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Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

At church, worship folders will still be available for those who need them. Worship notes will be available for those wishing to use the hymnals.

Masking is encouraged when entering and exiting the church building. Social distancing is still recommended. Feel free to remain masked during the service if so desired. If you know of anyone becoming shut in especially during the winter months that are not receiving this Email, contact the church office and we can place their names on the weekly mailing. These Emails, videos and other posts on Facebook will continue. I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children *Word Search: King*

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service] A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord]. The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen. Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section *[Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper]* of the catechism where this teaching can be found. *[ex: LSC-Baptism]* A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them. Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight. Contact the church office if you have any questions. God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word

WORSHIP FOLDER
RETURN OF THE KING
November 20 & 21, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 804 “*O WORSHIP THE KING*”

- 1 O worship the King,
all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

- 2 O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

- 3 This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow’r
hath founded of old,
Established it fast
by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

- 4 Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

- 5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

- 6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

What has Jesus done for you so that you will be ready when He returns?

+ **WORD** +

INTROIT

- P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

**C O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!**

**P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

**C And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.**

**P Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**C Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!**

**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.**

**P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.**

What are we looking forward to?

HYMN OF PRAISE “THIS IS THE FEAST” LSB 155

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of
God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Lord God,

C **You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

What are we asking our Lord to do for us so that we will be ready for His return?

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.

⁵My 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.

⁶Lift 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

What will last forever?

PSALM *Psalm 93*

P The 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.

C **Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.**

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

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

P Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

The Lord is mightier than what?

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

What is Jesus able to do for us?

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

What does Jesus encourage us to do while we wait for His return?

Highlight (underline) all the words and phrases in the worship service that help prepare us for Jesus' return.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 508 “THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR”

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know

My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERMON *“Evening, Midnight or Morning” Mark 13:24-37*

Introduction:

What can we expect till the day Jesus returns?

I. Tribulation

Well, for one thing we can expect tribulations. This means that there will be struggles, difficulties, sickness, disease, natural disasters, man made disasters, hatred, war, division and death. What a wonderful way to view the world. I speak “tongue-in-check.”

There are the many blessings which God pours down upon us. He has given food and drink, house and home, spouse and child, clothing, shoes and all that we need to support this body and life. There are the joys of life. Again, the joy of eating delicious food, tasty drinks, a new or remodel house, a home where people and family gather, marrying your sweetheart, the birth of a child, new clothes, warm clothes and shoes that match our outfits. All the things God supplies us to support this body and life are joys.

Yet, these all can be taken away from us. All these things come to end. They are temporal blessings because of Adam and Eve’s fall into sin. We are to give thanks to God for these temporal blessings. Yet we are not to make them the foundation of our joy, our peace and our final goal in life.

A young person may not know of the troubles and difficulties of life. They have their whole

future ahead of them. They have the protections of parents and family. Yet, they still are touched by death of loved ones, pets and even suffer sickness.

For those near the end of their lives, they have experienced both the blessings and tribulations of this world. They know the temporariness of this world. They know the tribulations that are a part of this life. And they advise us to keep this in mind.

Tribulation is a part of our lives and a part of our lives in Christ. We can expect, may be not fully experience, persecution for our faith in Christ. Yet, we see in this world a hatred for Christ and a growing suspicion on the part of the world toward Christianity. The world will accuse us of hating our neighbor and not keeping the god they worship first in our lives. They will declare our faith in Christ as being foolish and ridiculous. They will challenge what we hold dear and true. This we can expect.

II. His Word will remain forever

And we expect this to be true. The Word of God which we have will not pass away. All the troubles and persecutions this world throws at the Church on earth will come to end. All sin and all the difficulties and suffering that is associated with this world will come to end. All the earthly blessings will come to end. The time of tribulation will come to an end. And it will end when Christ Jesus returns in power and glory.

Until that unknown time and day comes, Christ will work through His Word to keep us in the one true faith. He will continue to pour down the Father's grace upon us and forgive us our sins. He will deliver us the time of trouble. He will strengthen us to endure in faith. He will give us wisdom to know and understand what it happening around us. He will continue to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

His Word will reaffirm in our hearts that His death did pay for all of our sins. His resurrection open the grave and destroyed the power of death. His ascension into heaven open the gates of heaven for us to enter into the place prepared for us now and for all eternity. His Word will keep these truths secure in our hearts.

Conclusion:

So, stay alert. Be mindful of the events of this world and consider them under the light of Adam and Eve's sin and the promise of God to have sent a Savior, Jesus Christ. Be mindful and alert of Christ's return so that when you see tribulation, the coming of Christ in the clouds, the angels gathering everyone from the ends of the world, you will know that the day of tribulation is over, this old ragged heaven and earth will pass away, and we will be gathered in the presence of Christ to live with Him forever. These are the things we can expect till the day Christ returns.

+ AMEN +

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [*especially . . .*], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who serve as first responders in our communities. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

P As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy. Your salvation will be forever,

C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN LSB 787 “THE TEMPLE RANG WITH GOLDEN COINS”*sts. 1, 5*

1 The temple rang with golden coins
The rich in bright array
Contributed from gleaming hoards
Their scales could scarcely weigh.

- 5 Lord, help us all, with You, to yield
Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n,
With open hearts and hands.

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OFFERTORY *LSB 159*

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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.**

HYMNS

LSB 810 "O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT"

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
And grand in poets' wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night

Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.

- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 525 "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,

Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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