



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
— HOWARDS GROVE, WI —



**FREE FROM THE
FEAR OF JUDGMENT**



IN THE NAME OF JESUS

THE THEME OF OUR WORSHIP:

Live Like You'll Live Forever: free from fear of judgment. Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) affects many millions of adults. They struggle with everyday tasks like talking to people at work or school out of terror that they are constantly being evaluated. Even if you don't have that disorder, perhaps you have experienced the uncomfortable feeling that others are looking for something to criticize about you. How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one person whose opinion ultimately matters—the Judge. Where you spend eternity depends on Jesus' judgment. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. At St. Paul's, you will find a worship service designed to praise God and increase people's faith. While all styles of worship take some getting used to, we hope you will find that the main message – the unconditional love Jesus has for us – comes through clearly.

PARTICIPATE. Many parts of our worship service are interactive. Feel free to sing along with the hymns and songs. There are also times in the service when Pastor and congregation speak back and forth. Please join together as you feel comfortable.

PARAMENTS. In Lutheran churches you often see paraments. These are the colored cloths with symbols on them hanging from the altar and pulpit. They change with the church seasons and celebrations as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. Green is the color of life and nourishment...the basic color of nature. After reliving the great events of the life of Christ...the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

PERSONAL CONVENIENCES. For your convenience, restrooms are located in the southwest corner of the narthex across from the entrance into the sanctuary...feel free to ask for directions. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate mode so as not to disrupt others during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

To help you focus while you join us for worship, take the time to eliminate as many distractions around you as possible. We may be separated by in-person or livestream worship, but we can connect with each other here for Christian support and encouragement.

WORSHIP NOTES

LAST SUNDAYS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The Church Year comes to a close in October and November. On these Sundays, we talk about the end of time. Scripture makes it clear that when Jesus comes again he will not be bringing salvation like the first time. He will be bringing the angels and fire to destroy the universe. These Sundays allow you the opportunity to focus on the fact that life on earth doesn't go on and on. It comes to an end...either in death or on Judgment Day. And yet...this need not scare Christian believers. For a believer the end of his life or the end of this world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence...in a much more glorious world than this one.

"Live each day like it's your last." You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise...an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is...thanks to Jesus...we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. *Really* think about it. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever.

If you really thought it was your last day...that belief would shape how you lived that day. In this series...let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. *Live like you'll live forever!* Our worship will follow this pattern:



LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER

The Festival of the Reformation	<i>... Live Confessing Your Faith with Courage</i>
All Saints' Day	<i>... Live Knowing Life Only Gets Better</i>
25 th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>... Live Offering Everything to the Lord</i>
26 th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>... Live Free from the Fear of Judgment</i>
Last Sunday of the Church Year	<i>... Live with Your Eyes on the Skies</i>

OPENING HYMN

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name | 846



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
 2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
 3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
 4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
 joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
 tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
 to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
 and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
 and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
 "This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
 bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
 loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
 Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnary, 1913, alt.; Magnus B. Landstad, 1802-1880, abr.
 Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842
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Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Liturgy Appreciation: When the visible church gathers each week, we confess our sins and receive forgiveness. The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent. A Christian congregation with its called servants of Christ use the keys in accordance with his command. (John 20:23; Luke 18:14; 2 Timothy 4:1-2)

CONFESSION

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

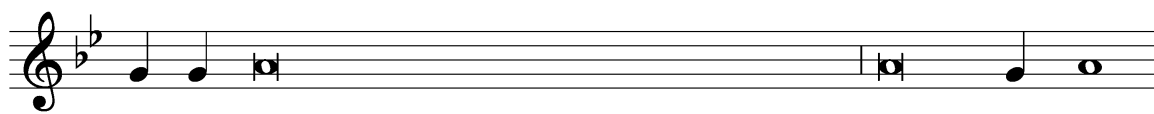
ABSOLUTION

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



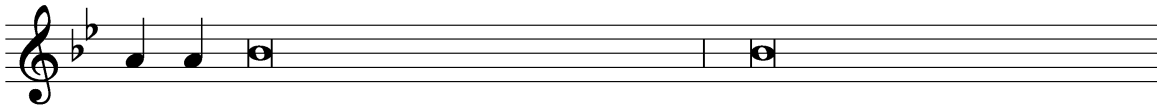
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



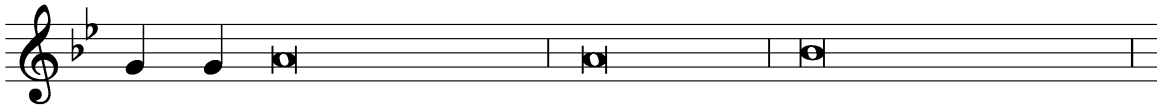
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



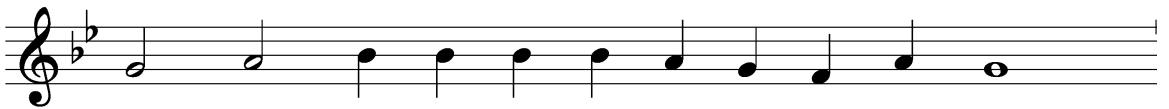
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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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

Daniel 12:1-3

Everyone whose name is found written in the book will be delivered from judgment and awake to everlasting life.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN RESPONSE

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won | 444:1-3



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
live and reign with him in heav - en. God is
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.

Text: tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, alt.; Christian F. Gellert, 1715–1769, abr.
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SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

Each person is destined to face judgment at death. Yet because of Christ's sacrifice at the cross and the salvation he will bring, we have no fear.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor 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. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 2:10



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Be faithful, even to the point of death,



and I will give you life as your vic - tor's crown.

Refrain

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GOSPEL

John 5:25-29

Whoever hears and believes Jesus' words will not be judged but will rise to live.

²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge 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 ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

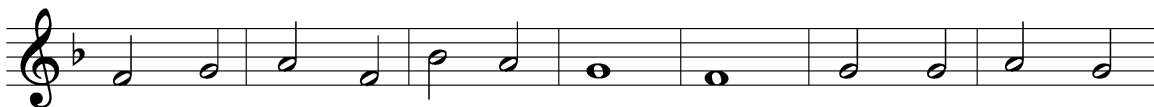
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Wrath | 485

Hymn Appreciation: This hymn was written by an Italian man, Thomas of Celano, in the 13th century. Based on Zephaniah 1:15, it has regularly reminded Christians for centuries of a major theme in the Old Testament Prophets: the day of the LORD. The impenitent people among whom they preached needed to hear of God's just judgment against sin. Our sinful natures need to hear that as well. Yet for all who are humbled by the prophet's warning, the day the Lord Jesus suffered God's wrath in our place makes the day the Lord returns to us a day of joy.



1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
2 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; all cre - a - tion
3 See, the book, ex - act - ly word - ed, where - in all has
4 What shall I in awe be plead - ing, who for me be



proph-ets' warn - ing: heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing.
is a - wak - ing, to its judge an an - swer mak - ing.
been re - cord - ed; thus shall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
in - ter - ced - ing when your mer - cy I am need - ing?

5 King of majesty tremendous,
who such grace have freely sent us,
fount of pity, then befriend us.

6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
caused your wondrous incarnation,
made you suffer my damnation!

7 On the cross your dying spared me;
just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.

Text (sts. 1-6): tr. William J. Irons, 1812-1883; (sts. 1-6): attr. Thomas de Celano, c. 1190-c. 1260, abr.; (st. 7): Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952
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SERMON

Daniel 12

*Time to Rise and Shine!
Time of distress – Time of deliverance*

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.**

CONNECT

We would kindly ask everyone to fill out a *Connect Card* now. If you are worshipping with us virtually, we kindly ask that you also fill out a digital *Connect Card*. What will be the “next steps” you can take as a response to the message you have heard today? You can also let us know how we can pray for you or ask for more information on one of the ministries or programs we are offering. Thank you!



OFFERING

If you're visiting today...we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of the service. In fact...we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! This offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering...please feel free to do so.

Giving Options:

- ◆ Scan the QR code to the right.
- ◆ give your gift [online](#).
- ◆ via text message: text “GIVE” to 877.492.5452 and follow the text instructions.



Stand

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.

We 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, 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.

Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special intercessions

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

Silent prayer

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, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

HYMN OF DEPARTURE The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 488



- 1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
- 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
- 3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
God's al - might - y, bound-less pow'r, be changed at his com-mand-ing.
all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
at the judg - e's stern com-mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

Verse 5

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!

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.

SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PRESIDING MINISTER/PREACHER: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Angie Pechman

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Rachel Rehbein, Christina Sprenger

USHERS: 8:00a – Jeremy Pieper, Josh Pieper, Jason Pieper, Jon Pieper, Paul Holzward

10:30a – Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Mark Kolosovsky, Brad Tinker, Derek Grunwald

OFFERINGS: 11.10 & 11.11 – \$15,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200) | \$2,900 –
PLAYGROUND LANDSCAPING | \$300 – GROWING FORWARD

ATTENDANCE: 11.10 & 11.11 – 8:00A – 172 | 10:30A – 156 | 6:00P – 34

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

- ◆ Zion Brey, son of Chris and Jenna, baptized today.

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