

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.

Historic Epistle

II Thessalonians 1:3-10 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. 5 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. 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 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. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power 10 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.

Historic Gospel (Sermon)

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in Heavenly glory. 32 All 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. 33 He 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. 35 For 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, 36 I 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? 38 When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? 39 When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?' 40 The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers 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. 42 For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, 43 I 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, 'I tell you the truth, 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."

3-Year C 'Luke' Gospel

Luke 21:20-28 "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by ...



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

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November 17th, 2019 ✧ (Trinity-22) 🌐 2nd-Last: Judgment

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.15 .

Opening Hymn	16 (4v)	Blessed Jesus at Thy Word we are gathered
Psalm 91	Ps.91 '3v'	Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble 7
Hymn of the Day	611 (7v)	Sing 1-5 The Day is Surely Drawing Near
Offertory Verse	611 (7v)	Sing v.6-7 Therefore my Intercessor be... →
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	47 (4v)	Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 22nd Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah 6:9-5:1	Isaiah 49:14-21	Isaiah 2:10-21	Isaiah 63:1-6	Joel 2:1-11	Joel 2:12-27
Matt. 18:1-22	Mark 9:33-50	Luke 17:20-37	Rom. 8:24-39	Mark 12:1-12	Matt.25:14-30

PROPERs for 2ND-LAST SUNDAY of CHURCH YEAR (TRINITY 22) ✧ NOV 17TH

INTROIT Save me, O God, by Your Name, and judge me by Your strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. He shall reward evil to mine enemies; cut them off in Your truth. ...from Psalm 54:1-2

COLLECT O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just Judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. **A--men.**

GRADUAL C: He shall call to the Heavens from above and to the earth that He may judge the people. The Heavens shall declare His Righteousness, for God is Judge Himself. Alleluia! Alleluia! The ransomed of the LORD shall come to Zion with everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and weeping shall fly away. Alleluia! ...Ps. 50:4,6 & Isa. 5:10

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

O.T. Isaiah 40:9-11 Our LORD will come in strength, but (also) in love.

Epi. II Thessalonians 1:3-10 God strengthens our faith in face of adversity.

Gos. Matthew 25:31-46 The Son of Man will come and judge all nations.

SERMON Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 "2ND-LAST (SUNDAY) TO THE END"

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.**

#611 6. Therefore my Intercessor be - And for Thy Blood and merit Declare my name from judgment free - With all who life inherit, That I may see Thee face to face - With all Thy saints in that blest place Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, - But hasten our Salvation; We often tremble on our way - In fear and tribulation. Then hear us when we cry to Thee; Come, mighty Judge, and make us free From every evil! A-men. A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Bev & Don Wienke	Joan Patrick
Treaters	(Farewell) Lunch Pr. Andy	(Pastor Andy's Last Sunday)

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	10 / (- -)	15 / 13
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	6	7
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$., /\$57.3K

Calendar of Events		
Today November 17 (Trinity-22 Sunday)	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: The Weeds
2 nd -Last Sun. of Year	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Area Pastor Farewell	11:15 ff...	(Farewell) Lunch for Pr. Burmeister
	5:00 pm	Florida Pastors at Ruby Tuesday WH
Monday 11/18	all-day	Packers/Movers come to Pastor house
Friday, Sat. 22 nd , 23 rd	all-days	Household Goods Sale at Pastor's house
Sunday, 11/24 (Trinity-22 Sunday)	9:00 am	BibleStudy Messiah/I AM: Growing Seed
Last Sun. of Year/Pr.	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
	11:15 ff...	Pastor Burmeister's LAST Sunday here

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

Next Sunday 11/24 Trinity-Last (No L.S. p.5) TLH #s 609 Ps.25 619 585,1,2 616 47

2ND-Last Sunday of the Church Year + Matthew 25:31-46 11.17.19 OSL

CHARLEMAGNE There is the famous story of the king (Charlemagne) who decided to go out among his people disguised as one of them in order to **find out what they were saying and thinking about him**. Sounds like a good plan. Wouldn't it be nice for us to be able to do something like this? It's usually in private conversations that the most interesting things are said. We could go unrecognized, hearing and seeing what other people said and did. We would be like the proverbial **fly on the wall**.

HE'S HERE NOW... In a sense, **this is going on right now in this world**. There is Someone **Who is here**, even though He is hidden, He is listening and looking at all that is being said and done by everyone who is alive. **This Person is the Judge of the world, Jesus Christ**. In our world He is hidden, but on the Last Day, when He returns to Judge the world, that mask will be thrown aside and **the Judge will be revealed for who He is**.

GET REAL!? As we near the end of the Church year, we generally consider the **End of Time**. That Day when Jesus Christ will visibly return to the Earth and then, as we confessed in the Apostles' Creed, "**He will judge both the quick (the living) and the dead.**" But today, most people would make fun of us for believing this. They would say: "*How can you be so stupid! How can you even think something so absurd! To say that there will be some gloomy 'Last Day' when the 'sheep and goats' will be separated(?)... C'mon, Get real!*"

WORLD SCOFFS They speak this way because they cannot see Christ in this world. To them **the Church is simply the creation of a group of silly people** who gather around strange Words and practices that are unlike anything the world has to offer. To them the Church is as **Communists** (used to) say, "*The opiate of the masses,*" the drug that keeps people docile and acting like sheep. **There's no glory in being a Christian, NO power, NO wealth**. So the world scoffs at what the Church says.

ALL WILL BE JUDGED But on that **Last Day these things will all change**. To the real, human eyes of both believer and unbeliever alike the risen, ascended and all-powerful Jesus Christ will appear with all His angels. He will appear in order to judge the world, to throw those who didn't believe in Him directly into hell, to expose the evil of man for all eyes - including His - to see. In other words: **Nothing will be hidden when the world's Judge is revealed**.

I. When He has been revealed as our JUDGE.

DIES IRAE Yes, it will be a very real **Day of Wrath** and a **dreadful day** when Jesus is revealed as our Judge. He will come back to expose all the loveless things we have done. He will come to declare that those who have sinned will surely die and suffer forever.

(AND, WHY? – BECAUSE) The myth they believed really wasn't true. They saw a poor, sorry thing called the Christian Church and they **mocked it**. But then, when the Church and **her Groom** are revealed to be the glorious things they are, their hearts will shake with fear, their own world will literally be shattered. They **showed no love for the people of God**, they reviled them, they made fun of them and their faith. They trusted so much in themselves that they took the time to tell all that they could how foolish the believers were to trust in Christ alone for their Salvation. **Because they did not see the love of God as it appeared in this world in its humble garb, they refused to have love for Christ or His Church**.

IN-SECURITY **Even some of those who claim the Name of Christ** (Christians) will act this way. Because they do not see Christ "sitting on a throne" before them in the Church, they will think that He is either indifferent to what they do or powerless to do anything about their unloving acts. So they go on, secure because they do not see Christ, even though **He lives and exists right here and now in the body of His believers**. By desiring that the Church give them all the **diversions of this world**, they seek a church different from Christ's. These things Jesus will reveal to everyone, **to the shame of many. Jesus WILL come to judge**.

AN/OTHER JUDG/MENT But there is **another Judgment that will be made**, a Judgment that will send many **to eternal life in Heaven**. This is the good and pleasant Judgment that Jesus will make on the Last Day when He declares that His sheep are to be separated finally from the goats and live in peace forever with Him. As the **Prophet Malachi** wrote (**ch.3:17-18**) "*They shall be Mine,*" says the Lord of hosts, "*On the day that I make them my Jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.*" Yes, all will be judged, but for the one who has been made a child of God, that Judgment will be glorious, because even though Jesus will be revealed as our Judge, He will also be (TRANSITION)

II. (When He has been) ...Revealed as OUR SAVIOR

"COME. ENTER." To those who thought that they were **never good enough to enter Heaven by their own works**, who **didn't** sit and count the good things they had done or thought they had done, **Jesus WILL say**: "*Come, you whom My Father has blessed, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the time the world was created. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat...*" and so on. The **surprise in the voices** of these people is evident by what they say after Jesus lists all the things they did: "*Lord, When did we see You (like this, and do these things for you)?*" They loved others and their Savior even though their **eyes on earth did not see** any evidence of the glory and love of Christ. They didn't see behind the mask that hides **the things of God in this life - the (Words on) paper, water, bread, wine** - yet they knew that their Salvation was there, that their God has **loved them**.

HERE (&) NOW On the Last Day Jesus **will be revealed to these eyes that so wanted to see Him in this life... and they will rejoice.** On that day He will be revealed to them! As one commentator wrote about this: *Now He is not seen. He was on earth centuries ago as a humble and despised man. Only few knew then that seeing Him they were seeing God. Then He withdrew His visible presence and ascended to Heaven. He is now present on earth only invisibly, in and through His Word and Sacraments, in His Church. It seems as though our Lord does not live and rule. He has His way in the hearts of His believers, but this is hidden from others. Even His beloved at times feel only little of His abiding presence. But His presence IS here* and, even though He will come to judge, He is **here now** as our forgiving **Savior!**

RIGHT NOW! It is this that will give His Judgment of us true weight. Because He has been our Savior, lived the Law of His Father perfectly for us and died to pay for our loveless lives, He can with full authority say to us on the Last Day: *"You are indeed children of My Father because My perfection and My death are yours."* As our text has it again: *"Come, you whom My Father has blessed,"* ...that is, blessed with the precious **gift of forgiveness** on account of Jesus, His Son! You will be declared righteous, sinless, on the Last Day because you **ARE** declared righteous and sinless **RIGHT NOW!**

DECLARED NOT GUILTY And the result now will be that the love of Christ will fill us to overflowing and we love one another with hearts pure. As Paul wrote in his first letter to the **Corinthians 5:14-15**: For the love of Christ **compels** us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and rose again. And by the power of the Judgment of our Savior that we are **NOT GUILTY**, we are born again and live as children of God, serving Him with the love Jesus has given us.

MY REDEEMER No, we cannot see Christ now, He is hidden behind the mask of His Church. But to these eyes will be shown on that Great and Dreadful Day our **loving Judge and Savior** Who will welcome us into the everlasting Home He has prepared for us. The words of **Job** so appropriately speak of the **hope** we are given even though we **do not yet see** the fulfillment with our eyes (**Job 19:25-27**): *"For I know that MY Redeemer lives, and He will stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh, I will see God, Whom I will see for myself, ...I and not another!"*

OUR TIMES So **we live in a time when** our King and Judge **walks among us**, searching out our thoughts, words and deed. But we're not afraid of this; rather we rejoice, because by His presence, also, we are **saved**, we are **forgiven**, we are **given life** in abundance through Him who appears here in a mask. And on the Last Day when the dead arise Jesus Christ will be revealed as the Victor over sin, death, and the devil. **Our Judge and our Savior is with us right now! J'N, Amen. SDG**

OPENING PRAYER O Almighty, Eternal and Merciful God, Who by Your beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, have established the Kingdom of grace for us, that we might believe the forgiveness of our sins, in Your Holy Church on earth, since You are a God Who has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live: We beseech You, graciously forgive us all our sins, through Your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL USA
(2nd-Last of Church Year)  Judgment (Day)

Possible Prayer of Church  **2ND-Last Sunday of Church year November 17, 2019**
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Brief silence)

All merciful Father, to Your care and protection we commend all Your baptized children throughout the world. Defend them against the assaults of the Evil One, and fill their hearts with Your saving peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgiver of every sin, pour out upon all pastors, teachers, leaders, missionaries and other church servants the spirit of Your grace, that they may lead Your people into lives of unlimited forgiveness and overflowing compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-merciful King, look in compassion on every Congregation of Your Church, and do not allow the Evil One to gain a foothold through resentments and hurts, but in every place fill Your children with Your Spirit of gentleness, peace and forbearance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, remember in Your kind mercy all who bear public office in our land, and give them both wisdom and courage to serve with integrity and honor. And watch over and protect those who serve to defend our freedoms, Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, our healer, to Your merciful hands we commend all who are hurt and suffering, afflicted in body, soul or spirit, [*especially Your servants* **OSL Prayer List.**]

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begging for them patience in their time of trouble, healing according to Your will and trust in Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living One, Your Son has won for Your people the certain hope of Resurrection and eternal Life. Receive our thanks for all who have gone to their graves, trusting His Redemption and eagerly awaiting His Appearing. Grant us our portion with all the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord's Supper, p.24**