

JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE



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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

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Divine Service

Prelude

“Awesome God”

M. Mullins/P. Keveran

Stories of God @ Work – God is Faithful

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

[LSB 670]

Choir: Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!” Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs: “Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

All: O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!” Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord: “Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia, alleluia!” Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song: “Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!” To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One: “Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Entering Prayers

[Psalm 98]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

L: The Lord as made known his salvation.

C: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

L: O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

[WOV 635]
(Tune: LSB 686)

Surely it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance that the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 21.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Announcements

Children’s Sermon and Attendance Registration

Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji.



We would like to know you attended service today!

To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone’s camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

Hymn of the Day

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

[LSB 735]

Choir: Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

All: Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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Sermon

“The End is Coming”

Luke 21:5-9

Voluntary

“Psalm 84”

H. Hopson

Time for reflection and prayer.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the godly!” (Psalm 149.1)

What song of praise will you be whistling on the way home today?



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text “GIVE” to 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: stl-eastpointe.org and click on “Mission Support”
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

A Reading from the New Testament

L: God uses the second letter to the Thessalonians to clear up the thoughts of many on the subject of The Day of the Lord and how we are to behave as we await the return of Jesus on the Last Day. Today we turn our attention to 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13.

(2 Thessalonians 3:6-13) Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. or even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy:
C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: As the days pass and all things move to their appointed end, keep us from being complacent. Keep us alert and awake so that when the day comes that we greet the Lord, we may rejoice in His eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Offertory

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

[verse 2]

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

**Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

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We Profess our Faith

“Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Confession and Absolution

L: If the Lord our God kept a record of sins, who could stand before him?

C: **But with Him there is forgiveness, therefore He is feared.**

L: God has gathered us together to hear His Word, call upon Him in prayer, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His presence we recognize our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot save ourselves. Together as God’s people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and pray:

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be

in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: Hear this Good News and believe: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

Service of the Sacrament

L: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

L: Pour out you Holy Spirit that we may know the unity we share with all your people

C: In the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: As we further pray as he has taught us:

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

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Sacrament

The Canticle

"This is the Feast"

[LSB 171]

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Distribution Hymn

Anthem

"In Remembrance"

L. Larson

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

[LSB 691]

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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The Post-Communion Canticle

[LSB 181]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Sending

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

[LSB 733]

All: O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Choir Only: Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Men Only: Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

All: A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

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

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



Today's flowers were given in thanksgiving to our Risen Lord,
and in celebration of Karen Cichocki's 80th birthday
by her husband Larry.

*You are now entering
the (your)
Mission Field*

*“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.
Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)*

Up Coming Events:

November 13 – Drive Thru Communion 11:30

November 18 – Holiday food basket packing

November 19 – Holiday food basket distribution 9 am

November 20 – Remembrance Sunday – worship 9:30 am

Rejoicing in God’s grace and receiving his comfort in our grief
as we remember baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, and the departed

November 20 - Faith & Fellowship Brunch, following the 9:30 worship service in the gym.

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 12 pm & 7 pm

November 30, December 7 & 14 – Aven CAR-oling – 12 pm (inside) & 7 pm (front parking lot)

December 21 – Christmas Caroling – 6:00 pm

On **Today, at 4PM**, the **Lutheran Northwest Concert Band** will present its **Home Concert at Peace Lutheran Church in Warren**. The Band will be wrapping up their four-state tour with this not-to-be-missed performance! Learn more about this and other upcoming LHNW events at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events.

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians hired for Christmas Eve. If you would like to be a patron for Christmas Eve, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "patron" or "Kapelle" in the offering plate/box or bring your gift to the church office. If you choose to give online, please specify "kapelle" when giving. Thank you for supporting the choir and their efforts in edifying the church through worship in song.

Reading the Bible in a Year

Pastor Hetzner gave the best advice about maturing in Jesus and the Christian faith: this year, read through the entire Bible. When you are done, repeat the same (at least) once every year for the rest of your earthly life. No other single activity will enhance your effectiveness as a follower of Jesus more than this. And it will take you just 20-30 minutes of daily reading or listening.

Here is a link to the reading plan - a PDF file: <http://www.faithabilene.org/resources/Reformation-Reading-Plan-Printable.pdf>

And another link to an article promoting the Reformation Reading Plan from the Michigan District, LCMS: <https://michigandistrict.org/healthy-workers/reformation-reading-plan/>

You can also use You Version Bible app and they have a Bible in a Year plan that guides you through. <https://my.bible.com/>

NEXT SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday

November 20, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 23:27-34, 39-43 / Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon Topic: "Three VIP Memories" - Text: Luke 23:28-30, 34, 43

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion - Third Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

*"The Flock" for children and Crossftraining JC Style for youth
Staying connected through summer emails*

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:

November 13, 2022

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- For the Holy Spirit to be drawing people to our worship Gatherings – especially next week for Remembrance Sunday and the Faith and Fellowship Brunch.
- Bringing more people into the regular habit of reading and discussing God's Word.
- For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.
- For us all to grow in generosity, faith, and sacrificial giving.
- For those newly elected to govern and serve our country.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Jane Gurnack.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Lori Kucharek, Russ Semenjuk, Janet Edwards, Marge Bittner, Shirley Gessert, Walter Jakubiec, Debra Barowicz, Kim Dunaway, Lloyd White, Mary Evans, Shelby Jones, Marquis (friends of the Hogans), Angela DeMuynck (niece of Joyce Vincent), Cheryl Frontiera (daughter of Joann Dieball), Bill & Sue (brother and sister-in-law of Roblynn Smith).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Betty Williams, Vada Habermas, John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Davis Cardamone), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Linda Taggart (former member).