

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.

HEBREWS 9 : 28

# LAST JUDGMENT

NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2021

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Worship during these times:** All pews in the sanctuary are open for seating. Face coverings are optional -- up to the individual. Bibles and hymnals are in the pew racks for use as desired. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which may be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are unable to worship with us in-person may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

**DVDs:** DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you request one.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Todays' Worship Focus:** *Last weekend's readings focused on the Lord's warning of troubles his people will face in the End Times and how his gospel and Spirit help us to be on guard. Today's readings point us ahead to the last day. It will be very different for believers and for unbelievers. Unbelievers will receive condemnation and fire. But those who hear Jesus' voice and believe will take hold of the everlasting life that has been theirs since he brought them his verdict of not guilty by his blood. Let us continue to listen to the voice of our Judge, who has acquitted us, and be ready to frolic for joy and receive the salvation he brings at The Last Judgment.*

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### PASTOR'S WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Great God, What Do I See and Hear* | 208

- 1 **Great God, what do I see and hear?  
The end of things created;  
The judge of mankind shall appear  
On clouds of glory seated.  
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore  
The dead which they contained before:  
Prepare, my soul, to meet him!**
- 2 **The dead in Christ shall first arise  
At that last trumpet's sounding,  
Caught up to meet him in the skies,  
With joy their Lord surrounding.  
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;  
His presence sheds eternal day  
On those prepared to meet him.**
- 3 **But sinners filled with guilty fears  
Behold his wrath prevailing,  
For they shall rise and find their tears**

**And sighs are unavailing;  
The day of grace is past and gone;  
They trembling stand before his throne,  
All unprepared to meet him.**

**4 O Christ, you died, and yet you live;  
To me account your merit,  
My pardon seal, my sins forgive,  
And cleanse me by your Spirit.  
Beneath your cross I view the day  
When heav'n and earth shall pass away,  
And thus prepare to meet you.**

*Please stand.*

### **INVOCATION**

**M:** 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.**

### **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.

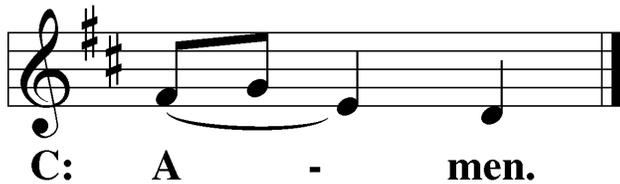
**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**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 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. God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

## [10:30] BAPTISM

*Miles Alan Grunewald*

## FIRST LESSON

*Malachi 4:1-3*

*The day is coming - fire for the wicked, but freedom for those who revere the LORD's name.*

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalms 90*

*Though our time here is limited, the Lord is our refuge. We look to him for compassion!*

Soloist: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. You have been our refuge.

**ALL:**

In ev-ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref-uge,  
you have been our ref - uge.

You return us to dust, saying, "Return, O children, to earth." For to you a thousand years are like yesterday passed, or as a watch of the night.

**ALL: Refrain**

You sweep us away in a dream. At dawn we are like morning grass that rises to the morning sun, then withers and fades.

**ALL: Refrain**

Teach us to treasure our days. Give us wisdom to our hearts. Return, O Lord, how long must we wait? Pity your servants.

**ALL: Refrain**

Fill our day-break with your love that we may rejoice in song. May our gracious eye watch over us and the work of your hands.

**ALL: Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON

## *Hebrews 9:24-28*

*People are destined to face judgment at death;  
Christ was sacrificed for our sins and will return to bring salvation.*

<sup>24</sup> For 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. <sup>25</sup> Nor 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. <sup>26</sup> Otherwise 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.<sup>27</sup> Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,<sup>28</sup> so 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.

**SOLO**

*Hymn of Heaven*

How I long to breathe the air of heaven, where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets. To look upon the One who bled to save me, and walk with him for all eternity.

*Refrain:* There will be a day when all will bow before him. There will be a day when death will be no more. Standing face to face with he who died and rose again, holy, holy is the Lord.

And every prayer, we prayed in desperation, the songs of faith, we sang through doubt and fear. In the end, we'll see that it was worth it, when he returns to wipe away our tears. *Refrain*

And on that day, we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice, a thousand generations sing, "Worthy is the lamb who was slain." And on that day, we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice, a thousand generations sing, "Worthy is the lamb who was slain. Forever he shall reign."

So let it be today we shout the hymn of heaven, with angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave, holy, holy is the Lord. So let it be today we shout the hymn of heaven, with angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave, holy, holy is the Lord!

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

**John 5:19-30**

*The Father and the Son share in the authority to judge and acquit believers for eternal life.*

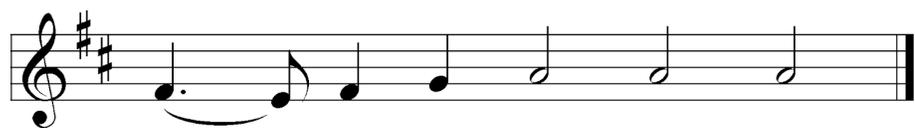
<sup>19</sup>Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because

whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

<sup>24</sup> “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. <sup>25</sup> Very 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. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup> “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and 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. <sup>30</sup> By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | 382

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne. *Refrain*

**SERMON**

*Hebrews 9:24-28*

**The Last Day Is Christ's Curtain Call**  
Peek behind it \* Look forward to it

*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 & LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** 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.

*Be seated.*

*Our offerings of thanks to the Lord will be brought forward during the following song.*

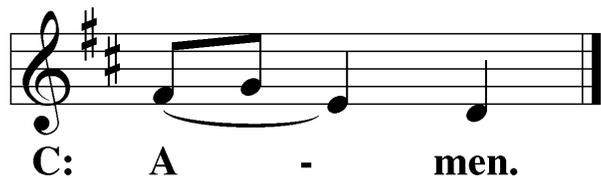
**SERMON HYMN**      *Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning* | 209 v. 1,2,5,7

- 1 Day of wrath, oh, day of mourning!  
See fulfilled the prophets' warning:  
Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.
- 2 Death is struck and nature quaking;  
All creation is awaking,  
To its judge an answer making.
- 5 King of majesty tremendous,  
Who does free salvation send us,  
Fount of pity, then befriend us.
- 7 On the cross your dying spared me;  
Just and righteous you declared me;  
I await the joy prepared me.

*Please stand.*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure

hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



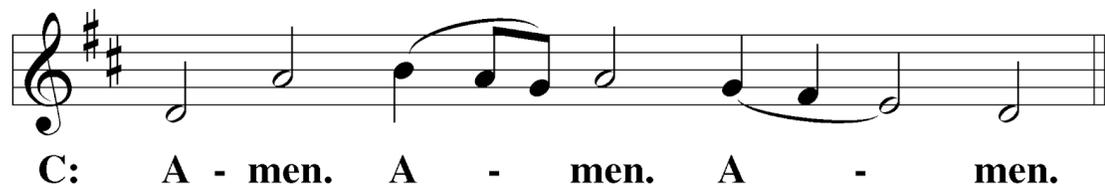
## BLESSING

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.



## CLOSING HYMN *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness* | 376 v. 1,2,5

- 1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.

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*SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.- Jeremy Pieper, Jon/Josh Pieper, Jason Pieper, Paul Holzwart, Steve Sprenger. 10:30 a.m. Eric Vant Hul, Jeremy Rasmussen, Loren Reinemann, Derek Grunwald. Monday 6:30 p.m. - Kevin Hoppe.

*Online giving options available*

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



**OFFERINGS:** 10/31 & 11/1 - \$17,340 (WEEKLY OFFERING GOAL - \$16,300).

**ADDITIONAL \$3,870 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD.**

**\$200 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.**

**\$200 FOR LES TUITION ASSISTANCE.**

**ATTENDANCE:** 10/31: 8:00-218, 10:30-84; 11/1-32

**In our prayers this week...**

- 1. Miles Grunewald on his baptismal day.**
- 2. Siegmund and Regina Bulitz, celebrating 68 years of marriage on November 6.**
- 3. Alan Kuether has knee replacement surgery on Nov. 8.**
- 4. Bob and Mamie Hansen celebrated 45 years of marriage on Nov. 6!**

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Office hours:** The office will be open from 7:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.
- 2. Sunday morning Bible study** starts a new series on Mental/spiritual health. This is a four week study for the month of November. Today we establish the foundation of mental health ABC's. The study takes place in the gymnasium. If you can't come, please email Pastor Mueller if you'd like to have the notes.
- 3. Men's Early & Craftsmen's Bible Studies** will not meet in November. The next men's early study is December 17.
- 4. Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done through this link, or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode. For more information on the staff and important dates, click here for the Sunday School Handbook, which can also be picked up in the member room.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that signed up last week. We still are in need of Shepherds every night, one wiseman each night, star carriers each night and Roman Guards and greeters. We encourage you to join the fun and be part of this amazing way to share the good news of our Savior's birth. Marilyn and Sue will be in the narthex following each service to help with sign-up. Plenty of behind the scenes spots available too. Rehearsal and Costume Assignment is TODAY following the second service. Rehearsal is for all cast members with the exception of Roman Guards and greeters. We will be serving a light lunch or just be back around noon. This is our only rehearsal and would appreciate if you could attend. We will also be assigning costumes before and after rehearsal.
- 6. Living Nativity Postcards and Posters** are available in the member room on the pew. Please take postcards to give or mail to your family and friends, share a poster at your workplace if possible.
- 7. Cookie Baking** sheet, for Living Nativity, is in the member room for you to sign up. Bake 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies and drop off in the kitchen Thursday or Friday, December 2 or 3. Disposable containers are helpful. Contact Karen Kuhn with any questions.
- 8. Christian Family Solutions:** Since last year, many more people have found themselves in need of counseling for struggles in life. Your pastors are ready to assist you with confidential guidance from God's Word. Yet some situations call for more specialized support. Christian Family Solutions (CFS) services include counseling for individuals, couples, families and substance abuse, as well as career counseling, premarital counseling, and online support groups. They have clinics in a variety of states across the country, but their ability to set up a secure video counseling session means members can still receive counseling in places where there is no clinic. St. Paul's has some funds designated to anonymously assist members with

costs associated with this specialized counseling. Please speak with one of our pastors, who can help you find answers to your questions.

- 9. On Wednesday, Nov. 10th MLHS** will be hosting a Veterans Breakfast & Worship Service and would like to invite all veterans in the federation and lakeshore community! Students of Shining Through Christ will be serving a complimentary breakfast to veterans and their spouses from 8:30-9:00am with a service to follow in the gym from 10:00-11:00am. Guest speaker Abby Stuebs will be talking about her journey into the U.S. Army and her time in Afghanistan. Please join us on this special day so that we can honor those who have served or are serving in our United States military! Register at [www.mlhslancers.org/veteran](http://www.mlhslancers.org/veteran) or call the school office at (920) 682-0215.
- 10. Hot Lunch Help** - Our AWESOME hot lunch coordinator, Mrs. Kelly Wall, is looking for some help in the kitchen for the second quarter. This includes some preparing, serving, and cleanup! Mrs. Wall does most of the cooking! Our kids love seeing new, smiling faces in the kitchen. Did I mention that you get to enjoy a free lunch as a thank you for helping out? Contact Erin Radue to sign up!
- 11. Forward in Christ Renewal**, half sheets can be found in the member room. Please submit the sheet, with your address filled out, and your payment, IN AN ENVELOPE, to the labeled drawer in the member room.
- 12. Ladies Aid** will meet on November 11th at 1:30 p.m.. New members are welcome.
- 13. Urban Artique:** Please join us for our annual Urban Artique event on Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 at church. We have three different projects to pick from: wooden bench: \$85; porch board: \$50; Christmas cheese lid decoration: \$30. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We are excited to spend time with our church friends and use our God-given gifts of creativity! Register on Urban Artique's website by Sunday, November 14: <http://www.urbanartique.com/classes-1>
- 14. Nativity Sets for Living Nativity** - We are looking for Nativity sets to display during Living Nativity weekend. If you have displayed it before, please bring it again! We have new people come each year and others look forward to seeing their favorites! There is a sign-up in the member room. Please indicate if you are bringing more than one. You can email Linda Hamann, [hamannlinda70@gmail.com](mailto:hamannlinda70@gmail.com), or place a note in her mailbox with the message you would like next to your Nativity set and with any questions. Please bring Nativity sets December 2nd in the afternoon or evening or December 3rd in the morning or afternoon. You can set it up yourself or someone will be available to help. There are monitors in the area keeping an eye on your display. Sets may be taken home Sunday evening after Living Nativity is finished or Monday morning.
- 15. The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month. We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry).

**16. Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarship** — The staff of Martin Lutheran College has announced that four students received the Marjorie Toepel scholarships for 2021-22. Emily Ciha from Manitowoc graduated from MLHS. She said that since God has shown His undeserved love to her she wants to radiate that love to others by sharing the Gospel. Samuel Eickhoff from St. Paul's Church and a graduate of MLHS stated that he prays that he can learn as much as possible at MLC to share God's grace and truth with as many people that he can. Claire Herman from Saginaw MI graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary. She is grateful for the opportunities that helped her grow in musical knowledge and experience at MLC. Natalie Zirbel from DePere said that she began her years at MLC focusing on teaching elementary school and high school band and choir and has learned to love church music.

**17. Advent by Candlelight W.A.I.T. on the Lord** - This year's program focuses on the waiting part of Advent. Through our readers, they explain the benefits of waiting on God's timing - not only during the Christmas season, but also during life's challenges. These benefits include what happens while waiting and what to think about during a waiting period. You are invited for a women's night of Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season.

**When:** Sunday, November 28, 2021

**Where:** St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church, Cleveland

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**RSVP by November 14th** - Kelly Wall 920-782-0821 or [kellywalljuneau@gmail.com](mailto:kellywalljuneau@gmail.com)