LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's rule be strengthened in your heart through the power of the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, you are all compassion, boundless mercy from above. Visit us with benediction; comfort us with heavenly love. Sanctify your new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us trust your great salvation, won for us on Calvary, till we lay our crowns before you, till in heaven we take our place, till in glory we adore you, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

A Time to Yearn for the End

OPENING HYMN

The Day is Surely Drawing Near | 488

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269

FIRST LESSON Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The prophet Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgement that is filled with fire and thrones and books...and a Savior who will establish an everlasting kingdom.

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. ¹⁰A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Rock of Our Salvation | 95

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. ¹¹Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. ¹³Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. ¹⁶Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. ¹⁷Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Matthew 25:31-46

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | 767

Jesus describes the end of days, when he shall come in glory and separate sheep from goats.

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰"The King will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.'

⁴⁴"Then they will also answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?'

⁴⁵"At that time he will answer them, 'Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.' ⁴⁶And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

See, He Comes, the King of Glory | 494

"Jesus Explains How He Will Judge You"

Pastor Fred Toppe

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