Pentecost



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Another Church Year has come to an end, reminding us that this world will also come to an end. All will be raised. Unbelievers will be raised to eternal judgment. But for all who are in Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep," the day of resurrection will be the end of death itself (1 Corinthians 15:20). The last enemy will be no more since Christ was raised to never die again (Romans 6:9). All believers shall be raised to eternal life.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I,
I myself will search for my sheep and will
seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his
flock when he is among his sheep that have
been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep,
and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds
and thick darkness. 13And I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries, and will bring them into
their own land. And I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in
all the inhabited places of the country. 14I
will feed them with good pasture, and on
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their
grazing land. There they shall lie down in
good grazing land, and on rich pasture they
shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I myself will make them lie down,
declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen
the weak, and the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

20"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to
them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between
the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because
you push with side and shoulder, and thrust
at all the weak with your horns, till you
have scattered them abroad, 22I will rescue
my flock; they shall no longer be a prey.
And I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23And I will set up over them one shepherd,
my servant David, and he shall feed them:
he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them.
I am the LORD; I have spoken."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

20But in fact Christ has been raised from
the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of
the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also
in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each
in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then
at his coming those who belong to Christ.
24Then comes the end, when he delivers the
kingdom to God the Father after destroying
every rule and every authority and power.
25For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to
be destroyed is death. 27For "God has put
all things in subjection under his feet." But
when it says, "all things are put in subjec-
tion," it is plain that he is excepted who put
all things in subjection under him. 28When
all things are subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to him who
put all things in subjection under him, that
God may be all in all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man
comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on his glorious
throne. 32Before him will be gathered all the
nations, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats. 33And he will place
the sheep on his right, but the goats on
the left. 34Then the King will say to those
on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-
pared for you from the foundation of the
world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me
food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I
was naked and you clothed me, I was sick
and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will
answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see
you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and
give you drink? 38And when did we see you
a stranger and welcome you, or naked and
clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick
or in prison and visit you?' 40And the King
will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you
did it to one of the least of these my broth-
ers, you did it to me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eter-
nal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I
was a stranger and you did not welcome
me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.'
44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord,
when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and
did not minister to you?' 45Then he will
answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as
you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.' 46And these will
go away into eternal punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life."

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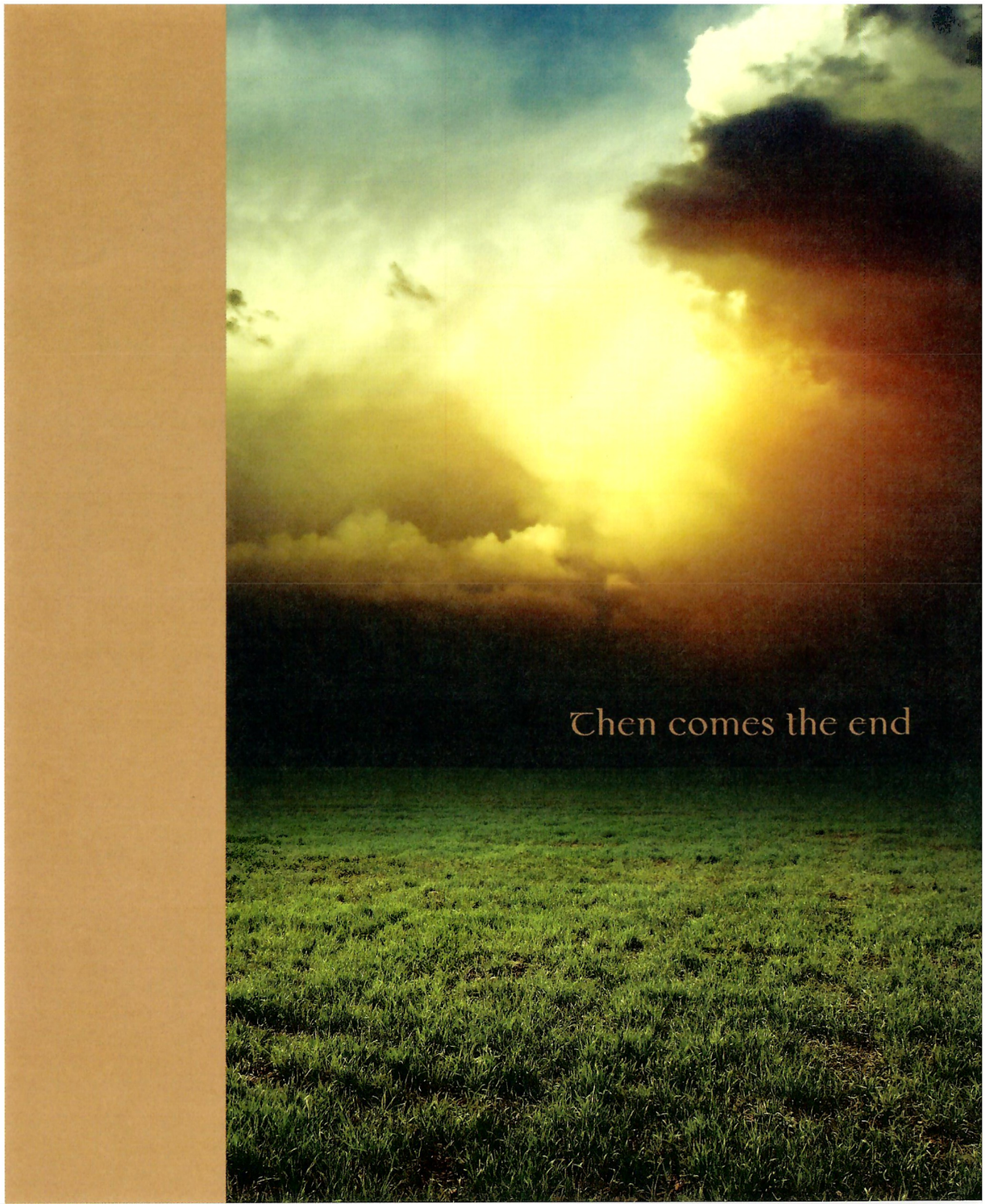

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

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P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.
P: Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
C: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P: In keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

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Thanksgiving Day Service this Thursday Morning at 10:00 AM
Next Sunday, November 29, Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am as the children prepare for the Children's Christmas Service.