

# Worship Guide for November 08, 2020

Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! 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.

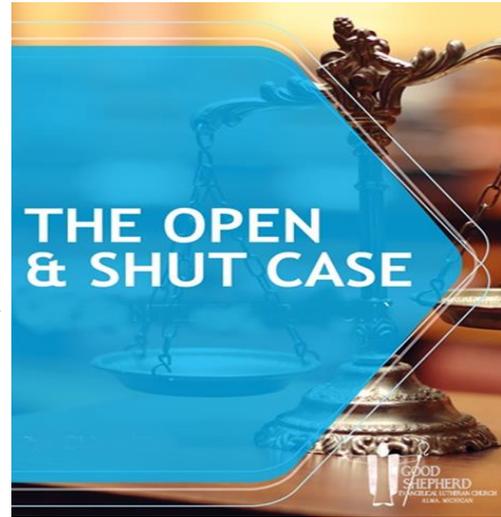


Pastor: We call on the name of our Triune God to be present in our worship. So we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Thank the Lord with all your heart, in the gathered assembly of God's people.

**Congregation: Mighty are the deeds of the Lord; great are the God's works.**

P: Holy and awesome is God's name!

**C: God's praises will last forever.**



**HYMN**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**CW 382**

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,  
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His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne. [Refrain]



## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: How shall we stand before God this day?

**C: With a broken and contrite heart that He will not reject.**

P: Compassionate and gracious God ...

**All: ... I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am**

**truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I plead for your mercy, O Lord.**

P: Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. The Almighty Father has given His Son to live, die and rise for us. For his sake, He forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**C: Amen**



**LESSON: Matthew 25:31–46**

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>“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.’ <sup>41</sup>“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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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.’ <sup>44</sup>“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?’ <sup>45</sup>“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.’ <sup>46</sup>“And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**PSALM: 90**

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**C: Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity you are God.**

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day, like yesterday that has gone by, or like a watch in the night.

**C: Teach us to number our days in such a way that we bring a heart of wisdom.**

## **LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

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.

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

## **C: Alleluia!**

### **Sermon: Daniel 7:9-10**

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothes were white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were burning 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.

## **AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE**



### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

#### **THE 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**

### **BLESSING**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
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Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
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