

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16 &19, 2024

As We Gather

This second message turns the focus from the world's end to your end. Whether Christ comes first or death does, the result for believers is the same—life with God. Revelation 21 pictures the New Heaven and New Earth where every tear is wiped away. The Gospel is sure: our Judge is our Redeemer.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Jerusalem, My Happy Home(LSB 673) *sts. 1, 5–6*

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *Job 19:25a; Psalm 107:2a; Exodus 15:13; Psalm 118:24*

P For I know that my Redeemer lives.
C **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.**

P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
C **You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession and Absolution *Colossians 1:13–14*

P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

P Almighty God and Father,

C **we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and 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.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy;**
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory**
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Redeeming Lord Jesus Christ, at Your name bows every knee in heaven and on earth. In Word and Sacrament, draw near to this holy gathering, that in forgiveness and faith, Your people might confess You as Lord, be sanctified for good works, and be prepared to meet You when You come again, for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 4:1–6*

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

Epistle *2 Thessalonians 3:1–13*

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work,

but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

Holy Gospel Full Reading *Luke 21:5-36*

Holy Gospel (Truncated) *Luke 21:9–13, 17–19, 27–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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

Hymn Jerusalem the Golden (LSB 672) *sts. 1, 4*

Sermon Series: At The End

Sermon Title: Your End *Luke 21:5–36*

Catechism *The Seventh Petition*

P The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

C **But deliver us from evil.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

Prayer of the Church

P ... O Lord,

C **here us for You mercy's sake.**

Offering

When Peace, like a River (LSB 763) *sts. 1, ref, 2, 4*

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 208-212 in the hymnal.

Preface *Hymnal p. 208*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution Hymns

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LSB 802)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LSB 809)
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (LSB 633)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn Sing with All the Saints in Glory (LSB 671)
sts. 1, 3

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