

*“He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.”*

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## Order of Service – Service of the Word (p. 38)

### *Opening Hymn*

#29: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: 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.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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

## Old Testament Lesson – Daniel 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup>“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.”

## *Psalm 90* (p. 99)

## Epistle Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

<sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

<sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

<sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Verse of the Day (Matthew 24:42)

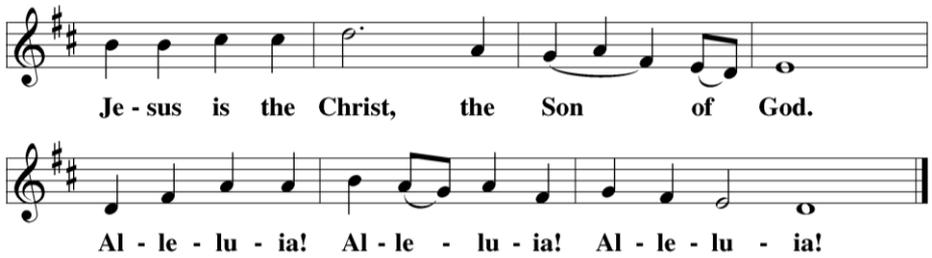
Alleluia. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



## *Hymn of the Day*

#208: Great God, What Do I See and Hear

### **Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



## **Sermon:**

“He will come to judge the living and the dead.”

## **Hymn**

#209: Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning

## **Apostles' Creed**

C: 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.

## **Thanksgiving**

### **Offering**

*If you are a guest visiting us this morning, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We understand that you may want to know more about our ministry before supporting it with your gifts. If, however, you desire to give, you are welcome to do so.*

*During the gathering of the offering, please sign the friendship register located in your pew.*

## **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: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

**C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**

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 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 judge.

**C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their 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.**

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 your Holy Spirit.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. 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.

### ***Collect***

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.**

## ***Closing Hymn***

#210: Who Knows When Death

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# ***Announcements***

**Church Council Meeting** Today - 11:20 AM

**Hunter's Potluck & Service** November 15 - 5:45 PM

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** November 22 - 6:30 PM

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** Sundays - 9:10 AM

Currently we are studying "A Man Named Martin." All are encouraged to join us as we continue to grow together in the word of the Lord!

### **Circle of Joy Food Drive**

Please leave nonperishable food items under the mailboxes for our annual food drive. In particular we could use pancake mix, syrup, macaroni and cheese, canned meat (not tuna), bottled juice, canned fruit, and cereal. Contact Joy Peterson or Joyce Hintz for more details.

### **Lutheran Girl Pioneers**

If you would like to participate in Lutheran Girl Pioneers as a member or as a leader, please speak with Pastor Willitz. Registration is due on December 1.

### **Northland Lutheran High School Fruit Sale**

If you would like to purchase a fruit box to support the mission of NLHS, please speak with Pastor Willitz. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

### **Ushers Needed**

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve as ushers during our 10:15 AM service. Please speak with Jim Engelson for more information.