



FOR GOD HAS
DESTINED US
NOT FOR WRATH
BUT FOR
OBTAINING SALVATION
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST ...

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to the House of the Lord

When you think of "THE DAY" what do you think of? Or one might ask, "What do you think about when you hear the phrase, "THE DAY OF THE LORD"? Is this a happy thought? Is this a scary thought? Is this something to rejoice and give thanks for? Well, all three of our Scripture readings today point us to this "DAY". For sure, it is a "DAY" that one needs to be ready for. We gather for worship with God's people so that we can be assured that we are ready for this "DAY." We gather for worship so our LORD can teach us anew what this "DAY" is all about. We meditate on His Word this day so that we might clearly know what "THE DAY OF THE LORD" is. Come LORD Jesus. Come Holy Spirit. Teach us anew. Prepare our hearts and minds for Your DAY. Come. Let us worship.



Opening Hymn

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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The day is surely drawing near when Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear as judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, and flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound and all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, a record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, when he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, and all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

Amen.

Psalmody—Psalm 90:1–12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are brought to an end by your anger;

by your wrath we are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities before you,

our secret sins in the light of your presence.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy,

or even by reason of strength eighty;

yet their span is but toil and trouble;

they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger,

and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the

men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While 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. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word and loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand and at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, and Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be and through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free with all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face, with all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

Sermon “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Offering *Online or in the narthex*

Remembrance of Veterans Day Prayer

Lord God Almighty, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us.

We thank You for providing men and women to serve in our stead and on our behalf in the armed forces.

We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve.

We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others.

Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families.

Grant us the resources and willing heart to support them.

Keep our chaplains under your care. Fill them with joy and confidence that comes from knowing that You have defeated sin and death.

Sanctify their ministry to be a blessing to many.

Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients in suffering.

We thank you for millions of Americans who give of their life and labor in times of national conflict and war,

the service men and women, and the families of those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Lead us citizens to live humbly before You, carrying out our respective vocations to the best of our ability

at home, at work, in the community, and in our congregation

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Holy Communion . . . Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. Amen.

Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

350 (1–2)

Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee.

Enter now my waiting heart, glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine when Thou art my guest divine!

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Serving the Lord in Worship

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Prayers



In Need of Healing . . . *Mike Babino, Elroy Block, Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Sue Krull, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Deb Schneider, Donna Seefeldt, and Tom Sunnicht.*

Announcements

Courtesy During Covid Times . . . St. Paul Bonduel has taken steps to help stop the spread of Covid and to keep our church and school open. Social distancing is one important measure. Use of masks increases the comfort level for some who would like to worship. Some people are hesitant to attend worship when masks are not being used. Please, out of respect and courtesy for others, practice social distancing at St. Paul, use masks, and sanitize your hands.

November Bible Study

Mondays – 6:15pm, also Livestream or Online

Tuesdays – 7:00am

We finished Philipians. We are turning to 2 Peter. In chapter 3, he focuses on those who scoff at the idea of Christ's world-stopping return, and insists, "The Day of the Lord will come!" I'm looking forward to listening to Peter and joining you online. *Pastor Shoup*

College-Age Ministry Group . . . is in need of new and updated addresses for all college students. Please contact Bridgett Dingeldein at 715-853-7991 or Pastor Palmer with any information.

Attendance — November 5/8, 2020

Thursday	11/5	7:00pm	66
Sunday	11/8	8:00am	81
Sunday	11/8	10:15am	<u>64</u>
		Total	211
Sunday	11/8	Livestream Views	250

Check out the display cabinet . . . in the narthex by the Gethsemane window for the 5th grade "Salute to Veterans" display.

Wreath Pick-up . . . If you have ordered a wreath, they may be picked up Thursday, November 19, beginning at 2:30pm until 6:30pm. Pick-up will take place by the North shed (big white shed directly across the road from the school).

Kringles for Sale . . . Next Thursday evening, November 19, the 8th grade class will have Kringles available for purchase. They are \$17.00 each.



The Lutheran Hour . . . "Politics in Perspective" (*Daniel 7:1-14*)

Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Camp Luther News . . . Winter Blast Family Retreats

Families loved the fall retreats so they're doing it again this winter for weekends in January 2021. Housing, meals, and outdoor activities like cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and tubing are provided. Check out <https://campluther.com/winterfamily> for more information and to register.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

November 19	Sandy Staszak	
November 22	Karla Moede	Barb Wickman

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

November 19	Ajay Heller	
November 22	Hailey Eggert	Kaylen Folkman

Advent

Await God's Future

Traditionally during Advent we rejoice in the promise God kept – God's coming to us at Christmas in the birth of His Son – and we long with confidence for His promise to be kept – God's coming to us again in His Son's return on the Last Day. Advent is the time of the church year that concentrates on the future tense. "Await God's Future" is this year's Advent theme. God's future is our hope, not human-imagined impossible dreams, politician's promises, or future peace and pleasure dependent on human technology, engineering, and science.

This year during Advent we will hear future-tense announcements given by the ancient prophet Isaiah. Each week we will practice a double hearing, so to speak, to hear the prophet preaching to his original listeners and to hear his words continue to speak to us through Christ now 2700 years later in North America. These ancient words were the true word of God then, and they remain the true Word of God now, ancient words that will instill in our hearts and minds repentance, living faith, and sure hope in the coming of Yahweh.

O Lord, let us heed Isaiah's cry, "Await God's Future."

ADVENT WEEK 1 – November 29

Isaiah 36–37

"Yahweh Will Save His Zion"

ADVENT WEEK 2 – December 3/6

Isaiah 13:9–13, 19; 14:1

"The Day of Yahweh Will Come"

ADVENT WEEK 3 – December 10/13

Isaiah 19:23–25

"Gentiles Will Belong to Ancient Israel's God"

ADVENT WEEK 4 – December 17/20

Isaiah 25:5–9

"Death the Swallower Will Be Swallowed Up"

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 11/15** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
- Monday 11/16** 6:00pm Board of Christian Education
6:15pm 2 Peter Bible Class (*livestreamed*)
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tuesday 11/17** 7:00am 2 Peter Bible Class
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday 11/18** 8:15am Chapel (Grades 5–8) (*livestreamed*)
9:00am Chapel (Grades 4K–4) (*livestreamed*)
11:00am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
6:30PM SPYRT Storm
- Thursday 11/19** 1:00pm Mission Circle
7:00pm Worship and Deer Hunter’s Service
- Friday 11/20**
- Saturday 11/21**
- Sunday 11/22** 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship



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