

# The Second Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Sunday of the Sheep and the Goats

November 16, 2025



*When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him,  
Then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him.*

### **Theme of Today's Liturgy**

“The Day is surely drawing near when Jesus, God’s anointed, in all His power shall appear as Judge whom God appointed” (*Hymn of the Day*). Our prayer is that our Lord judge us not according to our deeds, but rather by His Name and according to His strength (*Introit*). When He judges us by His mercy and loving-kindness then we can be sure we are truly blessed of the Father (*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 the church year draws to a close, the Scripture readings remind us of the end of this sinful earth and of the end of our lives. Our lasting treasure is not here, but with Christ in His eternal kingdom. The Lord's Supper, which Christ has given to His church on earth, is a foretaste of that heavenly banquet. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune 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:** *The Last Judgment* (ca. late 1460s), Hans Memling (c. 1430 – 1494), National Museum, Gdansk, Poland.

# 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 by the Concordia Middle School Choir *Let Me Ride*

*Roger Emerson*

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

† Processional Hymn 513 *The Clouds of Judgment Gather*

† 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 54 antiphon: Psalm 54*



**AVE** me, O God, for Your | Name's sake, \*  
and avenge me | in Your strength.

**Hear my prayer, | O God, \***  
**and hearken unto the words | of my mouth.**

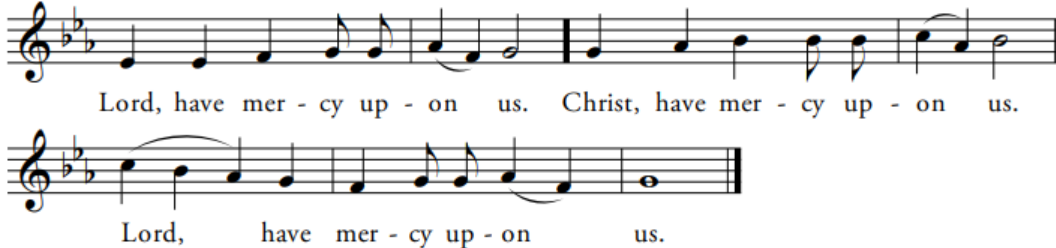
For strangers are risen up a- | gainst me, \*  
and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek af- | ter my soul.

**Behold, God is my | helper; \***  
**the Lord is He who up- | holds my life.**

He shall reward evil unto my | enemies. \*  
O destroy them | in Your truth.

For He has delivered me out of all my | trouble, \*  
 and my eye has seen the ruin of my | enemies.  
 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.  
 Save me, O God, for Your | Name's sake, \*  
 and avenge me | in Your strength.  
 Hear my prayer, | O God, \*  
 and hearken unto the words | of my mouth.

### † Kyrie



### † Gloria in Excelsis *pp. 187–89*

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

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, 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 God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 12:1–3*

*Thus says the Lord God concerning the end:* “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## Gradual

*Psalm 50*



**E** shall call to the hea- | vens above, \*  
and to the earth beneath, that He may judge His | people:  
**And the heavens shall declare His | righteousness, \***  
**for God Him- | self is Judge.**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 3:3–14*

knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**Sequence Hymn** *ELH 537 Day of Wrath see next pages*



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; Thence shall 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'sgroan - 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

Isaiah 35

*The congregation sings the threefold "Alleluia" before and after the Pastor sings the verse.*



☛ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**T**HE ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with | singing, \*  
 with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and | gladness.

### † Holy Gospel

p. 190 *SUNG responses*

St. Matthew 25:31—46

✠ *At that time Jesus said to the disciples:* “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will

answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

† **Nicene Creed**      *p. 191/inside back cover of hymnal*

**Hymn of the Day**      508      *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

**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

621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

733 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Thy word commands our flesh to dust  
"Return, ye sons of men!"  
All nations rose from earth at first  
And turn to earth again.

7 Like flow'ry fields the nations stand,  
Pleased with the morning light;  
The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand  
Lie with'ring ere 'tis night.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

8 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

672    *Jerusalem the Golden*  
 512    *At the Name of Jesus*  
 696    *O God, My Faithful God*

† **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** 336, stanza 3: children's choir    *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

**Postlude**

**"Blessed are they that dwell in Your house; they will be always praising You."**

*Psalms 84:5*

**This Week's Calendar**

Today (11/16)	THE SECOND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Social Ministries meeting after church Board of Trustees meeting after church Youth parent meeting after church Children's Choir after church
Wednesday (11/19)	Matins 10:00 am Vespers 6:30 pm
Thursday (11/20)	Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm
Friday (11/21)	Wedding rehearsal 5:00 pm
Saturday (11/22)	Blank/Woods Wedding 4:00 pm
Next Sunday (11/23)	THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Children's Choir after church

# TODAY'S NOTICES

Today the **Concordia Middle School** choir, directed by Hannah Nunnenkamp-Engleman, joins us for worship and provides the prelude. We welcome the choir members and their families to Mt. Calvary!

There will be a **parents meeting** after church today 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**. We will also discuss plans for updating the Youth Room in December.

Sign up for a **Christmas poinsettia** on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Book Group** will resume in January. Sign up in the narthex for a copy of our next book, *Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God* by Kevin Golden.

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!

**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, Chris Blank & Lydia Woods

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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** – Rachel Kemper

**Counters** – Denise Bitter & Matt Meyer

**Ushers** – Micah Fusselman, Dave Emken, Scott Andersh, Bob Vondrasek

**Elder** – Cameron Shilling

**Trustee** – Renee McArthur