

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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Worship Focus
A Time to Yearn for the End

THE TIME  IN BETWEEN

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Order of Service for LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

488 (vs. 1,3-5) – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
 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
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
 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
 smit - ten; with - in the Book of Life I know my name has



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
 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
 now been writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 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.
 Sa - tan can - not threat - en me; there is no con - dem - na - tion!

Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

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. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glorious Day

Sung by the worship team

*One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.*

Refrain

*Living, He loved me Dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.*

*One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, And took the nails for me. **Refrain***

*One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered, Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him, From rising again. **Refrain***

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing My Savior, Jesus, is mine. **Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books... and a Savior who will establish an everlasting kingdom.

DANIEL 7:9“As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95



1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com -
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -



claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our



sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
in his care. He all de - crees, who
Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his



fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

St. Paul gives us the encouragement that when Christ comes again he shall raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

¹THESSALONIANS 4:13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷After 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 one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus describes the end of days, when he shall come in glory and separate sheep from goats.

MATTHEW 25:31¹“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 before him, and he will separate the people 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.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

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

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sung by the choir.

494 – See, He Comes, the King of Glory

1 *See, he comes, the King of glory,
angels blazing round his throne,
wielding wrath to those who spurned him,
bearing blessings for his own.
Do not dread that day, dear Christian!
Do not fear his fearsome face,
for the judge is our dear Savior;
we are guarded by his grace.*

2 *See, he comes, the King of glory,
naming deeds we did for him:
feeding, clothing, sharing, caring,
visiting, inviting in.
We may ask, “When did we do this—
show you, Lord, such courtesy?”
He will say, “The least, the lowly—
serving them was serving me.”*

3 *See, he comes the King of glory,
with a kingdom to award.
We have not deserved or earned it;
it’s his gift, not our reward.
All our works are but an off’ring
of our gratitude and praise.
We serve not so God will save us;
we serve God because we’re saved.*

4 *Till he comes, the King of glory,
angels blazing round his throne,
we will turn our eyes to heaven,
tune our ears to trumpet’s tone.
But we won’t neglect our neighbors
needing comfort, shelter, love.
Kindnesses for friends and strangers
serve our Savior-King above.*

✠ Sermon ✠

Daniel 7:13-14

End with a Song of Praise

Stand

✘ Confession of Faith ✘

THE 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of
God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



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the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection
Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website,
<https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Lord, you are a great God, the great King above all gods. We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

As the end of all things draws near, fill our hearts with hope that we will be with you forever. We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

While you give the world time, let your Word of grace spread, that many more may hear your call from darkness to light, and in the end, receive the inheritance you have prepared since the creation of the world. We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

You do much work through the hands of your servants on earth. Give love, guidance and strength to doctors, nurses, chaplains, pastors, and all who care for the sick in body and spirit. We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Use us to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, comfort to the sick. Have mercy on those who suffer, [*especially...*], for you are the Rock of our salvation. We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

Faithful and gracious God, help us use all our gifts to serve, comfort and help our neighbors. Strengthen us so that we may be good and faithful servants, and finally enter the kingdom prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

SERMON HYMN

489 – The King Will Come at Age's End



1 The King will come at age - 's end, the
2 The Book of Life will name its names, each
3 All - glo - rious on his gleam - ing throne, the
4 And nights of tears, though late and long, will
5 A - men, a - men! Lord Je - sus, come! My



trum - pets trill, the heav - ens rend, un - veil - ing
bought by cross - 's bit - ter pain, each inked in
King will claim his saints, his own, and with them
dis - ap - pear in splen - did dawn, and deeps of
Sav - ior fair, come bear me home, for you are



new Je - ru - sa - lem. Al - le - lu - ia!
blood and sealed in flame. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell and make a home. Al - le - lu - ia!
death will all be gone. Al - le - lu - ia!
King of kings a - lone! Al - le - lu - ia!

stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

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.



A - men.

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

534 – Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus



1 Hail, O once-de-spis-ed Je-sus! Hail, O Gal-i-le-an King!
2 Pas-chal Lamb, by God ap-point-ed, all our sins on you were laid;
3 Je-sus, heav'n-ly hosts a-dore you, seat-ed at your Fa-ther's side.
4 Wor-ship, hon-or, pow'r, and bless-ing you are wor-thy to re-ceive;



You have suf-fered to re-lease us, hope to give and peace to bring.
by al-might-y love a-noint-ed, you have full a-tone-ment made.
Cru-ci-fied this world once saw you; now in glo-ry you a-bide.
loud-est prais-es, with-out ceas-ing, right it is for us to give.



Hail, O u-ni-ver-sal Sav-ior, bear-er of our sin and shame;
Ev-'ry sin has been for-giv-en thro' the pow-er of your blood;
There for sin-ners you are plead-ing, and our place you now pre-pare,
Help, O bright an-gel-ic spir-its, all your no-blest an-thems raise;



by your mer-its we find fa-vor: life is giv-en thro' your name.
o-pen is the gate of heav-en, we are rec-on-ciled to God.
ev-er for us in-ter-ced-ing till in glo-ry we ap-pear.
help to sing our Sav-ior's mer-its, help to chant Im-man-uel's praise.

Be seated

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Prayer of the Church

Response is adapted from Psalm 95:7

Petition "You do much work through the hands of your servants on earth." Remembers Elizabeth of Hungary, (an earlier resident of the Wartburg castle) commemorated on November 17 on some Lutheran calendars.

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