



*Live Like You'll Live †
Forever*



**WE CAN LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR
OF JUDGMENT**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

Nursery: We encourage families to worship together. If an adult needs to step out of the chapel briefly with a child, the nursery is provided just outside the chapel near the restrooms.

For Kids: Activity sheets for young children are available on the bulletin table. Small bags with quiet activity items hang near the table.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER

What if instead of “Live each day like it’s your last.” We went with: “Live like you’ll live forever”? God made us with immortal souls. Even after physical death, the Bible teaches us that all people will be resurrected, either to eternal life or for everlasting condemnation (John 5:29). Through faith in Jesus, our Savior, who rose from death and has forgiven all our sins, we have the promise of resurrection to eternal life! Let that sink in. In Jesus, you are going to live forever. The gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day.

TODAY: WE CAN LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT

Have you experienced that uncomfortable feeling that others are watching you, trying to find something to criticize? We don't want others judging us. It is bad enough listening to the voice inside our own head, whispering that we aren't worthy. How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one person whose opinion ultimately matters—the Judge. Everyone is going to live forever in one of two very different places. Where you spend eternity depends on a judgment that Jesus will render. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate. We can live free from the fear of judgment.

OPENING HYMN

561 Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father,

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 others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

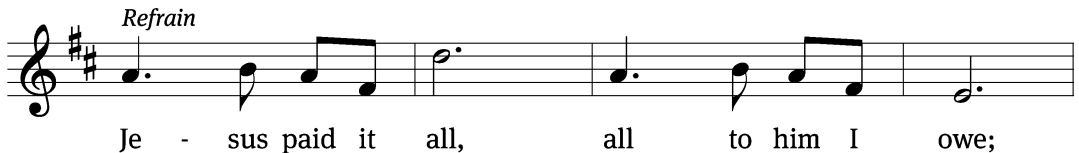
Forgive me, Father.

ABSOLUTION

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.



THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 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.

Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1–3

Judgment Day is a day of deliverance for those who are in Christ.

¹Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24–28

We can live free of the fear of God's judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own.

²⁶Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 2:10

The congregation sings the refrains. The minister sings the verse.



Refrain



HYMN OF THE DAY

819 If God Himself Be for Me sts. 1, 3-4



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
 he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
 In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
 the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
 in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

“Christ Will Appear a Second Time”

1. He came the first time to sacrifice for our sins.
2. He will come again to bring us salvation.

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Large Catechism on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Now, if you are asked, “What do you believe in the Second Article about Jesus Christ?” answer briefly,

“I believe that Jesus Christ, God’s true Son, has become my Lord.”

“But what does it mean to become Lord?”

“It is this. He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all evil.”

Let this, then, be the sum of this article: the little word *Lord* means simply the same as *redeemer*.

It means the One who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same.

BE SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, we look for your appearing at the end of the ages and await your salvation. Give us your wisdom, that we may shine like the brightness of the heavens in this dark world, and that we may lead many others to righteousness.

Guard and protect your people in these days of distress.

Give your blessing to those who serve in government, that they may make wise decisions and provide useful service for citizens of city, state, and country. You do much work through the hands of your servants on earth. Give love, guidance, and strength to doctors, nurses, and caregivers of body and soul.

Keep your people safe who take refuge in you.

Give security and healing to those who endure pain, trouble, and sickness. Be their strength at their right hand, and do not let them be shaken.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

Jesus Christ, eternal God, take away our fear and fill us with eager joy to behold the excellent majesty of your glory at your right hand.

Amen.

OFFERING

During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



OFFERING SONG

*There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come
Before the Son we'll stand
Made faultless through the Lamb
Believing hearts find promised grace
Salvation comes*

*Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, power
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore*

There Is a Higher Throne

*And there we'll find our home
Our life before the throne
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King
We'll reign with Him*

*Hear heaven's voices sing
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise
All glory, wisdom, power
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
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THE SACRAMENT

STAND

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

For our guests: Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We welcome congregational members and those in fellowship with our national church body to receive the sacrament with us today. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe or about holy communion, please speak with our pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

STAND

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

HYMN

562 Jesus Paid It All

4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.
Refrain
Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

BE SEATED

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Ushers: Dave Huebner (8:00), Bruce Heckmann (10:45)
Scripture Readers: Mike King (8:00), Bruce Heckmann (10:45)
Accompanist: Ben Rusch
Communion Assistants: Dave Scheelk (8:00), James Kruse (10:45)

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