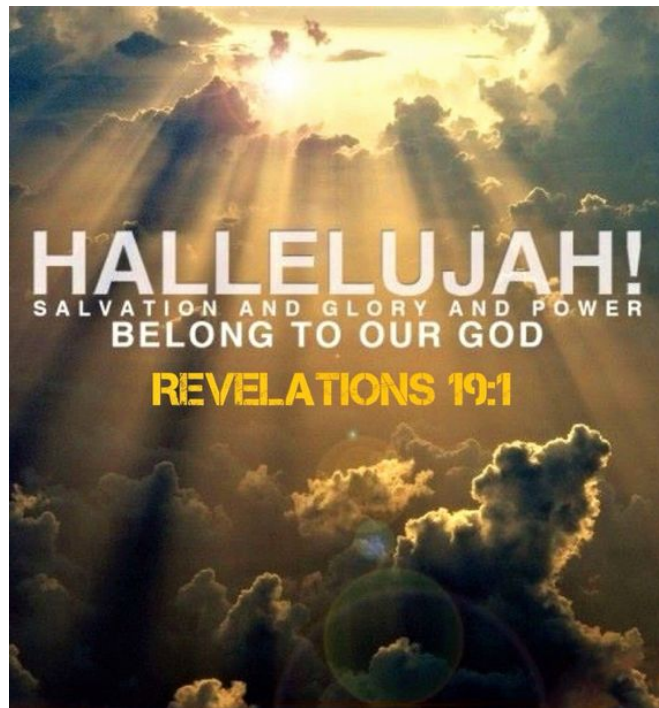


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Saints Triumphant - The Third Sunday of End Times

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OPENING HYMN: # 550

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

SAINTS AND MARTYRS

550

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here;
3 O - bless - ed saints, now take your rest;

Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;
But now, how glo - rious they ap - pear!
A thou - sand times you will be blessed

With palms they stand. Who is this band
Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band,
For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death

Be - fore the throne of light?
God's throne for ev - er near.
And scorn - ing world - ly trust.

These are the saints of glo - rious fame,
So oft in trou - bled days gone by,
For now you live at home with God;

Who from the great af - flic - tion came
In an - guish they would weep and sigh;
You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad.

And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
At home a - bove The God of love
Re - joice and bring Your fruits of sing

Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
For - e'er their tears shall dry.
Be - fore the throne of God.

Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest;
The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voice - es they in wor - ship raise.
The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest;
O saints, sing with that hap - py throng!

Their an - thems swell Where God does dwell
The Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice

Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
Him - self is host and guest.
In our Re - deem - er's song.

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Tune: GREAT WHITE HOST (PM) Norwegian folk tune, 17th century.

[M]: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[C]: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M]: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[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.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

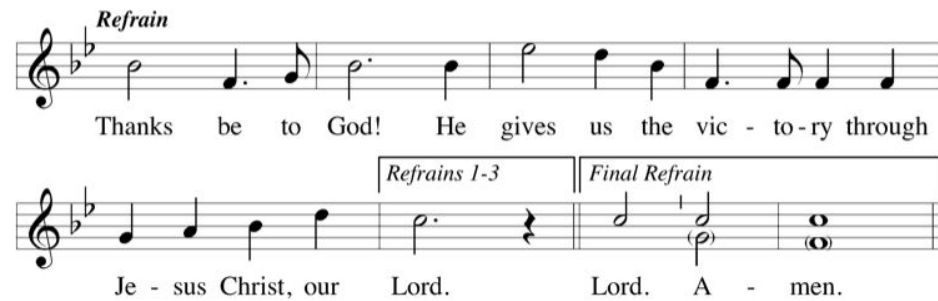
[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

The cantor (Mr. Paul Adickes) will sing the refrain, the congregation will repeat the refrain and sing it after each verse.



- 1 Blessed are they who washed their robes
and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
They are before the throne of God and serve him,
and serve him day and night in his temple.

Refrain

- 2 Never will they hunger or thirst;
the sun will not beat upon them,
For the Lamb will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living water.

Refrain

- 3 Blessed are they who washed their robes
and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them,
and then their God will wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

Final Refrain

Text (refrain): 1 Corinthians 15:57, alt
Text (verses): Revelation 7:14-17, alt.
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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.

THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

A call to “wake up” and watch for Jesus to return!

Isaiah 52:1-6

Wake, awake!

Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.

Put on your beautiful garments,

Jerusalem, you holy city,

for never again will the uncircumcised

and the unclean enter you.

² Shake off the dust.

Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.

Loosen the chains from your neck,

you captive daughter of Zion.

³ Yes, this is what the Lord says.

You were sold for nothing,

and you will be redeemed without money.

⁴ Yes, this is what the Lord God says.

In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there
for a while.

Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.

⁵ Now what do I have here? declares the Lord.

Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.

Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the Lord.

My name is continually despised all day.

⁶ Therefore my people will know my name.

So on that day they will know that I am the one—

the one who is saying, “Here I am!”

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The waiting church must be a watching church lest we lose both our invitation and our recognition!

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. ⁵ While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

¹¹ Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ ¹³ Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN: # 727

“There Is a Higher Throne”

END TIME

727

There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous

an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies

their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,

strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who

reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

SERMON

Revelation 19:1-9

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
² for true and just are his judgments.
He has condemned the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.
He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!
The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
both small and great!”

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

The Offering

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.**

The 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.

THE SACRAMENT

If you are visiting our service, the way we practice the Lord’s Supper might be different from the way you have seen it offered in other churches. The Bible teaches us to distribute this sacrament to those who have been taught and confessed their faith in the “real presence” of this Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27). This instruction is given by our pastor so that all our communicants might be of one heart and mind as they join together in this sacred meal. If you would like to learn and confess these truths with us so that you may commune at the altar of the Lord, speak with the Pastor after the service. When you come to the same conviction through a study of God’s Word, we will encourage you to participate with us in this blessed Sacrament.

PREFACE

- [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 good and right so to do.**

[M]: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 551

“For All the Saints”

(please open your hymnals and join to sing this majestic hymn!)

THANKSGIVING

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

[M]: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

[C]: **And his mercy endures forever.**

[M]: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: **Amen.**

[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.

[C]: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN # 219 See”

END TIME

219 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To
stand in joy be - side you.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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Announcements

This Week:

Sunday: 11/15 **Communion Worship 8 and 10 am**
Bible Study - 9:15-9:40 - Ephesians
Sunday School 9:00-9:40 at School
Luther High Fruit Sale (Church Basement)
Scrip Orders Due

Tuesday: 11/17 7 pm - Bible Class - Nahum
Wed: 11/18 9 am - Bible Class - Nahum
3:30 pm - Public School Confirmation

Sunday: 11/22 **Worship 8 and 10 am**
Bible Study - 9:15-9:40
Sunday School 9:00-9:40 at School

Pastor Lyons has returned the call we had sent to him. His letter will be read following each of the services today. We have scheduled **a call meeting for Monday, November 23 at 6:30 pm here at the church.** Please continue to pray that the Lord will soon send us a pastor to shepherd his flock here at St. Paul's.

Sunday School start time changes. Sunday School classes will start at **9 am** instead of 9:10 to allow more time for instruction effective today. Thank you to the parents for helping to get the children to the school a bit earlier.

In Memory of Arlan Schmidt - The congregation has received \$10,000 to be used for parsonage renovations, \$500 to St. Paul's Church, \$300 to St. Paul's School and \$200 to St. Paul's School Renovation - we thank the family for their generosity!

With the Lord - Vilas Lash passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the age of 90. Private funeral services will be at 11 am Saturday, Nov. 21, at Jandt-Fredrickson Funeral Home, West Salem. Pastor Steve Olson will officiate.

St. Paul's Scrip Program - <https://www.stpaulsbangor.com/scrip-program/>

SCRIP refers to gift certificates or gift cards (great for holiday gift giving). St. Paul's is able to purchase gift cards from hundreds of retailers nationwide at a discount, which you can buy at face value. The difference is our school's profit. By purchasing these gift cards before you shop for your everyday items – like groceries, gas, restaurants – we raise money, without you having to spend a penny extra. Also available on the "Raise Right" mobile app are e-gift cards that can be used instantly via your mobile phone. **Questions:** Contact Janel Lochen at 608-386-4243. Deadline for December Scrip orders is December 10.

Luther High Music Dept. Fruit Sale: Today is the last day for Luther students taking orders in the church basement between services to raise funds for the Music Department.

Deer Hunter's Communion! There will be holy communion offered on Wednesday, November 26 at the 7 pm service. **Thanksgiving Day** worship is at 9 am.

COVID-19: With the increased concern about the rapid spread of the virus in our area, please be respectful and cautious around one another. Do what you can to avoid contracting or spreading the virus. May God graciously keep us all safe and healthy!

November Worship Services:

The 4 Sundays in November are known as "End Times" Sundays. They are the last 4 Sundays of the Christian church year. Each Sunday has a different theme.

November 15 - Saints Triumphant is a peek into heaven at the joy that awaits us there.

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday is a reminder that our Savior reigns forever!

November 25/26 - National Day of Thanksgiving.

November 29 - 1st Sunday in the New Christian Church year - Advent!

Offering Summary (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

Weekly Budget: \$9,948.43 Budget to Date: \$437,730.92

Received 11/8/20: \$5,068.07 Rec'd to Date: \$374,834.16

Attendance - 11/8/2020

8:00 am: 85 10:00 am: 60 Total: 145