

***Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Pastor Mark Voss
November 8, 2009 - Last Judgment***

The Last three Sundays of the church year are called the Endtimes. We focus our worship on:

- 1) The Last Judgment*
- 2) The Saints Triumphant*
- 3) Christ the King*

The purpose of these services is to encourage us to be ready for Jesus' return on the Last Day.

Invocation

Opening Hymn - "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

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Baptism (8a) – Trinity Rae Karlberg becomes a daughter of God through Holy Baptism

Confession and Absolution

P: God speaks to us a word of judgment and hope this day. We are called in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved brothers and sisters, let us come before our God in confession, bold in our honesty and assured of our forgiveness. Let us pray.

C: As we await the day of judgment, gracious God, we are mindful of our sins. We have neglected the commands of your Word and have turned from you in thought, word and deed. We have ignored the cries of the poor, the oppressed, and the helpless in our search for our own happiness. We are sorry for our sins and ask for your forgiveness.

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins. Rejoice as you wait for his coming. We are forgiven and we are free.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise - "This Is the Feast of Victory"

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

Old Testament Reading - Malachi 4:1-2 “**A Day We Will Leap Like Calves**” ¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will se them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and lead like calves released from the stall.

Response

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**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!**

**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.**

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 9:24-28 “**Christ Pleads Our Case in Heaven**” ²⁴For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Verse of the Day - Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia!

**Sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon Hymn – “Jesus, Your Church With Longing Eyes”

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Sermon

**GOOD NEWS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES
“Good News About the Future”**

Mark 13:1-11

¹As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" ²"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." ³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" ⁵Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Creed

God Created Us and Our World

P: God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

C: God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28)

Sing

**I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav’n and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God’s own Son of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, Whom the Spirit did conceive;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; He’s the God whom I believe!**

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Jesus Lived, Died, and Rose For Us

P: In Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)

C: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. (John 11:25)

Sing

**Crucified, was dead and buried; Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heav’n triumphantly.
There at God’s right hand he’s ruling, By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations, Both the living and the dead.**

The Holy Spirit Strengthens Us in Faith

P: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. (Ephesians 3:16)

C: Through faith we are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:5)

Sing

**I believe in God the Spirit, In his Church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion, Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I’ll rise again;
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Offering

Children's Lesson

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for the Church as it awaits her Lord. Lord Jesus, come quickly! To your world, created for praise and joy, but struggling in sin and burdened by rebellion:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly.

P: To your Church, striving for faithfulness in this world that we might be a sign of your grace and righteousness:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly.

P: To workers, that they might rejoice in their work and praise you for their vocation, knowing that all our labor is an act of praise:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly.

P: To all those who serve in your name, that they may not grow weary of well-doing:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly.

P: To missionaries and your faithful people in persecution, those who are called upon to witness of their faith under trial, to those who are hated for your name's sake that they may endure and have eternal life:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly.

P: And to those in our congregation who fight the good fight against illness, pain, despair, and death; that, by your strength, they may endure and have eternal life:

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. As you have promised – come quickly! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

C: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you, God's people. Amen.

Closing Verse – Small Choir

"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"

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