

25th Sunday after Pentecost
“Behind the Curtain”
Pastor Kal Waetzig
Nov. 14, 2021

Scripture: Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-25, Matt. 25:31-46

Welcome & Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit – Based on Psalm 107

P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

C: and his wonderful deeds for men.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this –

C: those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.

P: He lifted the needy out of their affliction

C: and increased their families like flocks.

P: The upright see and rejoice,

C: but all the wicked shut their mouths.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

C: and his wonderful deeds for men.

Collect

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – Opening Songs: Stacey Minor
Your Grace Is Enough
No Longer Slaves

The Old Testament Lesson ... Daniel 12: 1-3

The Time of the End

12 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”
ESV

The Second Lesson ... Hebrews 10: 11-25

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Full Assurance of Faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” ESV

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Chapter 25, beginning at verse 31

Matthew 25:31-46, The Final Judgment

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” ESV

Baptisms – Augustine & Nelson Amaral

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 thence he shall 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.

Dismiss to Sunday School

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Intro: The Myth of Sisyphus

I. The Gospel – Lost

Hebrews 10:14, “For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” ESV

II. Futility

Hebrews 10:11, “And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.” ESV

III. The Curtain

IV. Our Solution

V. God’s Solution

Hebrews 10:11-14, “And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.
¹²**But** when Christ... ESV

Matthew 27:51, “And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.”
ESV

Hebrews 10:17-18, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.” ESV

VI. Religion and Life Have Purpose

1 Cor. 15:58, “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” ESV

VII. Life at its Best... Hebrews 10:19-25

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that 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.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you
May the Lord, lift up his countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – Closing Song – Stacey Minor

How Great Is Our God

Announcements

St. Paul's / Bella Vista Christian Academy is looking to hire for a couple positions:

- Part-time lunch duty staff - we are looking for a person 2 - 5 days a week from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. *School days only.
- Preschool afternoon teacher - we are looking for 1-2 teachers to work up to 20 hours a week. This candidate would need 6-12 Early Childhood Credits.

If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact our office at 209-835-7438. You can speak with Dave Schnurstein, Lori Waetzig or Pam McCain.

We’ll be collecting monies on 11/14 for Thanksgiving meals. \$50 per meal feeds a family of 6. Donations can go in the entryway offering plate. Mark that the monies go towards meals. Thank you in advance for supporting families this holiday season.

National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is Nov.

15-22. Your boxes can be dropped off to the Admin Ofc. Hours for drop off: Monday - Friday from 9 am-2 pm, Wednesday from 6-8 pm, Saturday 10 am-12 pm & Monday, 11/22 from 8 am-12:30 pm. Volunteers are needed during collection hours & to drive cartons to Manteca. Sign up sheet in Church entryway.

BVCA is having their next Dine & Donate at Chipotle on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 2512 Naglee Road from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Pick up a flyer in the Church entryway. Our school receives a portion of all sales.

Coats for Kids. We are collecting new or gently used (& clean) winter coats for kids. These are for children who were affected by the fires this summer. Please drop coats off today in Church or Admin office by 11/18/21.

Tracy Sunrise Rotary provides seniors Thanksgiving Dinners on 11/21. They need donations of turkeys (fresh or frozen) & volunteer drivers. Call 209-329-6213 to volunteer to drive meals to recipients.

Join us for our **Fall Membership Meeting** in the Church on Sunday, 11/21 after the 10:00 am worship service. We will be electing 2022 Church leadership & giving an update on our ministries. All welcome to attend meeting. Church members only are eligibly to vote. *We will have a Zoom set up for those who would like to attend virtually. To request the email link for Zoom, give us your email on the Connection Card & it will be send to you.*

Our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** is on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm in the Church. Come for an evening of worship & thankfulness.

Join us as we **decorate the Church for Christmas** on Sunday, November 28, following the close of the 10:00 am worship service.

This week at St. Paul's

Sunday, 11/14

8:30 am & 10:00 am - Worship Service - Church
10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church
11:00 am - Youth Group - Youth Room

Monday, 11/15

6:30 pm - Grief Share - Parish Hall

Tuesday, 11/16

4:00 pm - Dine & Donate - Off site at Chipotle

Wednesday, 11/17

10:00 am - Loomis/Alvarez Bible Study - Parish Hall
6:00 pm - ESL class - Parish Hall
7:00 pm - Mellick Bible Study - Admin Conference Room & Zoom

Thursday, 11/18

9:00 am - His Scoop Study - Parish Hall
10:00 am - Pastor Kal's Bible Study - Admin Conference Room & Zoom
Final day to turn in kids coats to Admin office

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10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church
11:00 am - Youth Group - Youth Room
11:00 am - Fall Membership Meeting – Church

Join us as a church body as we **read through the scriptures.** Here is our reading schedule (Year 2) for the week of November 15:

Monday, November 15
Psalm 149-150 & Amos 4

Tuesday, November 16
Luke 1: 1-38 & Amos 5
Wednesday, November 17
Luke 1: 39-80 & Amos 6

Thursday, November 18
Luke 2 & Amos 7

Friday, November 19
Luke 3 & Amos 8

Saturday, November 20
Luke 4 & Amos 9

Sunday, November 21
Luke 5 & Obadiah

Remember in Prayer

To the family of Earl Hove upon his passing
Elfie Broadwater - Surgery recovery
Robert Brown - Healing & recovery
Jim Buckley - Healing & recovery (friend of Ramirez's)
Darralee - Healing (friend of Jo Culberson)
Carol Devine - Recovery
Edgar Esteban - Healing
Kelly Ferree - Treatments (brother of Janis MacDonald)
Gale Heinrich - Healing
George Horne - Restored health
Vi Kramer - Healing
Megan Krause - Treatments (wife of Matt Krause)
Dennis Maddix - Bone cancer, strength & healing (husband of Martha Maddix)
Shannon Martinez - Health issues (daughter of Maria Balandra)
John McLaughlin - Recovery
Joan Mehring - Recovery
Lola Lee Mohr - Peace & comfort (mother of Laura Mohr)
Alletta Parker - Moving into a care home & health (mom of Lorraine Hall)
Maggie Pedersen - Healing (mother of Aimee Gates)
Joyce Pulliam - Recovery
Sue Renner - Chronic neck pain
Maria Rhodes - Recovery
Quentin Rios - Successful treatments for cancer (extended family of Gamaches)
Olivia Scheuerlein - Recovery & medical discernment (great grandchild of Gayle Scheuerlein)
Jon & Debbie Schmidt - General prayers
Rolly Skarloken - Restored health
Marty Stipp - Restored health
Barbara Vierra - Healing (friend of Jo Culberson)
Wright Family - Comfort for family & restored health (friends of Traci McClain)