

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Last Judgment**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
November 5 & 8, 2020**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 207

**The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.**

**A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.**

**A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.**

**Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.**

**My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.**

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10

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.

HYMN 286 1,4

**The law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe,
But 'tis the gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.**

**My soul, no more attempt to draw
Your life and comfort from the law.
Flee to the hope the gospel gives;
The one who trusts the promise lives.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 2:2-11

And we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. Are you thinking that you will escape God's judgment, you who judge those who do such things and then do the same things yourself? Or do you have so little regard for his rich kindness, his restraint, and his patience, that you ignore the fact that the purpose of God's kindness is to lead you to repentance? As a result of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God will reveal his righteous judgment. God "will repay each person according to what he has done" eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good, but furious anger to those who out of selfish ambition are disobeying what is true and obeying what is wrong. There will be trouble and distress for the soul of every person who does what is evil—for the Jew first and for the Greek— but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good—for the Jew first and for the Greek. For God does not show favoritism.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

"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."

HYMN OF THE DAY 209

**Day of wrath, oh, day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning:
Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.**

**Death is struck and nature quaking;
All creation is awaking,
To its judge an answer making.**

**See, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all has been recorded --
Thus shall judgment be awarded.**

**What shall I in awe be pleading,
Who for me be interceding
When your mercy I am needing?**

**King of majesty tremendous,
Who does free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.**

**Think, good Jesus -- my salvation
Caused your wondrous incarnation,
Made you suffer my damnation!**

**On the cross your dying spared me;
Just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.**

SERMON

THE JUDGE PREDICTS HIS JUDGMENTS

Matthew 25:31-46

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.

RESPONSE HYMN 254, v 1 & 4

**The day full of grace, which we behold
Now gently to view ascending
As God's gracious promises unfold,**

**Good cheer to the saints is lending,
And children of light in ev'ry land
Rejoice that the night is ending.**

**With joy we draw near our fatherland,
Our heavenly Father's dwelling,
Where ready for us his mansions stand,
Where heav'n with his saints is swelling,
And there we shall walk in endless light,
Forever his praises telling.**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen.

Announcements

HYMN 376, vv 1-3,5

**Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me -- e'en for my soul -- was shed.**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,**

**E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.**

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The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided in loving memory of Bertie Kirkman with memorials given at the time of her passing.

This week at Salem

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Bible Class AT SCHOOL
	1:30pm	Public Confirmation Class
Monday	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	10:30am	Bible Class AT CHURCH
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Bible Information Class
Thursday	7:00pm	Communion Service

Spring Cleaning: The school secretary has been doing some late “Spring” cleaning and she found a lot of old yearbooks. They have been sorted and are on a table in the entryway at school. If there is a year or two that you’d like, you can either go to the school or call the school office to see if it’s there (725-2234). The secretary is available from 8am-1pm Monday – Friday.

	Oct 25	To Date
Offerings received	\$8,296.41	\$458,890.50
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$2,000.63	\$28,197.98
Other/ Interest	\$ 8.10	\$1,001.95
Total:	\$10,305.14	\$488,090.43



Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$541,190.69**
Difference	-\$2,280.69	-\$53,100.26

** Budgetary needs are based on our 2020 budget; our expenses in 2020 have been considerably under-budget due to Covid closures.

Owed to internal line of credit: \$0