

Historic Scripture Lessons for 3rd-Last Sunday of Church Year

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 49:12-17 NIV See, they will come from afar - some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan." 13 Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones. 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the LORD has forgotten me." 15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the Palms of My Hands; your walls are ever before Me. 17 Your sons hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you.

EPISTLE I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. 15 According to the LORD'S own Word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the LORD, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the LORD himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. And so we will be with the LORD forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel - let the reader understand - 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - and never to be equaled again. 22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There He is!' do not believe it. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect - if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There He is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here He is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL 
(25th or) 3rd-Last Sunday in Trinity  *End Times (Signs)*
November 8th, 2015 ✕ 9:30 am



From "Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" by Jerome Nadal: **Matthew 24 & Mark 13**
The Antichrist.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM
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November 8th, 2015 Trinity-3rd-Last  *End Times*

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless your week.**

OUR SAVIOR WORSHIP ORDER (Red) TLH hymnals starting at p. 5

Hymns	TLH# (v)	1 st Line of Hymn
Invocation Hymn	68 (6v)	The Advent of Our King
Hymn of the Day	605 (5v)	<i>Sing verses 1-4</i> The World Is Very Evil
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	605 (v5)	<i>Sing verse 5 O sweet and blessed country</i>
Third Hymn	407 (5v)	Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee
Closing Hymn	603(4v) OR	In the Resurrection or Jerusalem My ☺

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 23rd Sunday after Trinity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joel 3:1-13	Joel 3:14-21	Obadiah	Nahum1:1-14	Nah.1:15-3:19	Isaiah 10:5-27
I Cor. 3:1-23	Matt.19:16-30	Lk.14:12-15	Mark13:1-37	Rom. 9:1-23	Rom. 10:1-21

PROPERs for the THIRD-LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR / NOVEMBER 8TH

INTROIT Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble. Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies and from those who persecute me. Let me not be ashamed, LORD, for I have called upon You. I put my trust in You, O LORD; let me never be ashamed. ...from **Psalm 31**

COLLECT Almighty God, we beseech You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants, that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever" **C: ♪ A - -men.**

GRADUAL Oh, fear the LORD, all His Saints, for there is nothing lacking to them that fear Him. They that seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia! ...from **Psalms 74 & 46**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Isaiah 49:12-17** North, South, East & West: They will come.
 Epi. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** Don't grieve like those who have *no hope*.
 Gos. **Matthew 24:15-28** Signs in Nature, World & Church of Jesus' Coming.

OFFERING HYMN VERSE (sung as the Offering is brought up) #605 Sing v.5

**5. O sweet and blessed country, - The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessed country - That eager hearts expect!
 Jesus, in mercy bring us - To that dear land of rest,
 Who art, with God the Father - And Spirit, ever blest. A-men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Jeanette Ammann	(Donna's daughter)	Health. Pray for healing and peace
Pastor		Pastor is feeling so very blessed as he recovers from hernia surgery
Elma & Jim Hendricks	E&J's health and Elma's brother and sister-in-law	
Linda Kryszak	Linda's ongoing health. Plus stress of selling house	
Dee Kurczewski	(David) Dee's ongoing health. Dee at home. David helps	
Mary, Pam & Karen	Friends & family of DonnaM, all battling health issues	
Mariah E. Sawyer	We pray for this soul as next Sunday she is confirmed!	
Vivian Temple	(Tom) Vivian showing improvement at home. Tom helping	
Janice Thomas	She had a very trying week, esp. Fri. (Re)Starts chemo Tue.	
James & Delores Vanesky	Jim in Highland Lakes Rehab. & Delores' health	
Steve & Ethel Wendt	Both battled illness this last week	
John Wuolle	Thank the LORD for (Ninety three) wonderful years of life JW!	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Joan Patrick	Elaine Jones
Treaters	Hot Dogs & Beans & Cake...	Sawyer(Mariah Confirmation)
(Head) Usher	Leroy Dux	Leroy Dux

Statistics	Last Sunday	Year to date (Avg)
Sunday Attendance (Communion)	30 (-)	28 (24)
Bible Class Attend (Sunday School)	10 (!)	12 (.5)
Last Sunday Offering (Year To Date)	\$.⁰⁰	\$.⁰¹
Average Sunday Needed (Budget)	\$.⁰⁰	\$.⁰¹

Calendar of Events		
Sunday, 11/8	8:30 am	Bible Study Sacraments, LORD'S SUPPER
3rd-Last Sunday	9:30 am	Worship (NO Communion)
<i>of the Church Year</i>	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Stay for Hotdogs!
<i>End Times (Signs)</i>	2:00 pm	Catechism Class (Mariah) at Church
Wednesday, 11th	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Peace <i>How to BibleStudy</i>
Thursday, 11/12	7:00 pm	OSL November Council Meeting
Saturday, 11/14	10am -2 pm	Florida Women's Mission Rally C-PSL
Sunday, 11/15	8:30 am	Bible Study Sacraments, LORD'S SUPPER
2nd-Last Sunday	9:30 am	Worship. Confirmation(+Communion)
& Confirmation!	10:45 ff...	Cake&Coffee <i>Mariah Elizabeth Sawyer</i>

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✱ The offering basket in the rear of the sanctuary is for voluntary offerings for the **Florida Women's Mission Rally** which Our ladies will be attending **this Saturday, November 14th at Christ Port St Lucie Church & School!**

Next Sun. 11/15 Trinity-2nd-Last (Confirm! p.15, L.S.) #s 333 611 334 306 337

TRINITY 3rd LAST Mark 13:1-13(-23) "ENDURING TO THE END" 11.08. OSL

INTRODUCTION The **Final Countdown**, the Last Three Sundays of the Church Year, the Last Days. Our thoughts turn to **eschatology**, words about the end. Today's readings all deal with the end, each in their own way.

We are consummate end times junkies. We want signs. We want to know when so we can pencil it on our calendars. End of the world. Wouldn't it be nice to know? Or would it? Jesus knows better than to tell us. But He doesn't leave us without warning or without a promise.

"Watch out that no one deceives you." Don't take it for granted that you can't be fooled; watch out. The devil's a lot trickier than we think he is. The **religious world** will be a sign: **false** Christ's, **false** religions, **false** gospels which are really not the Good News at all. We have them today, pseudo-Christ's and pseudo-Saviors, alternatives to Jesus, religious gurus who claim to put you in touch with God, some even sporting **healings** or **miracles**, or at least **predictions** (End) to make the point. But they don't point to Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, to His Body and His Blood, to His Baptism, and Word of forgiveness. The old heresies are alive and kicking, with new forms popping up all the time. Deceptive spiritualities dot the religious landscape, promise the usual **peace, health, well-being**, all for a **price(\$)**.

(But,) **Don't be deceived.** There is only one Jesus who died on a Cross **for you**, and He's the **One and Only; All** the Jesus you need. The **political world** serves a sign - **wars, rumors** of war, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom. It reads like the front(page) section of the newspaper, doesn't it? Dictators, communism, militant religion. Just as peace is established in one part of the world, war breaks out in another. -- The **natural world** serves as a sign - **earthquakes** in various places, **famines, natural disasters**. As Paul says in Romans, the entire creation groans under the burden of our sin, waiting **expectantly** for **our** Resurrection, the Redemption of our bodies. **Expect** it.

Jesus isn't trying to shake up His disciples, or cause them to doubt or despair. He's giving them a way to look at things and to interpret what's happening in the world from His perspective. All the wars, rumors of war, earthquakes, famines - all the deaths of this world Jesus calls "*the birth pangs*," the labor contractions of the **new creation**. Just as giving birth is painful and often difficult, so is the coming of the new creation. It involves dying and rising - the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Himself, ...and also **your own** death and Resurrection.

Jesus prepared His disciples for the trouble that lay ahead. He knew that His own victory over sin and death would bring opposition. His disciples would be considered heretics by the religious world that prefers to deal with God on its own terms. They would be tried in the religious courts and banished from their own houses of worship, the synagogues they grew up in. The government would be used against them. They would be hauled before kings and princes to testify. Yet Jesus assures them they would be equipped for the challenge. "*Don't worry what you're going to say. Just speak what you are given by the Spirit.*"

Think of the apostle Paul in the book of Acts, hauled before the religious high court, tried before governors and kings, and no matter where he went, no matter what the circumstances, he preached Christ, all the way to his own martyr's death.

In the **small towns of Siberia**, the religious authorities, who now have a certain amount of power and control, try to suppress Lutheran congregations from gathering. They use old religious laws in their favor. Ordinary parishioners, in many cases old, frail women, are called into court and interrogated in detail about what they believe. Can you imagine being called to testify in court about the details of your faith? And they do, these solid, old confessing believers. **They speak the Gospel of Jesus in open court**, and much like in St. Paul's day, the Word of the LORD spreads and grows - not **in spite of** persecution, but **with** persecution.

Jesus warned His **disciples they would be betrayed**, even by those closest to them. Brother would betray believing brother; children would betray confessing parents, even to their death. It happened in the First Century. It happens today in our Twenty-first Century wherever Christians are persecuted **for the Name of Jesus**.

Jesus is not telling His disciples these things to terrify them or to discourage them. He's preparing them, and us, to be alert to the times in which we live. Live with eyes and ears open to the signs of His coming. And He assures them. Each of this morning's readings carries the promise of life in the midst of death, of hope just when things are least hopeful.

(The prophet) **Daniel** speaks of a terrible time ahead for God's people, one that will bring the **archangel Michael**, the protector-warrior of God's people. St. Paul wrote that the archangel's call will signal the end, and the coming of Christ in the clouds to raise the dead and gather His believers. This comes at a time of great distress, unparalleled in the history of the world. Yet there is this promise: "Everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered." All who are in Christ, the Book of Life, will be saved. Those who are wise, that is, those who trust in the promise of God in Jesus, will shine like the brightness of the heavens.

Hebrews tells us that though the whole cosmos will be shaken by the voice of God like it has never been shaken before, yet we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, a kingdom ruled over by Christ crucified and risen, a kingdom in which sin, death, hell, and the Law are no more. That is as **unshakeably** yours as Jesus is **unshakeably risen** and you are **unshakeably baptized** into His death.

Jesus says, "*He who endures to the end will be saved.*" That's a promise from Him whose Word is sure and true. He won't ever fail you or abandon you or go back on His word to you. You have the sure and certain signs from God Himself. You are **baptized**, the testimony from God that your **name is written in the Lamb's book of life**. You have Christ's **Body** and **Blood** in the LORD'S SUPPER, which you take with you to the end of your days. You have **His Word** and promise of **Forgiveness**, that in the death of Jesus **your sins are covered**, and God is at peace with you.

CONCLUSION The last days are not days for panic, anxiety, or uncertainty. They are days for alertness, readiness, watchfulness, expectation, longing, hopefulness, patient endurance. There will be hardship, pain, difficulty but these are only the birth pangs of a new creation that has already come in Christ.

"He who endures to the end, will be saved." You have Jesus' promise. Trust Him to the end, for He is faithful. **I'N, Amen. SDG**

ILCW Year-B Lessons for the 3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year Old Testament

Daniel 12:1-3 NIV "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered. 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Epistle

Hebrews 12:26-29 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

Gospel

Mark 13:1-13 As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" 2 "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" 5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. 9 "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. 11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 13 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.



PRAYER for the CHURCH Either a General or Seasonal Prayer (*A sample here*)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ,

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the Truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over America and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of Florida, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy! LORD be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister _____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's Holy Name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O LORD, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Our Savior congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are Baptized in Your Name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your Table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included) P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's Name we pray.

C: LORD, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our LORD. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a Resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O LORD! (Then, The 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 forever and ever, Amen.**