



# **THE BASIS OF TRUE JUSTICE**

The Last Judgment

# BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

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*November 14, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask one of our ushers

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## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

### *Communion*

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

**Visitors:** Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner, we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Worship Leader**  
**Organist**

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# THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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*A version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church*

## OPENING HYMN

*Jerusalem the Golden* | 214

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—  
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
- 3 There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
- 4 Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.

## INVOCATION

*please stand, if able*

**[M]** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**[C]** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION

**[M]** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## ABSOLUTION

- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

- M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



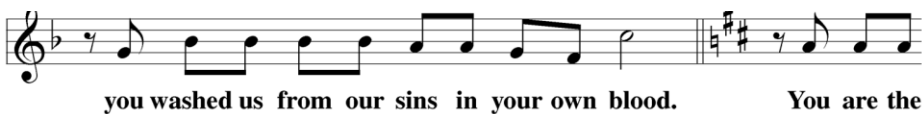
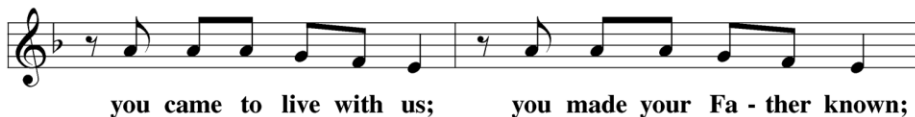
- M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



- M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[M]** Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

*Daniel 12:1–3*

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. (EHV)

**M** The word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 9:24–28*

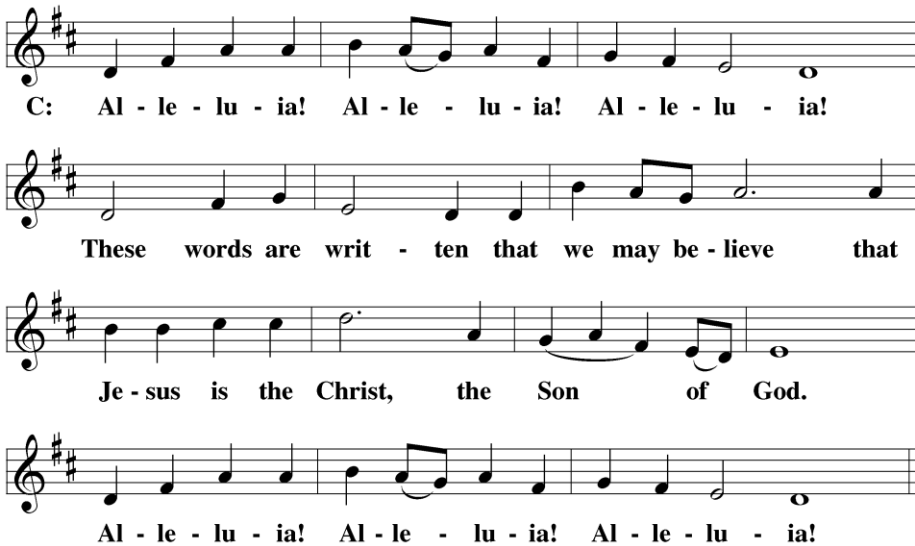
<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him. (EHV)

**M** The word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M** Alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia



## GOSPEL

John 5:19-30

*please stand, if able*

**[M]** The Gospel according to John chapter 5.

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them directly, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. <sup>21</sup>For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes.

<sup>22</sup>"In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life.

<sup>25</sup>"Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup>"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those



who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned. <sup>30</sup>I can do nothing at all on my own. I judge only as I hear. And my judgment is just, for I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me. (EHV)

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | **382**

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.

*Refrain*

## SERMON

*John 5:22-30*

*please stand, if able*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**  
**eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**of one being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,**  
**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,**  
**and became fully human.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**  
**He suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*be seated*

## **OFFERING** *WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD*

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income*

**HYMN** *(sung as gifts are presented)*

*We Give Thee but Thine Own* | **485 v. 1**

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
 All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**[M]** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**[C] Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**[M]** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**[C] Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**[M]** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**[M]** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**[C] Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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## *The Sacrament*

*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Co 11:28-29 (NIV1984)*

[M] The Lord be with you.



[M] Lift up your hearts.



[M] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who

sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C:'.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* | 207

1 The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,  
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,  
As Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken  
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r  
Be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised his precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

## THANK THE LORD



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

## PRAYER

- [M] Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

- [M] 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.



## HYMN

*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See* | 219

Lord, when your glory I shall see  
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As your own bride I shall be brought  
To stand in joy beside you.