



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



Welcome to Worship!

As we approach the end of the church year, we turn our focus to the Last Day: the day written in ink on God's calendar when Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead. In these final weeks of the church year, it is natural for us to think about that Last Day and what it means.

When faced with injustice, two different reactions are common: despair over the unfairness of the situation or hatred and a desire for revenge. As we await Christ's return on the Last Day, we too are faced with injustice—with opposition from a world who rejects the One we believe in. And as much as we might be tempted to despair or seek revenge, the certainty of the Last Day gives us a better option. We can leave justice up to the Judge. We can be confident that every wrong will be righted on the Last Day. We can look forward to the Last Day—to Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Bible Study

This morning, we begin a new Bible study on "The Christian and Bioethics." Taught by Rev. Robert Fleischmann, the national director of Christian Life Resources, this study will focus on the delicate balance of faith and bioethics. Rev. Fleischmann will explore basic skills and understandings for how a Christian can approach the challenging implications of contemporary and future technologies that affect life and the family. Through instruction, examples, and discussion, we'll use the lenses of Scripture and the Christian faith to look at ethical and bioethical trends. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

The Twentieth-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 12 & 13, 2022

The Last Day: A Day of Terror for All Who Troubled God's People

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

The King Will Come at Age's End

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

Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

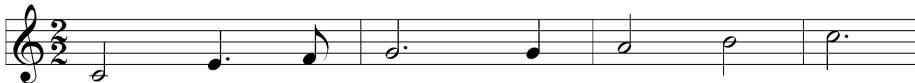
Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Glory Be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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 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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Malachi 4

On the Last Day, those who opposed God will be laid low, but all God's people will be healed.

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98

Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
for he has done / marv'lous things;
his right hand and his / holy arm
have worked salvation / for him.
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known
and revealed his righteous-ness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with / music.
Let the rivers / clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together / for joy;
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,
for he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

On the Last Day, all who trouble God's holy people will themselves be eternally troubled.

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 21:5–19

As we approach the Last Day, Jesus calls upon believers to stand firm.

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry

beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir

Onward, Christian Soldiers

arranged by Jason W. Krug

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
forward into battle see his banners go!

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain.

Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye faithful, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages saints and angels sing. *Refrain*

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Hymn of the Day

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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Sermon

Luke 21:5–19

Knowing What to Expect

Please 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.
Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment. If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.
But we also confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us. Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, and spiritual apathy.
Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

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.
Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Day of Wrath
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Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

There Is a Higher Throne

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Announcements

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Military Services

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Presiding Minister

Senior Vicar Christian Willick (Saturday)

Pastor Eric Schroeder (Sunday)

Musicians

Marjorie Flanagan, piano (Saturday)

Professor Kyle Bitter, organ (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir Director

Kristi Meyer

In Our Prayers

- Rob Siever, who is hospitalized in the Froedtert ICU after suffering a stroke and undergoing emergency surgery on Tuesday.
- Dennis Anderson, who is scheduled to be released from the hospital but whose recent post-surgery complications continue and have necessitated extended convalescence in a care facility.

Parents' Preview for November 20

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



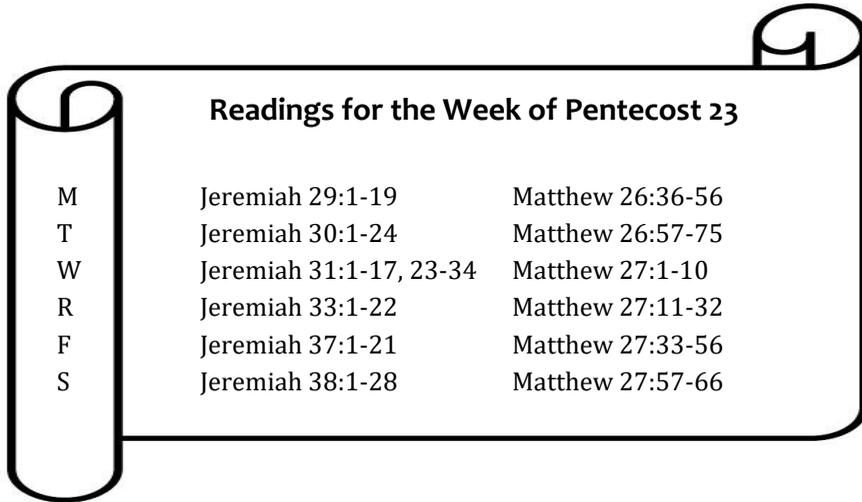
hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.



Readings for the Week of Pentecost 23		
M	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56
T	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75
W	Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34	Matthew 27:1-10
R	Jeremiah 33:1-22	Matthew 27:11-32
F	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matthew 27:33-56
S	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matthew 27:57-66

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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