

Old Testament

Isaiah 40:9-11 NIV You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and His Arm rules for Him. See, His Reward is with Him, and His Recompense accompanies Him. 11 He tends His flock like a Shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His Arms and carries them close to His Heart; He gently leads those that have young.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Brothers, 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. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel - let the reader understand - 16 ... 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There He is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here He is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the

Son of Man. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 21:5-19 Some of His disciples were remarking about how the Temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 "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." 7 "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" 8 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. 9 When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but The End will not come right away." 10 Then He said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from Heaven. 12 "But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My Name. 13 This will result in your being witnesses to them. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you Words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 All men will hate you because of Me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By standing firm you will gain Life.



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BIBLE CLASS 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP 11:15 AM

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November 10th, 2019 ✧ (Trinity-21) ☪ End Times - Signs

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **The LORD bless you.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in the (red) TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	613 (4v)	Jerusalem the Golden with Milk & Honey
<i>Psalm 91</i>	<i>Ps.91 '3v'</i>	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble ☪</i>
Hymn of the Day	446 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1-5 Rise My Soul to Watch & Pray</i>
Offertory Verse	446 (6v)	<i>Sing v.6 Therefore let us watch and pray</i>
Third Hymn	608 (7v)	Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose Road
Closing Hymn	618 (6v)	Jerusalem, My Happy Home Name Ever
Extra Nation Hymn	577 (2v)	<i>Sing v.1&2 God Bless Our Native Land ...</i>

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah 6:1-9	Isaiah 58:1-14	Isa. 59:1-21	Jer. 31:1-22	Jer. 31:23-40	Isaiah 48:1-22
Eph. 1:1-23	Eph. 2:1-22	Eph. 4:7-21	Eph. 4:29-32	Eph. 5:10-14	Eph. 5:22-33

PROPERs for the THIRD-LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR / NOVEMBER 11TH

INTROIT Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble. Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies and from those who persecute me. Let me not be ashamed, LORD, for I have called upon You. I put my trust in You, O LORD; let me never be ashamed. ...from Psalm 31

COLLECT Almighty God, we beseech You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants, that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever" **C: ☪ A - - men.**

GRADUAL Oh, fear the LORD, all His Saints, for there is nothing lacking to them that fear Him. They that seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia! ...from Psalms 74 & 46

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Isaiah 49:12-17** North, South, East & West: They will all come.
 Epi. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** Don't grieve like those who have *no hope*.
 Gos. **Matthew 24:15-28** Signs in Nature, World & Church of Jesus' Coming.

SERMON 3-Yr. Gospel **Luke 21:5-19** "COMING TO THE END" (OF CHURCH YEAR, TIMES)

Psalm 91 REFRAIN: BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: ☪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ☪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ☪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. **C: ☪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.**

#446. **6. Therefore let us watch and pray, - Knowing He will hear us As we see from day to day - Dangers ever near us, And the end - Doth impend-- Our redemption neareth When the Lord appeareth. A--men.**

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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Char & Jerry Lage	Bev & Don Wienke
Treaters		(Farewell) Lunch for Pr. Andy

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	12 / (11)	16 / 14
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	6	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$./ \$56.K

Calendar of Events		
Today November 10 (Trinity-21 Sunday) 3 rd -Last Sun. of Year	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 ff...	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: The Sower Divine Worship (NO Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Thursday, 11/14	1:30 pm	OSL Council NOV Monthly Meeting
Saturday, 11/16	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild NOV Monthly Meeting
Sunday, 11/17 (Trinity-22 Sunday) 2 nd -Last Sun. of Year	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 ff...	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: The Weeds Divine Worship (WITH Communion) (Farewell) Lunch for Pr. Burmeister

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.

Next Sunday 11/17 Trinity-2nd-Last (p.15 L.S.) #s 603 Ps.91 611 611.7 605 618

#577 **1. God bless our Native Land! Firm may she ever stand Thro' storm and night! - When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave Do Thou- our- country save - By- Thy great might.**

2. For her our prayer shall rise - To God above the skies; - On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, - Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee- a-loud we cry, - God- save the State! A-men.

TRINITY 3rd LAST/C Luke 21:5-19 "COMING TO THE END (OF ?)" 11.10.19 OSL
END OF THE WORLD... We are quickly coming to **the End** of the Church Year. Yes, it's that time of year again when thoughts turn to the End of all things and the destruction of the world as we know it. Oh, wait a minute! You weren't thinking of those things, were you(?). You were probably thinking about getting an early jump on Christmas shopping or getting things in order before the busy December days hit. But the *End of the world as we know it?*

TOTAL DESTRUCTION There is a Coming Day. Burning like a blazing, fiery furnace. A day of fire and wrath. A day when the arrogant and evildoers will be reduced to stubble. It will be a day when the heavens will be shaken, the seas will roar, the sun, moon, and stars will fail, the nations will be in upheaval, and people will literally faint with fear and dread over what is coming. Typhoons, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires – these are nothing compared with what's coming at the end. We simply cannot imagine it. It's really too much to comprehend. Global destruction, cosmic destruction is really way beyond our grasp.

INDESTRUCTABLE?! That doesn't mean it won't happen. The people in Jesus' day thought **Jerusalem was bulletproof**. It was God's city, the place of the temple, God's footstool, the place from which He ruled over the earth. How could He let His city and temple be destroyed? Yet Jesus predicted it within His own generation. He even warned His disciples what to do when they saw invading armies surround the city. He predicted that Jerusalem would be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles. The **Jewish War of 66 to 70 AD** was precisely the fulfillment of that prophecy by Jesus. And it spared the church. They knew to flee to the mountains when the Roman armies surrounded the city. They knew to flee instead of fight. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the hard times ahead and for things that no one would have conceived possible.

RENO-TEMPLE When Jesus spoke these Words, the Temple in Jerusalem was being **rebuilt by Herod. It was a massive public works** program at huge costs. Enormous stones had to be quarried and moved. All sorts of craftsman and artists were employed to make the temple into something grand and glorious. For Jesus to say, "*Not one stone will be left on another*" would be like someone saying in 40 years, the United States won't exist as a nation. Or (Florida/California) dropping into the Ocean. It was **simply inconceivable**.

TERRIFYING If all this talk of the end leaves you a bit nervous and apprehensive, **it should!** As **Luther** pointed out, the times of The End will be **as terrifying** for Christians as for unbelievers. Even more so. Jesus warned His disciples that they would be persecuted, arrested, hauled before religious and civil tribunals. They would be imprisoned and brought to testify before kings and governors. He assured them that they did not have to worry about what they would say, "*For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or*

contradict." Notice that Jesus doesn't spare them from persecution and testing, but He promises to see them through it, to supply them with words and wisdom for witness. There is no notion in the Scriptures of believers being spared the tribulations of the end. There is no concept whatsoever of a "rapture" in which all the true believers are whisked off before the distress of the end comes. Christians do not get a free pass and an exemption.

UNPOPULAR CHURCH Jesus tells His disciples that they will be betrayed by friends and family. They will be hated by all for His Name's sake. We worry about how Christianity seems to be targeted in the public square. **Why should we worry or even be surprised? Jesus Himself said it would be this way.** I would worry if Christianity became popular, the religious flavor of the year. In fact, in the history of the Church, it's precisely when Christianity is popular and the flavor of the moment that it goes wrong.

ALL ABOUT CROSS The Christian faith has a **Cross** at its center – **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. Suffering, hardship, and loss all go hand in **nail pierced Hand with the Cross of Jesus**. We are **Baptized** under the sign of the Cross. We are **forgiven** under the sign of the Cross. We are fed the **Body and Blood** under the sign of the Cross. We arise and go to sleep and do everything in between and under the sign of the Cross. Christianity isn't so much a **way of life as it is a way of death**. It is to die with Jesus in order to be raised with Him. It is to live as dead to Sin and Self but alive to God in Christ.

DEATH-TO-LIFE Jesus warned His followers "*Some of you, they will put to death.*" It still happens today, people martyred for being Christian. And yet notice the very next sentence – "*But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.*" Did you catch that? You're going to die because of Me. You're going to be martyred. They'll crucify you, cut off your head, feed you to lions, burn you at the stake, but not a hair of your head will perish. Death isn't the worst thing that can happen to you. Though you die, even die a martyr's death, not a hair of your head will perish. **By the endurance of faith you will gain your lives.**

OLD BECOMES NEW That's the hidden comfort in these last Sundays of the Church Year and the end of the world as we know it. The End is also "The Beginning." For those who fear the Name of the Lord, "*the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.*" The destruction of the old brings the revelation of the new. "*Behold, I make all things new,*" Jesus says. Imagine **scaffolding around a building that's under construction**. It hides the work that's going on in, with, and under that scaffolding. When the work's done and the building is complete, it's time to tear down the scaffolding and reveal what's been going on. So we can see the completed House.

JESUS = TEMPLE The destruction at The End is a destruction of the things temporal so that the things eternal might be revealed. Jerusalem is precisely like that. It had a purpose in the scheme of salvation. It was the

place of Israel's Temple, the dwelling place of God with man until the coming of the Christ. Until the Son of God took on Human Flesh and dwelt among us. And then **the scaffolding could come down. The Temple was no longer needed.** Not only was the curtain torn in two from top to bottom at the moment Jesus died, but forty years later, not one stone of the Temple was left standing. And while you can still weep at the outer wall today, there's no point in weeping over scaffolding that has been taken down.

ALL SCAFFOLDING The same is true for the things of this age – **nations, structures, institutions, all the things** we build, everything in this temporal life is a scaffolding of history, in, with, and under which God is making all things new in His Son. So when the nations are in turmoil and the whole creation seems to be groaning in earthquakes and floods and famines and disasters, even when the steady **sun, moon, and stars** are shaken, those are all the tearing down of a temporary structure to reveal the permanent, eternal Kingdom of God, what the Bible calls **Zion or Heavenly Jerusalem**, the city that comes down from above.

OLD/NEW MAN It's even like this with each of us. The saint is hidden inside the sinner. The sinner must die for the saint to be revealed. The scaffolding of old Adamic flesh must be torn down in order for the new man in Christ to be revealed in the Resurrection of the flesh. **God doesn't kill without reason.** He kills to **make alive.** He brings down in order to raise up. He tears down what is temporal in order **to reveal what is eternal.**

ANY/ALL THE ENDS... Whether it's the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, the End of the world on the Last Day, or **the day you breathe your last breath**, whenever that is, that's the work of God using Death to destroy Death, tearing down the temporal, the sinful, the unholy scaffolding of this life to reveal the pure and holy of Eternal Life that is ours already in Christ. The **Apostle Paul** considered himself dead already, even while he was alive and writing to the **Galatians**. *"I no longer live, but Christ Who is in me lives."*

SEE THE SIGNS So when you see signs of The End, when you experience the groanings of the old creation in labor pains, when it seems as though the whole world is **going to heck in a hand basket** and the Church appears weak and persecuted, then *"Straighten up and raise your heads, because your Redemption is drawing near."* Watch for the Sun of Righteousness to rise as the world goes dark. He comes with healing in His wings. *"I am the Resurrection and the Life,"* Jesus said. *"Whoever believes in Me lives even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will not die forever."*

(GET) OUT OF THE WAY! The End of the world is God's way of saying, **"Get that old, broken down, temporal kingdom out of the way!"** Remove the scaffolding, take away the curtains, roll up the covering. Your **Redemption** is here. Your **Jesus** is here. **And the sight is glorious.**
IJ'N, Amen. SDG

POSSIBLE Prayer of Church ☩ **3rd-Last Sunday of Year, November 10th, 2019**
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible) Brief silence

For the **Priesthood** of the Baptized, that through the ongoing reception of the Holy Word and Sacraments, their faith in the Lord's promises would be increased, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all **pastors** in Christ, that they would be faithful in their duty to preach the whole counsel of God to the flocks they serve, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an increase of **workers** sent out to serve in the Lord's vineyard of grace, that the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name would be heard by all sinners, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **protection against the schemes of the devil**, that God's children would, by the power of the Spirit, don the whole armor of God to withstand all demonic assaults and remain steadfast in the Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For **those who live without faith** in Christ, that the Holy Spirit would call them to repentance and grant them a confident trust in Jesus, who lived and died for them and all sinners, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a **culture of life** to spread throughout our land, that all life from the womb to the grave would be cherished and protected, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those whom God has placed in **authority** over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, striving for peace and the collective good of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Special Prayer for VETERANS (DAY) here ...

For all who are **sick or suffering** in any way, and for all who have requested our prayers, [including **OSL Prayer List**],

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that they would be relieved of their afflictions, according to the Lord's will, or strengthened to endure, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the **faithful who have departed** this vale of tears and now experience Heavenly bliss, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would be kept in the faith until our Lord Jesus returns in great glory, and join with them in the Feast that never ends, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. & Lord's Prayer**