

# Mindful that our Days Are Numbered

November 12, 2023



2<sup>nd</sup> End Times Sunday  
The Last Judgment

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**WELCOME, GUESTS!!!** We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

**THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS** – Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! He will come to judge the living and the dead. We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses' psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there's no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our redemption.

**MORNING PRAYER:** 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 to 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. Amen

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# OPENING HYMN:

THE KING SHALL COME

#25

**\*\*Please Stand for the Last Verse\*\***



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the  
bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry  
Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some  
dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in  
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—  
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.  
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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.

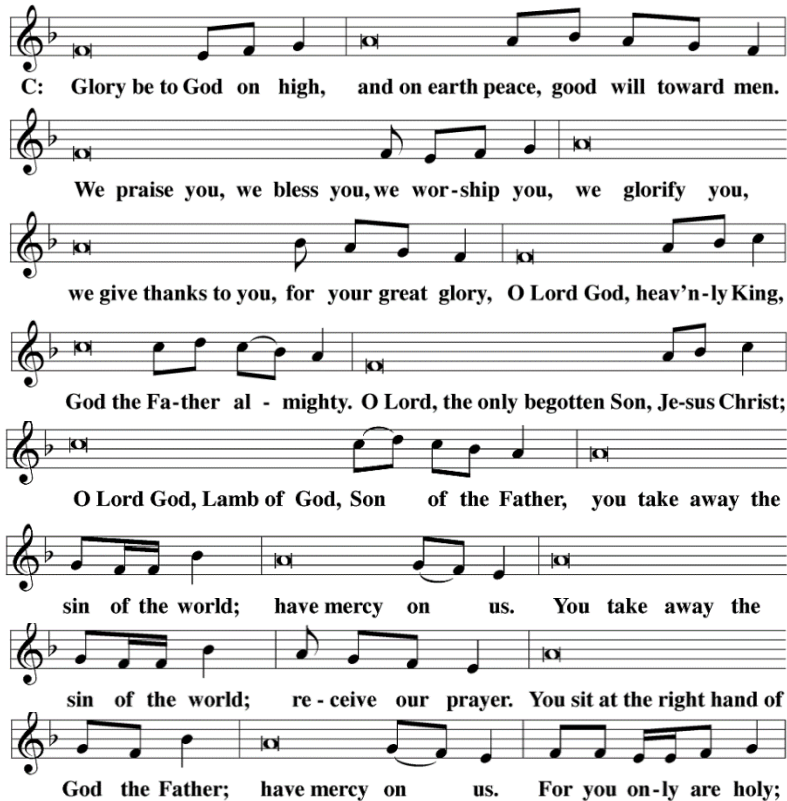


### PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

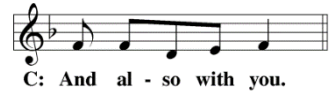
### GLORY BE TO GOD

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





### PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

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 to 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.



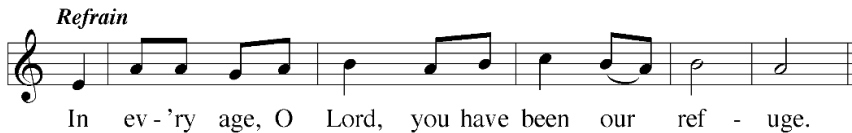
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### FIRST LESSON:

### DANIEL 7: 9, 10

*Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books. God the Father is seated on his throne with fire beneath him and flowing out from him—fire that metes out punishment for the unrighteous but refines believers like gold with the dross removed. Who doesn't shudder when he sees Daniel's vision of God and then hears the somber statement, "The books were opened"? Being mindful of the coming judgment means knowing that one day the books will be opened, and God will judge us according to what is in them.*

***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. A 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.***



Lord, you have been our dwelling place\*  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,\*  
or like a watch in the night.

*Refrain*

You have set our iniquities before you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.\*

You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;\*  
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,\*  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

*Refrain*

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,\*  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1 – 11

*Being mindful of the judgment means living according to God's Word, not according to what the world says. The world tells itself again and again not to worry about God and his judgment. Peace and safety are its watchwords. Regardless of what the world says, the judgment is most certainly coming.*

***Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. But you, brothers, are not***

*in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.*

*To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)



### GOSPEL

### MATTHEW 22: 1 – 14

*The Son of Man came once as a humble baby, but will return as a glorious king with angel armies at his side. He will sit on his throne, and all the nations will be brought before him to be judged. In this judgment, there are no shades of gray: you are either a sheep or a goat—there is no third option. You will either be judged righteous and brought to heaven or condemned and sent into eternal fire.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All 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. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then 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. For 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. I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’*

*“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’*

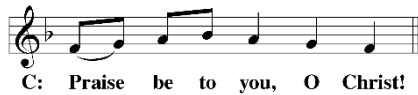
***“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’***

***“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. For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. I 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.’***

***“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?’***

***“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.’ And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **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.**

***\*\*Please Be Seated\*\****

# HYMN OF THE DAY

THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR

#207

Vs. 1-5



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,  
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the  
3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but my  
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear  
earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found  
tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,  
car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word  
sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and  
Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the  
When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry  
And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and  
My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will  
liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's  
heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as  
trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's  
doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.  
threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832-1919, alt.  
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

## SERMON TEXT

SERMON:

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1 - 11

PREPARING FOR THAT MOMENT

### CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -





**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**OFFERING** – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

### **PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**Give us willingness to obey our nation’s laws and to work for the common good.**

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

**Silent prayer**

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

#486

Vs 1, 2, 5



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our  
4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f' rings Which on  
5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious  
ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."  
of - f' rings Due by sol - emn right to you,  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we  
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the  
you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more  
need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and  
may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and  
stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.  
bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.  
gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.  
Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## THE SACRAMENT



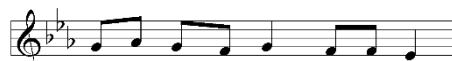
C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

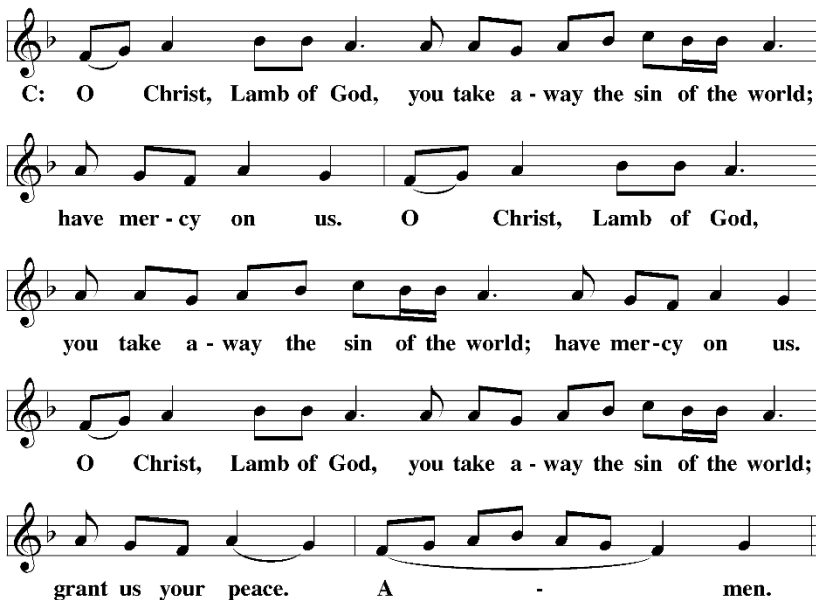
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

### DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION** – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

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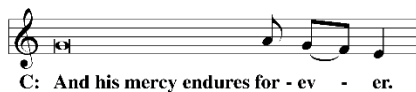
## SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

## CLOSING PRAYER

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BLESSING

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.



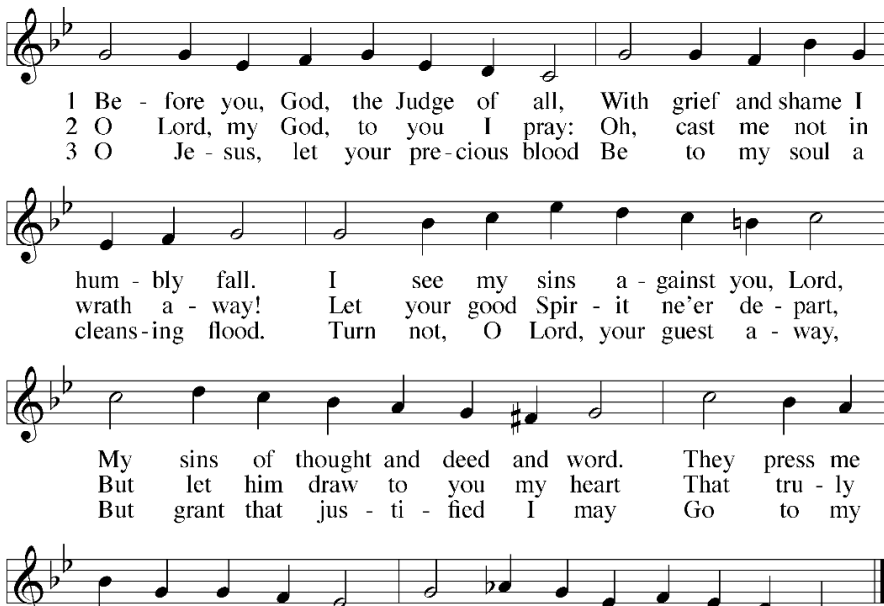
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## CLOSING HYMN:

#306

### BEFORE YOU, GOD THE JUDGE OF ALL



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a

hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,

My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my

sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

### **What We Believe:**

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Our study of the Book of Acts is again on hold. We are turning our focus to the minor prophet Habakkuk. We will study a chapter per week to be more of an overview rather than a deep dive. Email any questions or topics to Pastor Emmons. Please feel free to come and go as you like; all reading is voluntary.

**Midweek Bible Study** – Bible Study ***Tuesday*** is back; we are resuming our study of Romans. The study begins at 6 pm at the pastor's home: 4384 SW 36<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond, or join us on Zoom from the comfort of your home or your favorite coffee shop. Below is the ID and password:

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Thanksgiving Eve/Advent Services** - is almost here: a new church year and advent. Our Advent Season will begin with a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 22. We will have a soup supper at 6 pm before the service. Please contact Penny Port to sign up for a soup or dessert.

**Thanksgiving Potluck** – Save the date for our Annual Thanksgiving potluck to be held on November 19 following the service. Next week, we will have a sign-up sheet for the meal since it's a little more orchestrated than our typical potluck.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** – Tammi will host our annual cookie exchange on Saturday, December 2, at 6 pm. You make or buy your favorite cookie to exchange (a half dozen for each quest + a half dozen to taste, and the leftovers come to church). This party is open to all, so invite a friend. Please RSVP by November 24 at Tammi.emmons67@gmail.com or text her at 541-699-7634.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** – You are invited to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Thanksgiving dinner with Tammi and Pastor Emmons at their home on Thanksgiving. If you have no plans for dinner, we will be your plan "B," please join us. We will eat at 6 pm (due to Tammi having to work.) Bring a dish to pass; the pastor will provide the turkey, tables, and chairs; you bring your favorite dish. Please RSVP by November 19.

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