

November 15, 2020

Third Sunday of End Time: Saints Triumphant



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*..... CW # 206

1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing,
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;

The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -
 And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she
 Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and

ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the
 ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes
 cym-bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each

wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the

cry re-joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes — a - wake! Your lamps with
 "Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has

glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care
 God's own Son, Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call
 ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we

Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bride-groom who is near."
 We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."
 In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

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Confession and Absolution *(rise)*

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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

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

C: Lord have mercy

L: 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 pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: 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

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

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, during this time of uncertainty and all our time on this earth, lead us by your Word and Spirit, nourish and strengthen our faith in you and all your promises, and always point us to the home you have prepared for your children in heaven; where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(seated)*

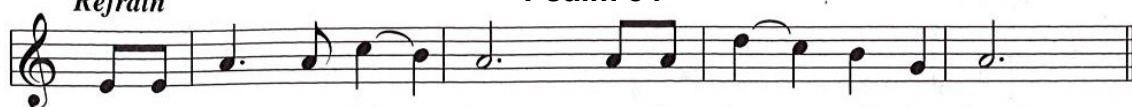
First Lesson:**Isaiah 52:1-6**

Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. ² Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.

³ For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴ For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I." (The Word of our God)

Refrain **Psalm 84**



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm tone *



How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

**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.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³Brothers (*and sisters in Christ*), we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *Forever with the Lord* CW # 213 Stz 1-4 & 6

1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So let it be.
2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from him I roam,
3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my soul, how near
4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I nev - er fail.
6 I'll know as I am known; How shall I love that word

Life from the dead is in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.
Yet night - ly pitch my mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.
At times, to faith's fore - see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!
If you up - hold me, I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.
And oft re - peat be - fore the throne; "For - ev - er with the Lord

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1–13

L: ¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶“At midnight the cry rang out:

C: ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

L: ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise,

C: ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

L: ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came.

C: ‘Sir! Sir! Open the door for us!’

L: ¹² “But He replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ ¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White* CW #550

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1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; A thou - sand

snow - clad moun - tains bright; With palms they stand. Who is
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest -
times you will be blessed For keep - ing faith Firm un -

this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in
to death And scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af - flic - tion
trou - bled days gone by, In an - guish they would weep and
live at home with God; You toiled and sowed the Word a -

came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood Are cleansed from
sigh; At home a - bove The God of love For - e'er their
broad. Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing Be - fore the

'guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise. Their an - thems
The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The Lamb, their
O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift up one

swell Where God does dwell Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song.

Sermon:

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (pg 6)

We Are Triumphant Saints!



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

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***

Prayers: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven. We also pray for...

This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: 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 *(seated)*

Hymn: *Jerusalem the Golden* **CW # 214**

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest —
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi - lant with song
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from care re - leased,
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!

The sight of it re - fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed.
 And bright with man - y an an - gel And all the mar - tyr throng.
 The shout of them that tri - umph, The song of them that feast;
 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us there,
 The Prince is ev - er in them; The day - light is se - rene;
 And they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the fight
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us To that dear land of rest;

What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
 The pas - tures of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
 You are with God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Please remember in your prayers:

Velda Mace, Tim Almony's "2nd mother," who suffered a severe stroke. We ask the Lord to restore Velda and give comfort to Tim and the others.

Ask the Lord to bring healing to all the people afflicted with Covid-19 including the WELS Pastor of Emmanuel Redeemer in Yale MI, his entire family, and a few members of the church.

We ask the Lord to provide safe travels to our newest member, Jessica Orth, who will be traveling to New Ulm, MN to be with her parent for a few months.

Church and Fellowship Hall Cleaning Schedule for November and December

November

21	Williams Family	Ray & Jan	
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December

5	G/K Potter & J/E Cammarata	Gil & Kathy		Jim & Ellen	
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		Gil	443.799.9758		
19	S/L Backes & N/K Potter	Stephen & Lindsey		Nate & Kelly	
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		linzpotter@gmail.com	410.292.5755		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November

3	Bruce & Penny Gerlach	41 st
3	Mark Fostervold	
7	Jason Carne	
13	Isabel Wittmershause	
14	Mary Quesenberry	
17	Jim Cammarata	
21	Ben Meister	
25	Annah Kambo	