

Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 51:4–6

- 4 “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light
to the peoples.
- 5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge
the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like
a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die
in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never
be dismayed.”

Epistle: Jude 20–25

20But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; 21keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22And have mercy on those who doubt; 23save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

24Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24–37

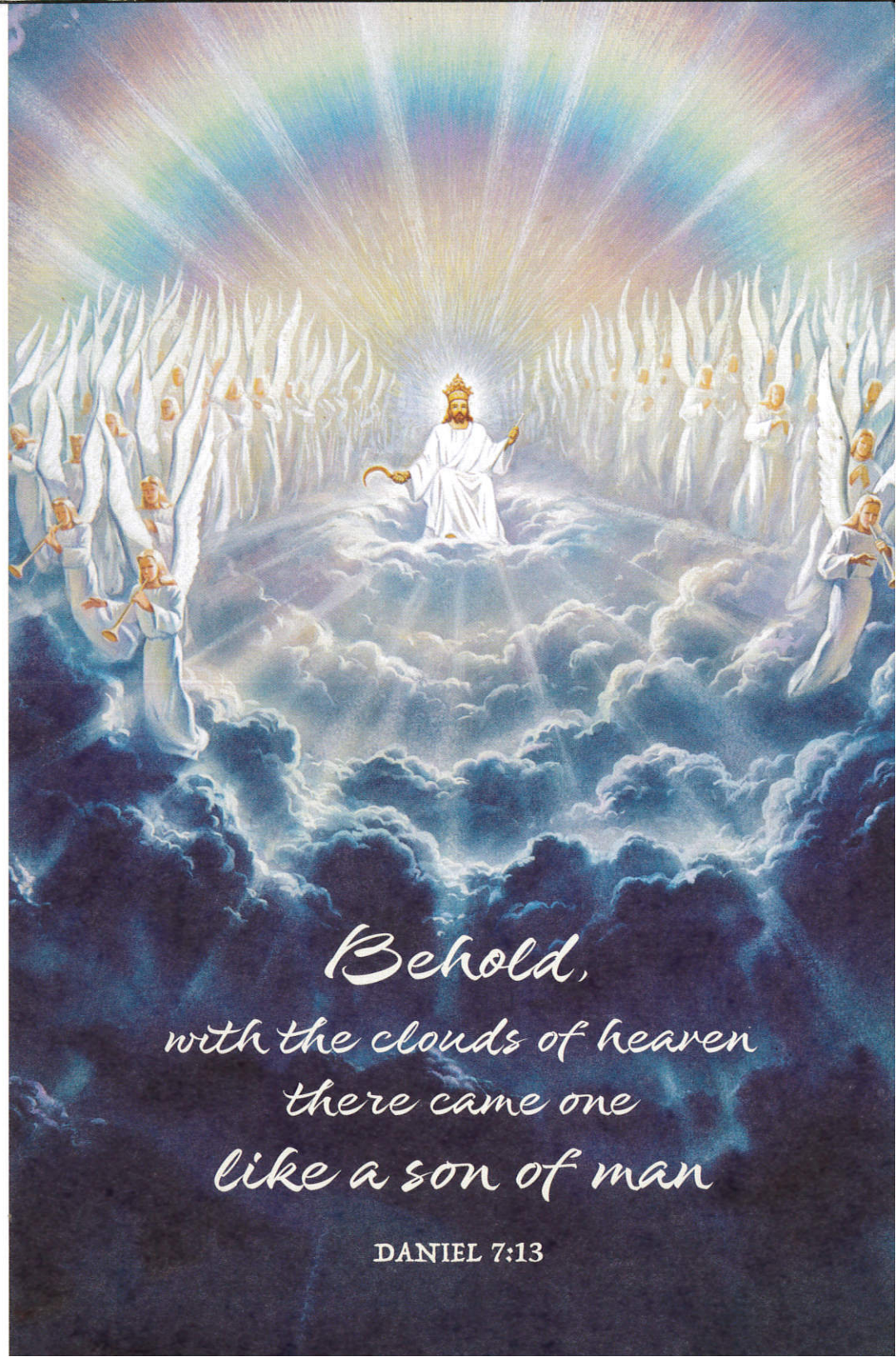
24[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—36lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”



About the Cover: Daniel’s vision is overflowing with the glory of the One like the Son of Man coming in the clouds. In His first coming, Jesus arrived in humility. He suffered, died, and rose for our sake. When He comes again, no one will be mistaken about who He is. He is the true King of kings and Lord of lords. Today, we hold fast to His Word and Sacrament, which may appear humble but are delivering “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).



*Behold,
with the clouds of heaven
there came one
like a son of man*

DANIEL 7:13

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November 24, 2024 Last Sunday of the Church Year

“Sunday of the Fulfillment”

Office of Matins (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 219)

Hymn of Invocation 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Opening Versicles (Common, p. 219)

***Venite* (p. 220)**

Psalm 93

¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

**Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved.**

²Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

³**The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!

⁵**Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.**

**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.**

Office Hymn 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory (Common, p. 221)

Sermon

***Te Deum* (p. 223)**

Presentation of the Offering

Kyrie (p. 227)

Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for Grace (p. 228)

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn 509 Christ Is Surely Coming

Silent Prayer

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WE PRAY: Son of Man, who waits the Fathers' word to leave the throne to meet the saints arriving at the gates of glory, bid us wait in patience for our call, but keep us ready for the journey to the mansions of our heavenly Father; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday, please call ahead) 8 am—12 pm
Pastor's hours (Monday, Pastor's day off)
(Tuesday— Friday) please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - use this website (www.lhm.org) to receive daily devotions sent to your email or phone. You never have to be without God's word.

All bulletin announcements need to be in the Office by Wednesday mornings.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Sunday school—6 Adult Bible Class—10 Worship—64

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$3,393.25
Weekly giving needed per 2024 Budget \$4,481.54

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
10:00 am Divine Worship
Next Sunday 8:45 am SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1*

Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

ATTENDANCE BOOK—We ask everyone attending this morning to sign the red attendance book found at the end of each pew, then pass it back.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—We don't have much time to get our order in. Please mark the sheet on the table next to the coat room no later than Dec. 5th. Please pay Terri Hock no later than Dec. 15th. Thank you.

LIFE THOUGHTS— Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

WITNESS & OUTREACH—Mark 13:24-37: The end of another church year reminds us to be watchful and prepared for Christ the King's second coming to judge both the living and the dead. It will be a day of rejoicing for believers but a day of doom for unbelievers. May we use every opportunity we are given to share the saving faith in Jesus Christ the King with others who are still living in unbelief, so that they may also share life everlasting with all the King's children in heaven.

DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS contributions are now being devoted to necessary infrastructure at University Lutheran Church in Champaign (UniLu). New toilets will be installed in a men's room, and a new water heater installed for the

building.

“Items like these seem far from glamorous,” said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. “They do not capture our senses until problems arise in connection with them. Then their importance stands out.” He added that plumbing as well as painting and many other such “background” elements help UniLu offer Christ in Word and Sacrament to University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff.

On October 24, CID President Michael Mohr declared complete the previous DFM project, which had been furnace replacements at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. This project ended up requiring only about half of the \$25,000 originally set aside for it.

The Macomb furnace project was the last on the list approved by CID Board of Directors for this year. Under discretionary authority within guidelines that this board adopted for DFM, Pres. Mohr opened the current project to address known needs at UniLu.

For the third consecutive year, CID mission stations have been assembling a list of their projected repair and upgrades for the next 10 years. “The list makes it easy to look up needs at CID mission properties,” Pres. Mohr said. District congregations will see the total updated list prior to next summer’s CID convention. **Amount to be funded:\$5,000. Project:** Replace toilets in basement men’s restroom and replace water heater at University Lutheran Church, Champaign

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2023 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board next to the restrooms. Cost for weekly flowers are \$30 for two arrangements. We greatly appreciate those who help with providing flowers for Sunday worship services. **Please sign up for a Sunday.**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Give thanks as you pray:

MISSION—*Thank God for the Ten Commandments.* Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.

ST JOHN’S—Mrs. Kelly Helg—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Kelly asking Your blessings upon her.

ST. JOHN’S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Elizabeth Bjork	Paula Chapa	Joyce DeFauw
Betty Firch	Arlyn Helke	Jessica Johnson
Lynne Johnson	Linda Lundquist	Aaron Raschke
Drew Schillinger	Carolyn Wildermuth	Marilyn Woods
Dawn Daebelliehn		

Brandon & Shaeli Streeks & family (Adopted Seminarian)

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)

Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)

Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

Shandel Loenser

Paul Werner (brother of Dan Werner)

Ron Powell (friend of Brad Gehn)

Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)

Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)

Don Lutz (husband of an LWML friend of Liz Neumann)

Gary Kilstom (friend of Brad Gehn)

Shirley Nerud (mother of Pastor Nerud)

MILITARY—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

Mandy Davila (daughter of Linda Aper)

Luke/Nicole Thompson (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)

Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)

Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

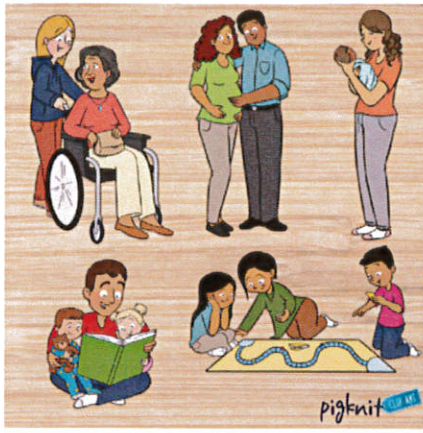
Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransfor-life.org*

CHRISTIAN LIVING

A message from Bd. of Stewardship & Evangelism
November 2023



LOVE! The world often makes love all about how we “feel” towards another, but this emotion can easily come and go which is why we hear people speaking of “falling in or out of love.”

God’s love is different. It is an action. It is a act of will not always coming from good feelings. It is a choice to act in love even when the other does not deserve it.

We first learn something about love within our families. A couple quickly comes to recognize the differences be-

tween them and the annoying actions (or inactions) of their spouse. Will they nurse their frustrations, covet what others (seem to) have and so finally choose adultery, desertion, divorce? Or will they choose to love their spouse by choosing to love, to stay in the marriage, forgiving as God has forgiven them, focusing less on the other’s faults and more on their good qualities,¹ and seeking constructive ways to work though the issues?

If God grants the blessing of children, will they be taught gentleness, kindness and compassion? Will they see their parents working together even in difficult circumstances? Will they experience forgiveness, patience, loving discipline, and encouragement when they do wrong?

It is within these primary relationships that we learn the most about love, hopefully including God’s love. Families are the classroom for teaching and learning what love is and how we are called to love others. There we both study and practice love, living it between spouses, parents and children, amongst siblings, etc. And these first lessons equip and prepare us to go out and love others as God calls us to do as well.

In order that this true godly live would fill us and overflow from us towards, the Spirit of Christ must dwell in our hearts and homes. His presence, influence, and power is effected through public worship, Bible reading, individual and family devotions, prayer, and other virtuous practices which create and promote an unselfish concern for our family members (and beyond), patterned after God’s choosing to love His enemies, sinners, in order to redeem and save them.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

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Last Sunday of the Church Year (Sunday of the Fulfillment)

November 24, 2024

Text: Mark 13:24-37 (Gospel)

Other Texts: Isaiah 51:4-6 (Old Testament Reading); Jude 20-25 (Epistle)

“The Great Hope of Salvation”

Grace, mercy and peace be yours from God our Father through faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ.

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year, sometimes referred to as Christ the King or Sunday of the Fulfillment. Though a special name is not necessary, it is valuable. For as the festival of the Ascension celebrates the inauguration of Jesus’ glorious reign at the right hand of God, so *Christ the King*, having its End Times emphasis at the end of the church year, places before us that the King shall return in His heavenly glory to judge the living and the dead.

So then this Sunday celebrates the *fulfillment* of Christ’s redeeming work. His life of perfect obedience under the Law, His suffering and death on the cross under the Law’s curse upon sin and its condemnation of sinners, His victorious resurrection on the third day, all this was to pay fully for sin so that sinners can be fully forgiven. All this was so that, when He returns on the Last Day, He will not only condemn His enemies to eternal damnation, but He will also gather His people into the fullness of His kingdom of glory, *fulfilling* His saving work by *fulfilling* all the promises given to His people in their Baptism, confirmed in the Lord’s Supper.

In today’s Gospel, our Jesus speaks of the Last Day, the Day of the Lord. He prophesies the sun being darkened, the moon no longer reflecting its light, the stars falling, the heavenly powers shaken as the very laws of physics come undone at the return of the One who first put the creation and its laws in place. Here the final end of this doomed creation is foretold and sealed.

There are those who try to determine the end. Perhaps they focus on calendar dates, such as around 1000 AD when many in Europe quit building things, thinking there was no reason to as the Lord would return in a few years at most. We might remember some of the nonsense as the year 2000 approached. And groups and individuals still continue to try and predict the end.

Of course, every faithful Christian should remember and firmly believe our Lord’s words, “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Yet it seems that, at least for some, figuring out the month or the year might still be in the realm of possibility. One would think they would recognize that if neither the angels in heaven, nor even Jesus Himself according to His human nature in its state of humiliation, knew the date of His return then it’s simply

not to be known. That if His coming is to be like that of “a thief in the night,” then it will not be figured out. But if the Day is not to be known, why then is it spoken of at all in the Bible? Dear Christians, it is so that we *hope* for it!

And we need hope, don't we? These gray and latter days are difficult ones and, according to Scripture, they will only get worse as we near the end of this universe, especially with the short, yet extremely challenging time of Satan's release for his last great deception of the nations of the earth. When Jesus mentions “that tribulation,” He is referring to this very thing, for which the signs are evident: upheavals in nature and the nations, love growing cold as selfishness is on steroids, worsening violence and flagrant immorality, growing oppression and persecution of Christians, rising numbers of heretics and false teachers which a growing number of Christians choose to follow. For they rebel against the Law of God, not liking how it truly is to impact their lives and those of others. And they grow tired of the Gospel of forgiveness and eternal life, desiring a Gospel of self-esteem and personal happiness in this life, with a hope of heaven that feeds their fleshly desires even as it requires no sacrifice from them here and now.

This steadily darkening reality surrounds the Church, true believers in Christ, in the world, in our families, even within the visible church as some within seem to be no different than those outside of it in faith, in morals, in general attitude and life. So yes, *hope is needed*. And that is why, even as our Lord speaks of the difficulty of the End Times so that we would not be caught unawares, all the more He assures us that those times *will* come to an end, yes, even be shortened for the sake of God's elect people. He will bring them to conclusion by returning to vindicate His people, righting all the wrongs they have suffered by punishing the perpetrators and bringing His saints into the glories of Jerusalem the Golden.

You, dear believers, have this hope. A hope that is not a measly feeling, for such “hopes” fall short, even fail, as often as they come true, if that. No, this is a hope founded on God's promise to you made at your Baptism, that you are His forgiven, redeemed, and precious child. And God's promises cannot fail since He cannot lie, nothing is beyond His power and, most of all, His every promise, especially that of eternal life, has been sealed with the divine blood of His incarnate Son, your dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This means there simply is nothing more certain in all of creation than Christ's return and the ultimate victory of those who have been raised with Him in Holy Baptism and persevere in faith to the end.

So yes, we have a true and great hope, the greatest hope of all, eternal life in glory! Yet, we are not called to just wait in hope, but to *watch* in that glorious hope. “Be on guard, keep awake,” and again, “What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.” Be on guard, keep awake, that is, be watching for Jesus' return. Satan deceives, the world entices, and our sinful flesh craves ease and evil. Life, its difficulties, but also its joys, distracts us, all too easily stopping us from keeping our priorities straight. Our trials get us to question God's love. But the good times tempt us to put more value on the gifts than the Giver, on our transient happiness instead of our permanent joy, on our temporary earthly residence

instead of our eternal heavenly home, our earthly family instead of our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus who is our flesh and blood Brother.

So the Word of the Lord, which endures forever, both corrects and redirects us away from what is evil, base, or just not essential, back to God. The same divine Word that tells us that it is not our concern in the slightest to know the time of the End reminds us that it is to be our fullest concern to keep our hearts and minds focused on Christ Jesus, His judgment, and the salvation He has promised His faithful people. By remembering this terrifying, yet awesome truth, we are motivated to keep watch, our soul remaining awake by being in the Word, in prayer, and in holiness of life.

Yes this Word is terrifying as far as judgment is concerned. The unbeliever, the unrepentant sinner, whether wrapped in the rags of open sin or the seemingly fine dress of hypocrisy, none will enter the kingdom of God. But as unbelief, hypocrisy and various vices are what the devil, the world, and our sinful nature are leading us into, spiritual alertness is not merely desirable, but absolutely necessary if we are to remain in faith. But this Word is equally awesome for repentant believers. For the hope of heaven is promised to them; the certain hope that encourages us to maintain, yes, *to increase* our spiritual diligence here and now.

And that diligence includes that, while here on earth, we also *work* in that glorious hope of heaven that is ours. Recall the Lord's short parable, that the master of the house "leaves home and puts his servants in charge, *each with his work.*" We are God's servants, called to faithfulness. Surely we must fear the Lord returning and finding us secure in self-righteousness, at spiritual rest instead of vigorously fighting temptation and sin. Clearly we must not give any accommodation to our sinful desires. Yet, we are called to not only fight evil, *but to do good.*

Putting our focus on the heavenly does *not* mean we do not care about the earthly. Far from it, having our priorities straight, we now rightly use the earthly in service of the heavenly, serving God by serving our neighbor. We are to be busy working, using our God-given talents, abilities, and opportunities as carry out the vocations into which He has called us, our roles in our families, our workplace, our community, and our congregation. As His people by faith, we put His Word into practice by living the Ten Commandments; yes by avoiding the unholy thoughts, words, and deeds they forbid, but also by *doing* the holy thoughts, words, and deeds they urge and command. We work such good for others to God's glory and for their benefit, caring for our family, friends, neighbors, strangers, even our enemies. We carry out these works of love even as we remember the greatest work of love is witnessing to them of Christ and His salvation, that they too would have the glorious hope of eternal life with Him when He returns.

Dear Christians, the End *is* approaching. No, we do not know the time. But the signs are clear; *His Word is clear.* Therefore, it is our Christian duty to watch and work in the joyful longing and hopeful expectation of His return. And this applies to Christ's coming to us at our own death as well as to the general judgment on the Last Day. We don't

know whether our Master will come in the days of youth, middle age, or old age; but, as soon as we are born, we begin to die, and therefore we must expect and be ready for death and judgment.

So then, let our greatest care be that, whenever He comes, He does not find us secure, indulging in sin or laziness of soul, uncaring of our work and duty as His servants. Instead, let us pray all the more that He would find us alert and awake, faithfully carrying out the holy works He has given us to do that we may rejoice at His return, even hearing His commendation and invitation, “Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your master.” Amen!

**Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29B)
24 November 2024**

Presentation of the Offering

Heavenly Father, who give to each of us gifts of varying degrees, in Your wisdom giving more to some than to others, help us remember that the one who receives much has the greater responsibility, and grant all of us the wisdom to use our gifts, treasures, and the whole of our lives in wise investment in and for Your Gospel kingdom. Relying on Your grace and confident of Your continual blessing and care, we present our offering to You. Accept it for Jesus' sake, and grant that it helps to prosper the preaching of the saving Gospel near and far. In that same Jesus' name. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church—Ektene Form

For grace to make a good confession and stand firm in the faith through this present life of sin and suffering; and for alertness and eagerness to watch for the return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and missionaries, that the Lord would grant them strength and steadfastness to nurture Christ's flock in these gray and latter days, to the praise of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church, that God would give us grace to serve Him as His baptized holy priests with reverence and awe and strength to endure faithful to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the redeemed people of God, that the Lord who has taught us the way of His commandments would pour His grace into our hearts, causing it to bear fruit in us that we may always be directed to His will, enabled to resist all evil, and live a godly life in accordance with His Law, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government of our nation and our leaders, that the Lord would grant them the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice in our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have received Your gift of healing, especially Kenneth, we thank You gracious Lord and ask for Your ongoing care for them. For all who live under the cross, and for the sick, the dying and those who mourn, especially Ellen, Elizabeth, Marty, Paula, Dawn, Joyce, Don, Betty, Arlyn, Jessica, Lynne, Gary, Shandel, Linda, Don, Jodi, Shirley, Aaron, Justin, Drew, Paul, Carolyn, and Marilyn, that the Lord would strengthen

their faith and grant them patience and hope, comfort and healing, until He calls them home, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family and friends of Ron Powell who grieve his death, that the Lord would sustain them in the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life for all who die in faith in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Kelly Helg, that our heavenly Father would bless her in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for all who have died in the faith, that the Lord would bring us with them to share in the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for Grace