

The Third Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 10, 2013

Signs of the End

In this time of empty and false promises, Our Lord gives His sure and certain Word. You are welcomed and invited today to take Our Lord at His Word and to receive Him as He comes to you. May He calm, relax, and settle you!

The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The end is near! That should trouble you, if you truly know yourself and how you measure up-what you have done and what you have left undone (*Confiteor*). So we pray that Our Lord deal with us mercifully and not let us be ashamed (*Introit*). And then, holding to Our Lord's mercy, we may face our end with the confidence that death is nothing more than sleep in Jesus (*Epistle*), and the end of time nothing more than the coming true of our Lord's Word and promise (*Gospel*).

The Sermon

They are horrible words that describe a most terrible end. They are words given the archangel to speak to Daniel to record, that you might know that the end comes. Look about you. You live now in the throes of that tribulation. It is worse today than it has ever been. It is not as bad as it will get. But the great tribulation is not only physical. Your soul is in danger as well. So our Lord warns you. And more than warning you, He comes to you. He equips you for the tribulation. He strengthens you. He teaches you. And soon, with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, the trumpet of God will call you home.

The Holy Eucharist

As we see change and decay all around, as we recognize that the Last Day continually draws nigh, the Holy Eucharist brings us great comfort and hope, as the same Lord who will sit as Judge of all men then gives His Body and Blood to us now for our forgiveness and our strength. Seeing the symbols of Bread and Wine faith rightly says "There is the Christ!", for that is where He has promised to be.

The Readings

Job 14.1-6; Thessalonians 4.13-18; St. Matthew 24.15-28

The Prelude Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee (BWV 736) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Postlude Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High - J. Engel (1925-1989)

Hymns for Today's Mass

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	619 (stanzas 1-4)
CHIEF HYMN	407
OFFERING HYMN	619 (stanzas 5-8)
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	393; 596
RECESSIONAL HYMN	insert

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The Third Last Week of the Church Year

Nov 10-17

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Mass for the 3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year Today, 10a, Church

Adult Bible Study Today, 11:30a, Undercroft

Sunday School..... Today, 11:30a, Activities Center

Matins..... Mon, 8:45a, Chapel

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Holy Mass for the 3rd Last Wednesday of the Church Year..... Wed, 10a, Chapel

Matins..... Thr, 8:45a, Chapel

Men's Group 7p, Church

Matins..... Fri, 8:45a, Chapel

Matins..... Sat, 8:45a, Chapel

Private Confession and Absolution Sat, 9a, Chapel

Youth Catechism..... Sat, 10a, Rectory

Holy Mass for the 2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Sun, 10a, Church

Adult Bible Study Sun, 11:30a, Undercroft

Sunday School..... Sun, 11:30a, Activities Center

IN OUR PRAYERS David Beens (Jennifer Gramzow's father), Edward Brown, Linda Buskirk; Lela Casey (Lois Meriwether's sister-in-law), John Chavez, Gladys Cline, Anna Dalton, Martha Draspa, Ellen Hayden, Drucilla Huddleston, Florine Kaiser, Lawrence Kasner, Eleanor Luka, Earlene Maynarich, Michael Maynarich, Robert Murdock, Margaret Quinkert, Pauline Rivard, and Sylvia Schleif.

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THE PSALM FOR THIS WEEK IS PSALM 31. PRAY IT EVERY DAY!

Psalm 31 may be prayed in three parts (vv 1-8.9-18.19-24). Throughout it is a Psalm of trust and confidence in the Lord. That trust is oftentimes tested (vv 10-13). Yet the prayer is that we are not ashamed in our trust--that our hope is not empty or in vain. And we are not! For the Lord's mercy is such that He does not help us only when we help ourselves, but He preserves His faithful when and how He pleases (v 23). So we take heart, and our trust grows, even when we are troubled!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
NOVEMBER 10, 2013

NEW MEMBER RECEIVED TODAY After the Intercessions today, Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz will be received into membership by the rite of Reception of Members by Transfer. Fr. Schultz is transferring from St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Please take a minute after Mass to introduce yourself to Fr. Schultz, and to make him feel welcome as a new member of Zion!

INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY At Mass on Sunday, November 17, the Rev. Fr. Gary Schultz will be installed as Kantor of Zion.

THANKSGIVING CHANCEL DISPLAY Harvest vegetables will again adorn the Altar and Chancel for Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 28. Donations are being accepted in support of the display. Place envelopes in the offering plate marked "Thanksgiving Display." Donors will be recognized in the bulletin on Sunday, November 24.

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