (888) Latin melody, 13th century.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.**

M: 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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See



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.

Prayer of the Day

M: 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; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

4K-5K

Soon and Very Soon (10:30)

First Lesson

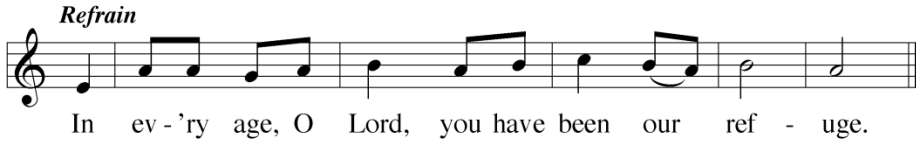
Malachi 4:1-3

What dread and horror is stored up for those who despise his gracious Word! So much for the notion, dispelled in the gospel lesson, that it doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you believe something. There is one way of salvation and one way only. The "modern man" who imagines that nothing is true until he believes it or who dreams that God can hardly wait to accommodate himself to human opinions and intentions is in for a very rude awakening. Is our reluctance and lack of zeal for sharing the gospel the fruit of "modern man's" foolish delusions? In the judgment all the weariness of the flesh will fall away, and we will leap for joy at the just judgment of God. Those who have rejected his just judgment in this life will not be able to escape in the life to come. Assuming that we did what we could to share the gospel message with them, we will not mourn at the misery they have brought down on themselves by their despising of so great a blessing as that won by the Savior at so great a cost to him.

4 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day We will sing the refrain and read the verses

Psalm 90



Lord, you have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:24-28

The key to our certainty of heaven is in the hands of our Great High Priest. How do we know that death and judgment will be blessed and happy for us? We know that with certainty because it was for our blessedness that Christ came in the first place; it was for our eternal happiness that he has entered into his glory effectively to intercede for us with his blood. He came to win heaven for us, and he succeeded on his mission. How do we know for sure? His Word says so, and God does not lie! He never failed in life; he will not fail us in death; he will prove faithful on the Day of Judgment.

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

Stand

Gospel

John 5:19-30

Jesus assures us that there is a happy harmony between himself and his Father in everything. Therefore we need not fear that what he has said might be contradicted by his Father. Quite the contrary: the Father loves his incarnate Son so much that everything has already been handed over to him. What a delight and a joy now, in the hour of our death, and on the Day of Judgment to hear his Word! By his Word we are assured of everlasting life. Therefore worship the Son who has won that life for us. What else is there really worth doing? May all of our life be an act of honor to the Son of God, our Judge, our Life, our Savior, our All!

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always

at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, 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.²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.²¹ 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.²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Hymn 382



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

Sermon

John 5:19-30

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

M: 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.

M: 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.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: 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.

M: 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.

M: 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.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: 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.

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Lord's Prayer

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: 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

Be Seated

Hymn

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus Hymn 351:2

2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -
giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is
the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: *A Collection of Hymns*, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

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