



About the Cover

On the day of judgment, the Lord will make no mistakes as He plucks up the righteous from among the wicked. Those who are in Christ need not fear. Our deeds are not the basis for our righteousness. Our righteousness depends only on Jesus, who gave us righteousness by dying on the cross to save our sins. Because our lives are in Him, we have been set apart as people gifted with His righteousness.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Old Testament Reading:
Malachi 3:13–18

¹³"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

Epistle: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27–43

²⁷There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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between the righteous
and the wicked

Malachi 3:18



THE 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.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#535 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Invocation Confession – Absolution Page 203

The Introit:

P: Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

C: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

P: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

C: May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

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: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him

The Kyrie Page 204

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The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Colossians 1:13-20 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

The Sermon

The Receiving of the Offering

The Prayer of the Church

Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer.**

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 208ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

If you desire the Common Cup indicate so to the Elder

The Distribution Hymns LSB#512 At the Name of Jesus

#527 O Savior, Precious Savior

The Nunc Dimittis Page 211

The Post Communion Collect Page 212

The Benedicamus and Benediction Page 212

Closing Hymn LSB#506 Glory Be to God the Father

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays