

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIME LAST JUDGMENT

November 5/8, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

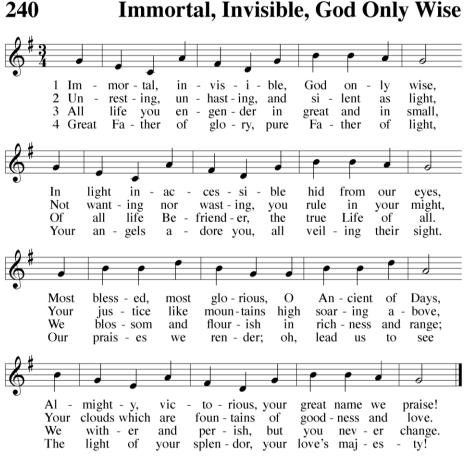
THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us this morning sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but DO NOT WORRY about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school toddler bags and children's bulletins are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

OPENING HYMN



Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, abr., alt. Tune: ST. DENIO (11 11 11 11) Welsh folk tune, alt.

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

INVOCATION

- 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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

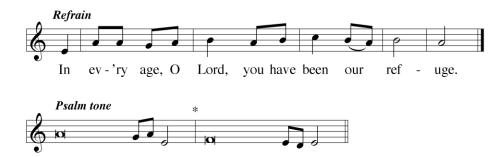
The minister says the Prayer of the Day.



THE FIRST LESSON

⁹I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. ¹⁰ A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

PSALM OF THE DAY





Lord, you have been our <u>dwell</u>ing place* throughout all gener<u>a</u>tions.

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

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

Refrain

Daniel 7:9-10

Psalm 90

You have set our iniquities be<u>fore</u> you,* our secret sins in the light of your <u>pres</u>ence.

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

The length of our days is seventy years or eighty, if we <u>have</u> the strength;* yet their span is but trouble and <u>sor</u>row.

Teach us to number our <u>days</u> aright,* that we may gain a heart of <u>wis</u>dom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your un<u>fail</u>ing love,* that we may sing for joy and be glad <u>all</u> our days.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son^{*} and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,^{*} is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON

¹Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, ² for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. ⁴But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, ⁵ for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

⁷To be sure, 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 sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining 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 you are also doing.



VERSE OF THE DAY

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

THE GOSPEL LESSON

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He 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, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

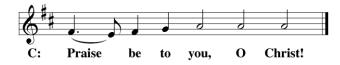
⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?'

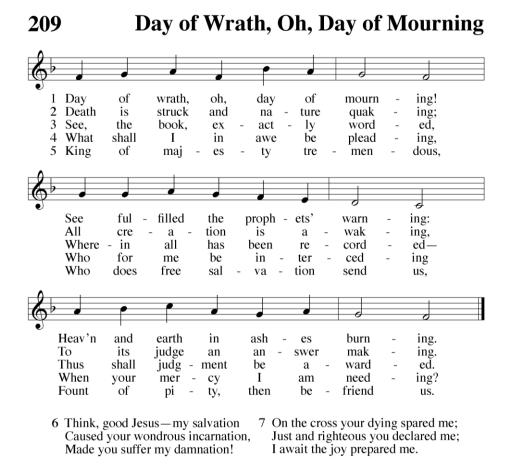
⁴⁵ "At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' ⁴⁶ And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



SERMON HYMN



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.

SERMON

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. ¹² I also saw the dead, great and small, standing in front of the throne, and books were opened. Another book was also opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged by the things written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and the Grave gave up the dead that were in them, and they were judged, each one according to what he had done.

¹⁴ Death and the Grave were thrown into the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

"What's in Your Book?"

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

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 sins, we would surely be lost.
- M: But we confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.
- C: Our hope is in you and your full salvation.
- 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 the 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 our Judge.
- C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their faith and 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 the Holy Spirit.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us forever. 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.



6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free From ev'ry evil. Amen.

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

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

CLOSING PRAYER

M: 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.



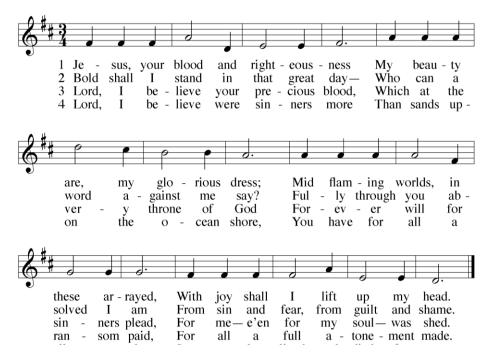
- M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
- M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



PLEASE BE SEATED



Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Pastor Natsis
Preacher	Pastor Natsis
Organist	Sarah Hanke
Deacons	(Thursday) Dave Frey and Duane Mason
	(Sunday - 8:30) Dave Boswell and Ed Wheeler
	(Sunday – 11:00) Robert Niethammer and Brian Zahn
Altar Guild	
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