

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of End Time: Saints Triumphant

November 11 & 14, 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** As we approach the end of all things and the Day of Judgment, we want to make sure we have it all straight; the readings for this week help us prepare by their description of what is to come, so that we will not fear as we look and long for the day of his appearing. Rather, clinging to his grace in Word and sacraments we strive to live as though who know what to expect at the end of it all. *The Word of God! It gives confidence we are saints*

### Opening Hymn

*Blessed Are the Saints of God* Hymn 394



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with  
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the  
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;  
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;  
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered  
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered  
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.  
Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

### 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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

### Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the **Gospel**  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**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.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For the well-being of your church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C:** Amen

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O Lord, Our Lord



**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;




you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



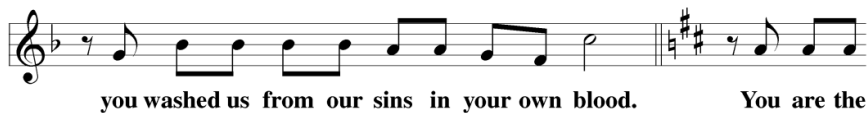
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

**Daniel 12:1-3**

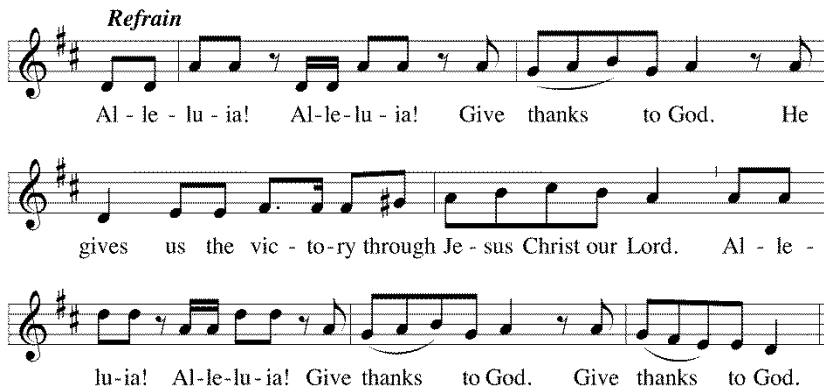
The God who protected his elect in this life will certainly not abandon them in death and in the Day of Judgment. Those who lived in such lowliness, following in the footsteps of their Savior in his humiliation, will rise in triumph and live with him forever in glory. The fate of the damned, who do not know or who despise his gracious Word, impels us to labor with all our might to bring them to the righteousness of the gospel. What a glorious special reward of grace awaits all those who labor thus! What a blessed added incentive to all, especially to pastors, to share the saving Word!

**12** “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise<sup>[a]</sup> will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (NIV)

**Psalm of the Day** The congregation will sing the refrain and read the verses

**Psalm 118**

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He  
gives us the vic - to-ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -  
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

***Refrain***

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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***

**Second Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

What a day that will be! Therefore encourage one another with the certainty of its coming and the total and utter blessedness of the saints in heaven and the saints on earth who will finally be joined in perfect harmony with the the Lord. No, we will not despair at the death of those who die in Christ. No, we will not live in dread of our own funeral. Rather with confidence in the Savior who promised it, we will drive away such despair and dread with the happy contemplation of the blessedness that awaits us. For he would not die and rise in vain; nor could he ever lie to us. *Even so, Come Lord Jesus!*

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NIV)

**Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.  
Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)

*Stand*

**Gospel**

**Mark 13:24-27**

God's mighty acts of judgment and grace in New Testament times have Old Testament parallels. But the ultimate acts of judgment in the New Testament are a thousand fold more terrifying, just as the acts of grace are incomparably more beautiful and glorious. What terror the Flood inspired in the perishing! What terror beyond

comparison will fall and fall forever on those who perish in the judgment on the Last Day! What grace Noah and his house experienced in their rescue through the water that destroyed the world! What grace beyond compare as the saints rise with the angels through the clouds into eternal bliss and the wedding feast of the Lamb as all of the visible creation collapses around them!

24 “But in those days, following that distress,  
 “the sun will be darkened,  
 and the moon will not give its light;  
 25 the stars will fall from the sky,  
 and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ [Isaiah 13:10:34:4]

26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* Hymn 207:1-2,4-5



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,  
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but  
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear  
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found  
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word  
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and  
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the  
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and  
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will  
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's  
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's  
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.  
threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.  
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

## Sermon

## God Will Gather The Elect

Mark 13:24-27

## In Memoriam

*I Will Rise* Choir

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won; he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won; he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
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M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, tribe and language,

**C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.**

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And  
they cried out in a loud voice:

**C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.**

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from  
now on."

**C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will  
follow them."**

The reading of the names of those members of Morrison Zion called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday last year.

I will rise when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise.

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

**C: We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

**C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

**C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

**C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**



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## THE SACRAMENT

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

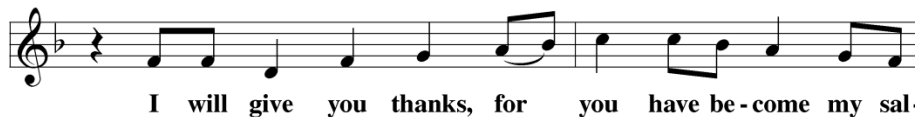
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

### Holy, Holy, Holy





### Words of Institution

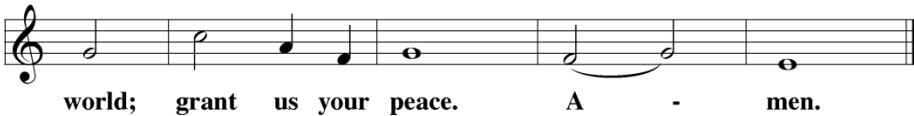
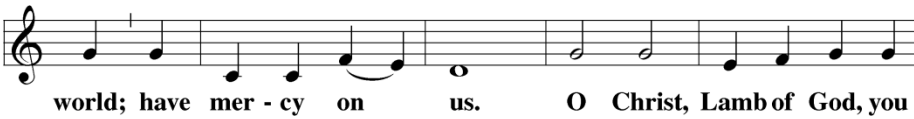
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### O Christ, Lamb of God



*Be Seated*

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor before communing. If you would like to learn more about communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.

## Distribution

*Stand*

### Thank The Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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*

### Closing Hymn

*O Jerusalem the Golden Hymn 214:1,4*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of  
 hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That  
 wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy  
 know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with  
 cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.