

The Third Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Sunday on the Mount of Olives

November 9, 2025



*As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west,
So also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

The end is near! That should trouble you, if you truly know yourself and how you measure up-through your own most grievous fault. So we pray that our Lord deal with us mercifully and not let us be ashamed (*Introit*). And then, holding to our Lord's mercy, we may face our end with the confidence that death is nothing more than sleep in Jesus (*Epistle*), and the end of time nothing more than the coming true of our Lord's Word and promise (*Gospel*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the Record of Fellowship pad located in the center aisle of your pew, and we hope you will worship with us again! You are welcome to join us in the social hall for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

As we see change and decay all around, as we recognize that the Last Day continually draws nigh, the Holy Communion brings us great comfort and hope, as the same Lord who will sit as Judge of all men then gives His Body and Blood to us now for our forgiveness and our strength. Seeing the Bread and Wine with Christ's own Word, faith rightly says "There is the Christ!" for that is where He has promised to be. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, visitors desiring to commune today are asked to speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

Cover art: Illumination of The Lamb on Mount Zion and the Judgment of Babylon, *Flemish Apocalypse* (ca. 1400), National Library of France.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† Processional Hymn 671 *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

† Confession and Absolution *p. 184–85*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 31 antiphon: Psalm 31



HAVE mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in | trouble; *
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from them that perse- | cute me.

Let me not be confounded, | O LORD, *
for I have called up- | on You.

In You, O LORD, have I | put my trust; *
let me never be put to con- | fusion.

Deliver me in Your | righteousness. *

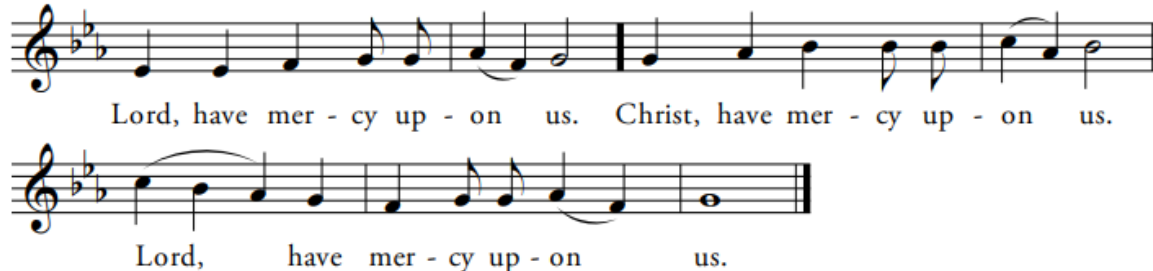
Bow down Your ear to me, make haste to de- | liver me.

Into Your hands I commend my | spirit, *
for You have redeemed me, O LORD, O | God of truth.

Be strong, and He shall estab- | lish your heart, *
all ye that put your trust | in the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in | trouble; *
 deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from them that perse- | cute me.
Let me not be confounded, | O LORD, *
for I have called up- | on You.

† Kyrie



† Gloria in Excelsis *pp. 187–89*

† Salutation & Collect of the Day *p. 189* *SUNG responses*

Almighty God, we implore 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 God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1–20

In those days: When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a

proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.” But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people, whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did He bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your burning anger and relent from this disaster against Your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD relented from the disaster that He had spoken of bringing on His people. Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

Gradual

Psalm 74



OUR adversaries roar in the midst of Your congre- | gation *
and set up their banners for | tokens.
O think upon Your congre- | gation *
whom You have purchased and re- | deemed of old.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sequence Hymn ELH 537 *Day of Wrath*



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. What shall I, frail man, be plead-ing, Who for me be
4. Faint and wea - ry Thou hast sought me, On the cross of



proph-et's warn-ing: Heav'nand earth in ash - es burn - ing.
is a - wak - ing, To its Judge an an - swer mak - ing.
in - ter - ced - ing When the just are mer - cy need - ing?
suff - 'ring bought me; Shall such grace be vain - ly brought me?



Won - drous sound the trum-pet fling-eth, Throughearth's se - pul -
Lo, the book, ex - act - ly word-ed, Where - in all hath
King of Maj - es - ty tre - men-dous, Who dost free sal -
Think, good Je - sus, my sal - va - tion Caused Thy won - drous



chers it ring-eth, All be - fore the throneit bring - eth.
been re - cord-ed; Thencehall judg - ment be a - ward - ed.
va - tion send us; Fount of pi - ty, then be - friend us!
in - car - na - tion; Leave me not to sins's dam - na - tion!



O what fear man's bo - som rend - eth When from heav'n the
 When the Judge His seat at - tain - eth, And each hid - den
 Righ - teous Judge, for sins' pol - lu - tion Grant Thy gift of
 Guilt - y now I pour my moan-ing, All my shame with



Judge de - scendeth On whose sen - tence all de - pend - eth.
 deed ar - rain-eth, Noth - ing un - a - vengedre - main - eth.
 ab - so - lu - tion Ere the Day of Ret - ri - bu - tion.
 an - guish own-ing: Hear, O Christ, Thy ser - vant's groan - ing!

5. Bows my heart in meek submission,
 Strewn with ashes of contrition;
 Help me in my last condition!
 Worthless are my prayers and sighing;
 Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
 Rescue me from fires undying.
 Thou the sinful woman savedst;
 Thou the dying thief forgavest;
 Thus to me true hope vouchsafest!

6. With Thy favored sheep then place me,
 Nor among the goats abase me,
 But to Thy right hand upraise me.
 While the wicked are confounded,
 Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
 Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
 To the rest Thou didst prepare me;
 On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!
 Spare, O God, in mercy spare me.

† Alleluia Verse

Psalm 46

The congregation sings the threefold “Alleluia” before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



HERE is a river the streams whereof make glad the ci- | ty of God, *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the | Most High.

† Holy Gospel

*p. 190 **SUNG** responses*

St. Matthew 24:15—28

✠ *At that time Jesus said to the disciples:* “when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

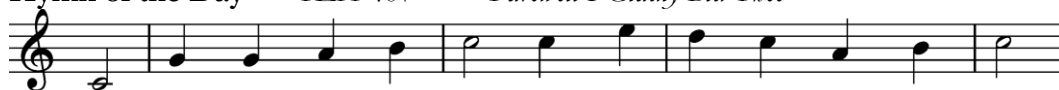
† Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

TLH 407

Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee



1 Fare - well I glad - ly bid thee, False, e - vil world, fare - well.
2 By Thy good coun - sel lead me, O Son of God, my Stay;
3 When dark - ness round me gath - ers, Thy name and cross, still bright,
4 Lord, hide my soul se - cure - ly Deep in Thy wound - ed side;



Thy life is vain and sin - ful, With thee I would not dwell.
In each per - plex - ing tri - al Help me, O Lord, I pray.
Deep in my heart are spar - kling Like stars in black - est night.
From ev - 'ry dan - ger shield me And to Thy glo - ry guide.



I long to be in heav - en, In that un - trou - bled sphere
Mine hour of sor - row short - en, Sup - port my faint - ing heart,
O heart, this im - age cher - ish: The Christ on Cal - va - ry,
He has been tru - ly bless - ed Who reach - es heav'n a - bove;



Where they will be re - ward - ed Who served their God while here.
From ev - 'ry cross de - liv - er, The crown of life im - part.
How pa - tient - ly He suf - fered And shed His blood for me!
He has found per - fect heal - ing Who rests up - on Thy love.

5 Lord, write my name, I pray Thee,
Now in the Book of Life
And with all true believers
Take me where joys are rife.
There let me bloom and flourish,
Thy perfect freedom prove,
And tell, as I adore Thee,
How faithful was Thy love.

Sermon

Offering/ Voluntary *Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.*

† Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with -
in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy
Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal -
va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

Marriage Banns for Chris Blank & Lydia Woods

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff.

Guests: *if you have not previously received Holy Communion at Mount Calvary, please speak with Pastor Gerike before approaching the altar for the first time.*

Communicants: *you may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. If you receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to your mouth.*

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

- O Lord, My Love, I Have No Rest (see pages 12–13)
658 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*
713 *From God Can Nothing Move Me*
731 *O God, Forsake Me Not*
659 *Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† Nunc Dimittis *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† Hymn 674 *Jerusalem, O City Fair and High*

Postlude

“Blessed are they that dwell in Your house; they will be always praising You.”

Psalm 84:5



1. O Lord, My Love, I have no rest Out-side Your
2. You know my foe, You know my plight: A thou-sand
3. Such de - va - sta - tion to ev - ade, O Lord, Your



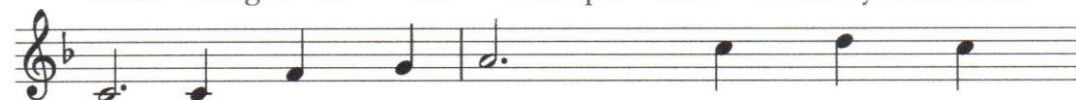
gift with which I'm blest. My ev - er mul - ti - ply - ing
arts he'll use to fight. Sly Sa - tan gnaws up - on my
ta - ble You have laid. You bid me dine for my de -



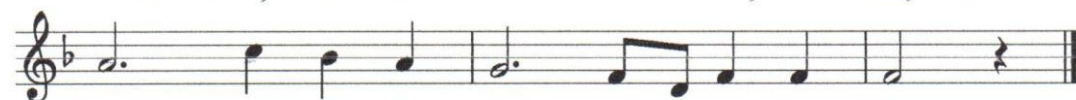
sins Dispel my strength as pas - sing winds; Like smoke it
soul; To strip You from me is his goal. Doubt'shaze he
light To thrill my bones with ev - 'ry bite; Your flesh and



simp - ly wafts a - way. If from Your death my heart should
drives up - on my mind, He clouds Your will to make me
blood You give to eat And spill out words my heart finds



stray, When thoughts of Your great pas - sion
blind, He teach - es me to call a
sweet. "Come," You in - vite me, "Come, draw



cease My soul's in tor - ment with-out peace.
lie What You have firm - ly set on high.
near, Take what I give you with-out fear!"

Additional stanzas on next page

4. “Here is My body with this bread;
It was condemned to join the dead
And bore the shackles of the tree
For you who always stray from Me.
What flowed to cleanse your guilt is here;
With wine you’ll find My blood so dear.
Into your mouth now both receive
And by them to My meekness cleave.”

5. O Lord, I will remember You
Until my earthly life is through.
I see You yearning for my life
To rescue me and end my strife.
Dart after agonizing dart
You welcomed into Your pure heart.
On rough-hewn wood You hung for me
From pain of death to set me free.

6. You order me to come to You
For that which keeps faith strong
and true.
You bid me let no doubt come in
For You have paid for all men’s sin.
No fuller ransom may be found
For all the faults that here abound;
Your sacrifice now stands before
The One who rules forevermore.

7. Lest my deceit-plagued mind should sway
And doubt the truth of what You say,
Your heart inclines with Your right hand
And gives this pledge on which to stand:
To eat and drink of Your great might—
Is this not comfort and true light
For those who foolishly believe
That such as they You’ll not receive?

8. O Lord, You want us, every soul;
Our hearts confirm Your loving goal.
You call the fallen to Your rest;
O help us rush now to Your breast.
You’re always ready us to heal;
Give holy thirst now for Your meal
And make us princes one and all
Within Your golden heav’nly hall.

TODAY'S NOTICES

The Women's Guild and Board of Social Ministries are, between now and Thanksgiving, collecting non-expired, nonperishable food items and other items for **Project Hope**. Please pick up a list of needed items from the narthex table. Donations may be placed in the blue container located in the narthex. Thank you!

At the last BTC, the **book "Martin Luther on Mental Health"** was recommended as a useful resource. The Board of Christian Education is providing complimentary copies of this book through the Weibe fund to anyone who would like their own copy. A signup is on the bulletin board in the narthex

There will be a **parents meeting** after church on November 16 for parents of youth (ages 11–17) who are interested in attending the **Higher Things youth conference in St. Louis Missouri, June 23–26, 2026**.

Prayer Requests: *Confessional Lutherans in:* Japan & Australia; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Courtney Christoffers, Elizabeth Fusselman, Jessica Whirrett; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Sandy Kemper, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Larry Ashe, David Christian, the Nuer people of South Sudan, Barb Masilko, Jean Young, Janet Christian, Jean Babel, Hayes Gonzalez, Genelle Rohe, Nancy Goesch, Tammie Stewart, Ezra Venteicher (friend of the congregation, heart issues), thanksgiving for our nation's veterans

This Week's Calendar

Today (11/9)	THE THIRD LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Christian Education meeting after church Children's Choir after church
Wednesday (11/12)	Matins 10:00 am <i>No Vespers</i>
Thursday (11/13)	Logo Committee meeting 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm
Next Sunday (11/16)	THE SECOND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Christian Education meeting after church Children's Choir after church

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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3–12 is year-round. Lessons for younger ages are based on the readings for the Sunday Divine Service. Older class studies Concordia Bible History.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Organist – Annika Buckley

Acolyte –

Altar Care – Diane Krebs & Paula Rasmuss

Counters – Carlene Lange & Carrie Rhine

Ushers – Glen Rademacher, Ray Wollberg, Jasiah Morgan, Fred Hertwig

Elder – Micah Fusselman

Trustee – Jasiah Morgan