



November 12, 2023



The Second Sunday of End Time

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Today's Focus: Christ will return with great glory to separate those with faith from those without. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

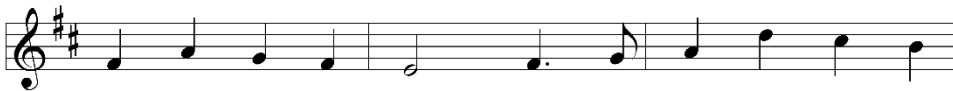
MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 222 “Songs of Praise the Angels Sang”



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
3 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of
4 And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, Still in



al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
praise shall crown that day. God will make new heav'ns and
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
songs of praise re - joice, Learn - ing here, by faith and



gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
love, Songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Whispered with their final breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death.
Then, amidst eternal joy,
Songs of praise their pow'rs employ.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

STAND

INVOCATION

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.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef, G major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 8:4-7

The prophet Jeremiah extends the Lord's gracious call to repent, because there will be a day when the Lord's call ends and his judgment arrives.

You are to tell them that this is what the LORD says:

Do people fall and not get up again?

If a person turns away, doesn't he turn back again?

⁵Then why has this people turned away?

Why is Jerusalem always turning away?

They hang on to deception

and refuse to let it go.

⁶I have paid attention and listened,

but they do not say what is right.

No one repents of his wickedness.

No one asks, "What have I done?"

Everyone pursues his own course,

like a horse charging into battle.

⁷Even the stork in the sky knows her seasons.

The turtledove, the swift, and the thrush

observe the right time for their migration.

But my people do not recognize

the just judgments of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 16

Read Responsively

M: Keep me safe, O God,

C: for in you I take refuge.

M: I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

C: apart from you I have no good thing."

M: I have set the LORD always before me.

C: Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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M: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

C: my body also will rest secure,

M: because you will not abandon me to the grave,

C: nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

M: You have made known to me the path of life;

C: you will fill me with joy in your presence.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Day of Judgment will be a day of reunion and glory for all believers, living and dead.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. ¹⁴Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

¹⁵In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! "So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Alleluia!
(Matthew 24:42)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then 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. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’

⁴⁴“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’

⁴⁵“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ ⁴⁶And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

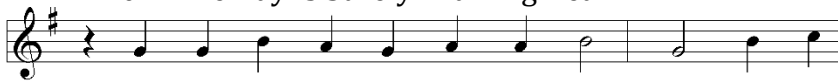
M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Blessed Are You”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 207 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear
 earth be shak - en, Then all who in their graves are found
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 Your saints are waiting patiently;
 Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99. abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON

TEXT: Matthew 25:31-46

THEME: "You are Counted among the Sheep"

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

STAND

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 cry 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 not stand.

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 pains of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, and 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 each other when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayers

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

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.

BLESSING

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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 382 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840-1901.

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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

Puzzle and coloring pages are available for all kids on the table in the Narthex along with pencils and crayons. Word puzzles, games & space for drawings are all included in these sheets.

Voters' Meeting TODAY!

Trinity will hold a voters' meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm today. The main agenda item will be the spending plan for 2024. If you still need the meeting, agenda, and read-ahead documents, please speak to President Steve Proksch.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, November 16

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Thanksgiving Worship – November 22

Thanksgiving worship will be on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm.

Catechism and Bible Class Schedules

There will be no catechesis on Sundays November 26, December 17 and 24, or January 1. Bible class will meet between services on every Sunday except December 24 and January 1.

Advent by Candlelight – Save the Date – December 2

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manassas is hosting an Advent by Candlelight service on December 2 at 6:30 pm. All women of Trinity are invited to join the event. More information, including how to register will be coming soon. Questions: Contact Lynnette Hupman at lhupman57@gmail.com

Advent Fellowship Meals

Trinity will host midweek Advent fellowship meals on Wednesdays December 6 and 13. Potluck suppers will start at 6, with a brief devotion following at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able; beverages and tableware will be provided.

Christmas for Kids – December 9

The next outreach event will be Christmas for Kids, on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-11:30. There will be gifts, games, snacks, music, a craft, and devotion for up to 30 kids from our neighborhood. Thank you to the adult and teen volunteers who have stepped forward to help supervise!

Children’s Christmas Worship Service – December 17

The Children’s Christmas Worship Service, led by our Sunday School students, will be the 11:00 service on December 17. The 8:30 service that Sunday will be our usual liturgical setting, including a sermon and Communion.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, worship will be held at 5 and 7pm on December 24, with no morning services. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am and will include the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Ammo Can for Lutheran Military Support Group

Through next Sunday, November 19 the ammo can will be out on the table in the narthex for donations to the Lutheran Military Support Group, which provides spiritual and physical assistance to Lutheran military members in all branches of service.

Upcoming Sunday School Project: Collection for HUGS

Beginning next Sunday, November 19 and continuing through Sunday, December 17, the Sunday School will be holding their next service project, a collection for HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge. Cold weather clothing of all kinds and hygiene items will be gratefully received in a box in the narthex, and then passed on to HUGS of Warm in Woodbridge to distribute to those in need in Northern Virginia.

October Attendance

1st: Worship: 38 + 26 = 64; Bible class: 25

8th: 30 + 30 = 60; 22

15th: 36 + 32 = 68; 26

22nd: 32 + 28 = 60; 19

29th: 29 + 39 = 68; 23

Small Choir

Trinity’s small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We’ll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.