

The Third Sunday of End Time  
Saints Triumphant  
November 15, 2009

Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor

Music and Meditation- We have reserved 15 minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the back of the church and will be brought up to the altar as an expression of our gratitude to our Lord.

Order of Service- Page 45 of the red hymnal.

Hymns: 207, 418, 551 (vv. 1-4), (vv. 5-7)

Prayer for the Day:

**Almighty God and Savior, You have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with Him and all Your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Old Testament Reading- Daniel 12:1-3 (The sermon text)

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 118 page 108 of the hymnal

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-18

Because of Christ's sacrifice our salvation is sure.

**Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. Alleluia.**

The Verse for the Day- Alleluia. **Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your lord is coming. Alleluia.**

The Gospel Lesson-John 5:25-29

The Sermon Text- Daniel 12:1-3

The Sermon Theme- Thanks be to God Who Gives Us the Victory Through Our Lord Jesus Christ!

1. Earthly Distress Will Not Destroy Us..
2. Death Will Not Defeat Us
3. Our Future Is Glorious.

**Announcements-**

**After the Service—**

November WELS Connection

Coffee time

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.

Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes.

Youth Catechism class today at 12:15

Tuesday- Elders Meet at 5:30; Council meets at 7 pm.

Thursday- Pastor in town

Next Sunday- Worship service at 9:30

Sunday school at 10:30.

Confirmation Instructions at 12:15.

Wednesday 26 - Thanksgiving Service at 7 pm.

**Memory Verse-** Each week, as a congregation, we try to learn one Bible verse. This weeks verse: For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:5:9).

**A Christian Funeral**

The fact that today's theme is *Saints Triumphant* brings to mind the subject of a Christian funeral. When a fellow believer falls asleep in Jesus we customarily hold a worship service for the comfort of those who mourn, to remind us to prepare for our own death, and to thank our Lord for the blessings that our loved one received during their lifetime.

There is an order of Christian Funeral (page 144 of the hymnal) that we usually use for our service. Since it is a service dedicated to the worship of our God, the stress of the service is on the grace He has shown through our Lord Jesus Christ. The pastor will remind us of the fact that death is the result of sin but, more importantly, Christ has freed us from our sins and has given us the sure hope of a glorious resurrection and eternal life. We do not gather to praise men but to praise our Lord.

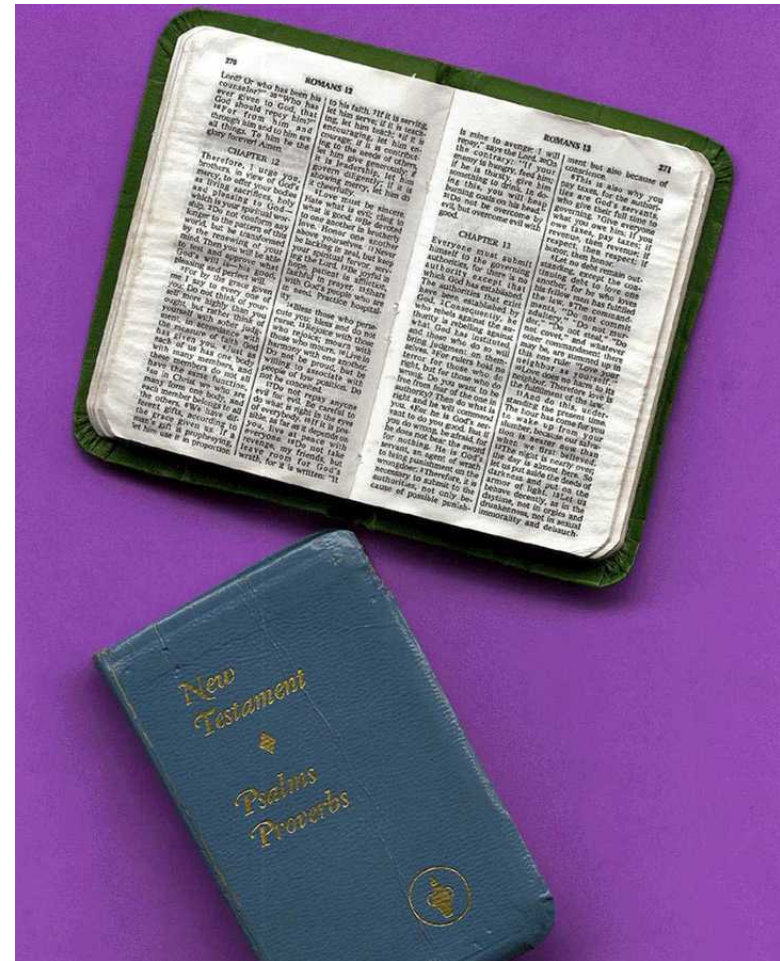
I have attend funerals where after the pastor comforted the family someone arose to give a eulogy that contradicted the message of the pastor, expressing hopelessness and indicating that if the person was saved, it was by her own merits.

Since our pastors are called to conduct our public worship services, arrangements for our funerals should be left in his hands. If the deceased left a desire for certain readings and hymns, the one conducting the service will certainly take them into consideration.

We don't believe the church is in the *business* of burying the dead. Our church buries *her* dead. The service is for the living but it is also is an expression of the faith that the Christian held to when he or she was alive.

Though we can in no way judge hearts, we cannot hold a Christian funeral for someone who gave every indication that he was not a Christian. We must not give the impression that there is any other way to heaven than through faith in Jesus Christ.

Please ask your pastor to serve your unchurched relative with the Gospel while he is still alive and can believe and confess his faith. But please don't ask him to conduct the service of one who gave no evidence that he or she was a Christian.



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