

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIME – LAST JUDGMENT
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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p. 529)
- ◆ The Hymns: 905, 508 (1-5), 516 (1-2), 516 (3)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:31-46
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 90

Sermon Text – Daniel 7:9-10

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS TAKES HIS THRONE

1. Shining with royal splendor.
2. Judging with royal authority.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (516, stanza 3)

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*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

*You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.*

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Carly Meyer
- ◆ Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (11/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Return from Captivity / Rebuilding the Temple, OT 59)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	1-4 pm	Pastor Chad Seybt Farewell (<i>see announcement below</i>)
Sun (11/15)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting (rescheduled from Nov. 8)
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Bible Class

TODAY IS CHAD SEYBT'S LAST SUNDAY serving as pastor of Redeemer in Cheyenne as he has accepted a call to Wisconsin. Redeemer member Alison Collins is hosting an open house farewell for him & his family at her home today from 1 to 4 pm. St. Paul's congregation is invited to attend! Alison's address is: 1130 Morningside Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82001.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP: Thursday, Nov.26, 9:30 am

In Our Prayers: Carrol Rankin, who underwent emergency surgery last Tuesday to remove an intestinal obstruction. She was released from the hospital yesterday morning and is continuing her recuperation at home. May the Lord grant her healing according to His gracious will.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 96

P Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
C Proclaim his salvation day after day.
P Declare his glory among the nations,
C His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
P Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness:
C Tremble before him, all the earth.
P Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
C Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
P Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them:
C Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
P For He comes to judge the world in righteousness
C And the peoples in his truth.

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my

Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ 41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Sermon Text – Daniel 7:9-10

9 As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
NOVEMBER 9-14

Mon Psalm 90 We are depending on God to pull us through the post-election crises (1-2) as we youngsters and oldsters petition God for compassion on us (13-15) so that our lives will count for something that will last. Since “only what’s done for Christ will last,” that befits the work of our hands, hearts, and souls. Lord, have mercy on us in these last days of sore distress!

Tues Matthew 25:31-46 pictures humanity in court, facing trial. Since guilt or innocence should be based on hard evidence, what’s the evidence which Jesus will bring up when He presides over the case of God vs. humanity? The conclusive evidence will be one’s response to Christ—reflected in how we treat one another in this “new normal” (35-45). Case closed (46).

Wed 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 uses the picture language of thief in the night, labor pains of a pregnant woman, sleeping one’s life away, being drunk or sober, and getting geared for battle (2-8). All of which illustrates how we will interface with Jesus on Judgment Day. Not to worry, for Jesus has guaranteed the decree of acquittal (salvation) rather than condemnation (wrath), and a lively future that we will enjoy together with Him (9-11). Hallelujah!

Thurs Malachi 3:6-12 What shall occupy us while we await Jesus’ return? We shall attend to our privileged responsibilities as stewards of God’s gifts, and when we falter or stumble, that’s our own fault and clear-cut evidence that we need straightening out. No argument about it (6-9). After that, watch how God capitalizes on our repentance and our re-dedication (10-12)!

Fri Luke 16:1-13 Though the steward was unjust in a number of ways, Jesus wants us to focus on his resourcefulness—for when he had the window of opportunity, he found a way to leverage his future security. We can do better. Let’s use our position in life, Bible resources, and God-given skills to serve our fellow men so that their souls get to heaven, where they will welcome us at our arrival (9)! Our stewardship is best devoted to salvaging souls.

Sat 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 Since Christians are busy doing what they can to help others, the Corinth Christians wanted to add their \$\$ contribution for ministering to the saints in Palestine, who were going through some tough times financially. Paul was making the rounds with other congregations too, encouraging them to be generous and cheerful sharers of God’s blessings (6-7). After all, God has always been generous and cheerful with His children (8-11), supplying the needs of the saints and reinforcing the love-bond between giver and receiver (12-14). Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift of salvation via Jesus!