



Sunday, November 7, 2021

Last Judgement

Worship focus:

*As We Wait for Jesus :
Stand in the Gift of Faith Alone!*

HYMN

208 – “Great God, What Do I See and Hear” (verses 1, 2, & 4)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

P: 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

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

P: 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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy,

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Malachi 4:1-3

The Day of the Lord's coming will bring destruction to unbelievers and joy to believers. By God's gift of faith we are ready to receive the healing that God promises on that day.

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. ³ Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the Lord Almighty.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 9:24-28

Faith is only as strong as its source. Thankfully, our faith has the Great High Priest as its source. He has done everything well for us!

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

Please stand.

GOSPEL – John 5:19-30

What is the result of faith in Jesus as our only Savior from sin? Life everlasting! How blessed we are to trust that what the Father has promised, Jesus has confirmed and done! May all our life be our faith honoring our Savior, our Judge, our only Hope: Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered them directly, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes. ²² “In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ “Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ I can do nothing at all on my own. I judge only as I hear. And my judgment is just, for I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 382 – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (all verses)

SERMON Text: John 5:19-30

Theme: Relax - Jesus has done it all perfectly!

1. Wiped out or condemnation.
2. Gives us a new life.
3. Will raise us to eternal life.

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

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.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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.

HYMN

145 – “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (verses 1, 3, & 5)



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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of October 31, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 218; Early: 106; Late: 112; Adult Bible Study: 31; Teens: 6, Sunday School 24; Mornings with Mommy: 47. On-line worship service views for October 24 were 33.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 20 are the members of David Bower’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 21, will be the members of Bill Hull’s Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service

Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service

Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 7 through November 14)

TODAY **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30**; Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

MON Circuit Pastor Meeting 9:00; Preschool Playtime 10:00.

TUE Elders 7:30 p.m.

WED Choir Practice 7:00; Bible Information class 7:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30**: Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE Field Trip – Lima Symphony, grades 1 – 8; Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

WED Chapel 8:20; Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

THU Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. Prayers for before and after Communion and worship are on pages 10-11 in the hymnal.

A DOZEN COPIES of Meditations, the WELS daily devotion booklet are in the lobby. Feel free to share them with your unchurched friends and neighbors as well as Trinity guests.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: Since Trinity's school students plan to be singing at Immanuel, Findlay, on November 14, there will not be Sunday School on that Sunday.

HELP NEEDED! Mrs. Connie Krueger needs help with laminating and/or cutting materials that will be used for learning stations in the Kindergarten room. If you can help, please contact Connie Krueger at 419.788.1990 or email ckrueger@tlcjenera.org.

TRINITY TIGER GEAR: The last day to order Tiger Gear for this year is November 12. Please get your orders into the office, along with payment. If you need an order form, please contact the office.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church this year. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$12.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by November 22th. Please be sure to make your payment to Jerry Burkholder. You may put your payment in an envelope marked with his name and give it to a deacon.

CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service: It's time to start thinking about it! All children (ages 4 through 12th grade) of the church, regardless if they are TLS students or not, are encouraged to participate in this year's service. Please contact Mrs. Linda Baumann at lbaumann@tlcjenera.org **and** Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com. They can fill you in on the details and give you the necessary information.

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY DONATIONS are needed by the Luther Society to beautify our church and remind us of God's abundant blessings! Anyone who wishes to donate items for the display, please have them in the basement by the late service next Sunday, November 21. Luther Society will set up the display after late service that day. Display items might include fruits or vegetables of the season, home-canned goods, etc. Items that are not reclaimed will be given to the called workers.



BASKETBALL PRACTICE begins Tuesday, November 9, from 5:00-6:30pm for grades 3-8. After-school care will be available that can accommodate if you would want your child or children to stay at school until practice time. **Children not in basketball will need to be picked up by 5:00 p.m.** Please send along a snack to hold them over, as snacks will not be available.

THE REPORT from the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS), which was done in September, is available. It is a rather large file. If you are interested in a copy, please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak. Please specify if you would like it in digital format or printed.

REMINDER! Women's Ministry Progressive meal is *today*, at 4:30, starting at Nicki von Stein's home, 15932 CR 60, Jenera. See you there!



SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS JOY! Join the Outreach Committee as they carol around Jenera on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. They'll be meeting in the church parking lot.

FALL HARVEST TIME: Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 15 and Tuesday November 16. Bring your children/grandchildren to play with corn, leaves, pumpkins, and gourds in our sensory bins, rake leaves, pick apples, and make an apple cinnamon painting. We meet in the church basement from 9:30-10:30, and the program costs \$5 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

A message from the Pastor:

On Sunday, October 10, I received a call from the Holy Spirit through Trinity Lutheran Church in Winner, SD to serve as their pastor. Winner is in south central South Dakota and has 3,000 people in town. Trinity has about 200 members and has been without a pastor for 2 years. As I deliberate the calls I have to both Winner and Jenera, please pray for both churches and my family. Please feel free to give any and all feedback during this time. Email works the best, but if you would like you can also call.

While it is never a good time for a pastor to deliberate a call, I am confident that the Lord of the Church will use this time of deliberation as a blessing to both congregations. I look forward to see what wonderful blessings that God will give to us today and tomorrow.

Serving Christ and his people,
Pastor Matt Nowak

October 31, 2021

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran,

Over the past few weeks Karena and I have had the opportunity to consider our ministry gifts, the needs and opportunities that may lie ahead for our family, and how those things might be a blessing to the Lord and his church. We have also considered how those same things might be a blessing to the ministry whether here in Crete or in Jenera. We have appreciated the many conversations with leaders and teachers of your congregation. The vision and dedication of Trinity Lutheran to preach the Gospel and provide many opportunities to God's people of all ages is obvious. It is truly humbling to think that the Lord would even allow us to consider where to serve him!

It is our joy to share with you, that after prayerful consideration Karena and I have been led to accept the Calls you have extended to us to serve as teacher and principal, respectively. We look forward to the days of shared ministry ahead and pray the Lord blesses us all in the months until our arrival. Please keep the Illinois Lutheran family in your prayers as they begin the process of filling the vacancies, asking the Lord of the Church to give them wisdom, patience, and confidence that he, as he always has, will provide for their needs.

May the Word of God as written by Moses in Psalm 90:17 be our prayer: *"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."*

Blessings in Jesus
Jeffrey and Karena Falck

LIGHT UP A STUDENT'S LIFE: Each year in November & December, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit MLS and its students. Contributions support the MLS Student Need Fund, which provides ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. The MLS Foundation has committed to providing MLS with \$100,000 annually in student financial assistance, and your gifts to Light Up a Student's Life will help us accomplish this goal. Donors who Light Up A Student's Life have an opportunity to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. Such gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located on campus. For each \$10 contribution, a white light ornament will be placed on the Christmas tree with the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Your generosity is the heart and spirit of the MLS Foundation. Your gifts will allow us to assist another generation of students to follow our Savior's directive to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Please visit <https://app.donorview.com/L6vlg> or <https://mls-foundation.org/luasl/> for details.

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John 5: 28, 29