

## WHEN IS THIS GOING TO END?

### GRIEF AND PAIN

November 14, 15, and 18, 2020

*The day is coming, God promises, when he will rescue us from this broken world and wipe every tear from our eyes.*

#### FACE MASK PLEASE

In humble service to all in our church community, we are asking all present from age 5 and up to wear a face mask during worship. Face masks are available from the ushers if you are without one. If you are unable to wear a face mask for medical reasons, please do all you can to maintain social distance from others. In Christian love, let us seek to protect the health of others.

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 727

#### There Is A Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue  
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,  
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



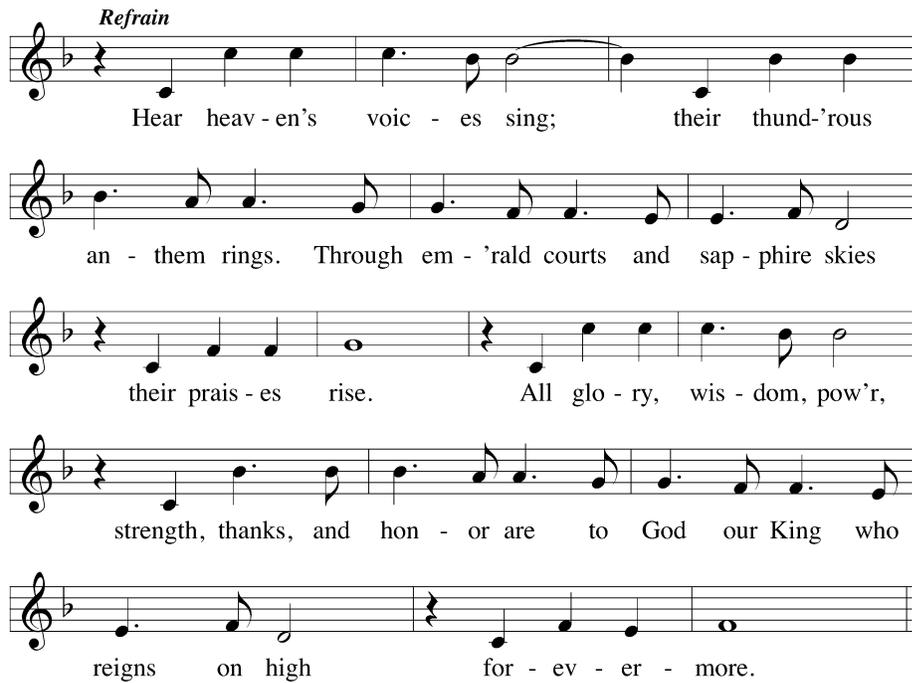
made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing  
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

*After each verse continue to the refrain on page 2.*

*Refrain*



Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund-'rous  
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies  
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,  
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who  
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (*2 Corinthians 13:13*).

C **And also with you.**

M I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

C **"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them"** (*Revelation 14:13*).

M "For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —

C **yes, for ever and ever!"** (*Daniel 7:18*)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord, we desire one day to join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who  
reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.

C **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;**

M We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON****1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Paul describes the great day of resurrection when those who have died will rise from the grave and, together with the believers who are still alive, live forever in the heavenly kingdom.*

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For 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. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**PSALM OF THE DAY****Psalm 84, vv. 1-4, 10**

M How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

C **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

M Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

C **where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.**

M Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

C **Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;**

M I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C **than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**GOSPEL****Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus' parable of the ten virgins encourages to be ready for the final day of judgement.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 there he will 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.**

Lord, when your glory I shall see  
 And taste your kingdom's pleasure,  
 Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure!  
 When I appear before your throne,  
 Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
 With these I need not hide me.  
 And there, in garments richly wrought,  
 As your own bride I shall be brought,  
 To stand in joy beside you.

## SERMON

## Psalm 84

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
 LORD Almighty!  
<sup>2</sup>My soul yearns, even faints,  
 for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh cry out  
 for the living God.  
<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home,  
 and the swallow a nest for herself,  
 where she may have her young—  
 a place near your altar,  
 LORD Almighty, my King and my God.  
<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
 they are ever praising you.<sup>[c]</sup>  
<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
 whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.  
<sup>6</sup>As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
 they make it a place of springs;  
 the autumn rains also cover it with pools.<sup>[d]</sup>  
<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength,  
 till each appears before God in Zion.  
<sup>8</sup>Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;  
 listen to me, God of Jacob.  
<sup>9</sup>Look on our shield,<sup>[e]</sup> O God;  
 look with favor on your anointed one.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.  
<sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C **We, too, join them to praise your majesty.**

M You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions, including a brief time of silence in thankful remembrance of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to heaven in the past year.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 551

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who their faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.



	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>
<i>Robert Siekert</i>	<i>September 30, 1949</i>	<i>November 19, 2019</i>
<i>William Curtis</i>	<i>August 3, 1958</i>	<i>November 20, 2019</i>
<i>Donald Oakes</i>	<i>August 15, 1952</i>	<i>November 26, 2019</i>
<i>Sharon Dreyer</i>	<i>November 14, 1940</i>	<i>November 28, 2019</i>
<i>Marilyn Miller</i>	<i>September 25, 1941</i>	<i>November 29, 2019</i>
<i>Robert Heileman</i>	<i>September 15, 1917</i>	<i>December 24, 2019</i>
<i>Robert Zahn</i>	<i>December 14, 1926</i>	<i>December 30, 2019</i>
<i>Iris Colón Lucio</i>	<i>May 1, 1947</i>	<i>February 25, 2020</i>
<i>Roger Rasmussen</i>	<i>September 14, 1945</i>	<i>February 28, 2020</i>
<i>Kathy Rasmussen</i>	<i>May 17, 1947</i>	<i>March 1, 2020</i>
<i>LaVerne Martin</i>	<i>August 16, 1936</i>	<i>March 7, 2020</i>
<i>Katherine Ross</i>	<i>June 12, 1922</i>	<i>March 13, 2020</i>
<i>Eileen Schnell</i>	<i>March 24, 1930</i>	<i>March 25, 2020</i>
<i>Glenn Wefel</i>	<i>May 24, 1928</i>	<i>April 2, 2020</i>
<i>Beverly Wefel</i>	<i>September 6, 1934</i>	<i>April 4, 2020</i>
<i>Bruce Rickert</i>	<i>September 21, 1948</i>	<i>April 16, 2020</i>
<i>Greg Meyer</i>	<i>August 4, 1946</i>	<i>April 17, 2020</i>
<i>Robert Wollman</i>	<i>May 18, 1948</i>	<i>April 22, 2020</i>
<i>Lou Drobka</i>	<i>April 18, 1933</i>	<i>April 24, 2020</i>
<i>Karen Bartes</i>	<i>January 26, 1964</i>	<i>June 13, 2020</i>
<i>Arlene Duve</i>	<i>November 12, 1934</i>	<i>June 20, 2020</i>
<i>Mildred Waedekin</i>	<i>February 25, 1930</i>	<i>July 1, 2020</i>
<i>Doris Butke</i>	<i>December 30, 1930</i>	<i>July 5, 2020</i>
<i>Audrey Wefel</i>	<i>April 27, 1928</i>	<i>July 28, 2020</i>
<i>Jeanne Steinbrecher</i>	<i>August 16, 1950</i>	<i>August 7, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy Rindfleisch</i>	<i>August 5, 1932</i>	<i>August 13, 2020</i>
<i>Robert Schaefer</i>	<i>June 29, 1931</i>	<i>August 16, 2020</i>
<i>William Graumann</i>	<i>March 3, 1931</i>	<i>September 20, 2020</i>
<i>Robert Jester</i>	<i>July 16, 1935</i>	<i>October 27, 2020</i>
<i>Dean Wise</i>	<i>August 14, 1940</i>	<i>October 29, 2020</i>
<i>Sandra Miller</i>	<i>January 25, 1947</i>	<i>October 29, 2020</i>

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 16, 2020

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Red Cross Blood Drive (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes (online)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:15 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study (Online)</i>
<b>WED</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>THURS</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Main Church)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Ministry Board Meeting
<b>FRI</b>	5:00 pm	Wilken/Welch Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	2:00 pm	Julie Wilken and Ryan Welch Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Kids Club
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Holiday Office Hours** – *The church and school office will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED

Jae Eckoldt (Franklin), Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Brittany Michaels (Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina), Karl Sandvick (St. Luke's Southshore), and Dorrette Probst (home hospice care). Linda Miksch has returned home.

## BAPTISMS

Mason William Concepcion, born April 10, 2014, son of Eric and Alexis (nee Dunn) Bourgeois was baptized at the School Chapel Service on Thursday, November 12. We celebrate with the Concepcion family. May God bless Mason all his days.

## ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 117 on Saturday, 81 on Sunday 7:45 am, 123 on Sunday 9:15 am, 117 at The Bridge, 100 on Sunday 10:45, and 23 on Wednesday.

## WHEN IS THIS GOING TO END?

Survivors of 2020 are tired of the pandemic and the political divisions. Stress outside our homes causes stress inside many of our homes. When is this going to end?

We are not the first to ask this question. During this End Times season of the Church Year we will conclude our sermon series next weekend by looking at Psalm 47 and asking, "When is Satan's domain going to end?"



## MUSKEGO FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

We are partnering with our Lutheran grade school student council to host another food drive. We will be collecting food all next week at school and on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at church. Donations can be dropped off in the church lobby before and after the traditional worship services and in the Trinity café before and after The Bridge. You also have the option of dropping off donations under the church canopy on Sunday from noon until 3:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Muskego food pantry. They are in desperate need of food and also accept financial donations.

## DONATE BLOOD ON OUR CAMPUS – THE NEED HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER

Due to the pandemic, many have not been getting out to donate blood. Blood banks are in very short supply. We will be making our facilities available for three blood drives in the near future. Save the date for November 17, December 1, or December 17. Contact the Red Cross at 1(800) 733-2767 or Versiti Blood Center at 1(877) 232-4376 for more details on how to sign up for those dates.

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING

A position on our ministry support team has become open due to a recent retirement. This is a half-time position including 20 hours per week spread over four days. Responsibilities include administrative support for our pastors, staff ministers, and the rest of the ministry support team. To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Church Administrator Randy Fink at [rfink@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:rfink@stpaulmuskego.org).

## LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY?

Track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life with many opportunities to ask all the questions you may have. Currently offered Tuesdays at 7:00 pm online. Register by contacting Pastor Nate at [nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card.

# PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In light of COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, additional worship services are being added for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please note that there will not be any in-person Wednesday midweek Advent services this year. However, we are currently in the process of producing an online Advent devotional series and short film to help you prepare for Christmas. More information regarding this exciting series will be coming soon.

### Thanksgiving Services

- Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 pm (no 7:00 pm traditional service this week)
- Thursday, November 26, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

- Wednesday, December 23, at 6:30 pm (no 7:00 pm traditional service this week)
- Thursday, December 24, at noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

### The Bridge Christmas Eve Services

- Thursday, December 24, at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm

### Christmas Day Services

- Friday, December 25, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

## REMEMBERING ST. PAUL'S HOMEBOUND

A list of our homebound members has been placed at the Welcome Center for you to remember the homebound of our congregation during the holiday season.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS TUESDAY

Our Alzheimer's support group meets this week in the church library for their regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month gathering. If you have a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's disease, please consider joining this support group on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in the church library. Contact David Timm at (414) 588-3840 with questions.

## DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in the school building, Room #8. For more information visit [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org) or contact Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpmuskego.org) or 414-422-0320, ext. 130

## CHURCH PICKLEBALL

Join our church pickleball league. It meets most Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, through December 17. Invite a friend and introduce them to our campus while having tons of fun. Come when you can. A flyer with all the details is at the Welcome Center in the lobby. More information can also be found by searching pickleball on our website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) or by contacting Cindy Proeber at (414) 801-2845 or [cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com](mailto:cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com).



## AWAKE AND ALIVE ONLINE EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday November 15, at 6:30 pm, online.  
Free registration at [www.awakealive.com](http://www.awakealive.com)

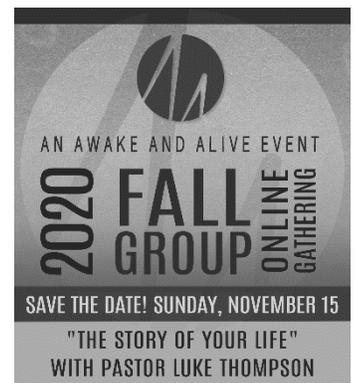
### The Story of your Life

If you were to read just one chapter from the middle of a book, would you be able to tell the main character what to do next? Could you even tell who the main character is? Could you even tell the good from bad characters, or if that distinction even exists in the story?

Our life can feel a lot like that. Do we know what our goals in life should be? Can we tell all the good forces from the bad? Are there even good and bad forces? What we need to know is the larger story we find ourselves in. Join us as we recover that story, find out what kind of a story it is (Mystery? Tragedy? Epic?), and the heroism we've been called to.

### About the Presenter

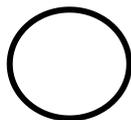
Luke Thompson (M.A. Philosophy, M.Div) has taught courses in philosophy and Christian apologetics at Bethany Lutheran College and Wisconsin Lutheran College. He is now a pastor at St. Paul in Ottawa and lectures internationally on pop culture, philosophy, and Christianity, showing university students how to make Walter White, Dexter Morgan, Rick Grimes, and Tyrion Lannister talk philosophy and theology. He has written the recently published *Your Life Has Meaning: Discovering Your Role in an Epic Story*.



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2021 PRAYER CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The full color 8½ x 11" annual LWMS prayer calendar has been released. This calendar includes monthly mission articles, Bible passages, missionary contact information, prayer requests, and more. These calendars make wonderful gifts for family and friends or anyone who has a love for missions.

Order your calendar by placing an envelope in the offering plate with your name and "LWMS Calendar" clearly marked on the envelope. The cost is \$10 each. Please make check payable to "LWMS." Order deadline is December 8. Calendars will be available for pick-up at worship services the weekend of December 13. Please contact Nadine Steger, LWMS reporter, at (262) 679-1997 with any questions you may have.



## GroupWork

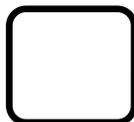
Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for use in Life Groups, Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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1. Read Psalm 84 and comment on words or phrases in this psalm that you find meaningful or have questions about.
2. “My soul yearns for the courts of the LORD.” COVID-19 has caused many disruptions to our worship.
  - a. What do you miss most when you are not able to worship in-person?
  - b. What are some advantages to entering “the courts of the LORD” through online worship?
3. Worship gives us a small foretaste of the End, when we will worship before the throne of God in heaven. Read the following descriptions of heaven. What comforts you the most in each of these descriptions?
  - a. Isaiah 25:6-9
  - b. John 14:2-3
  - c. Revelation 7:9-17
  - d. Revelation 22:1-5
4. On our pilgrimage to heaven, we often go through the “Valley of Baka” or “Valley of Weeping.” Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. What might be God’s purpose in causing us to go through a time of weeping?
5. “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.” How does your faith in heaven affect your daily decisions?
6. Find in the worship folder the list of the “Saints Triumphant” who died this past year. Have someone in your group read the names aloud. Do you know any of them? Let their triumph encourage us on our pilgrimage. Sing or say the verse below as your closing prayer:

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

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### **When Will the Grief and Pain End? The Comfort of Saints Triumphant Sunday Psalm 84**

#### **1. Blessed are those who enjoy the End (Psalm 84:1-4).**

- a. My soul yearns for the End.
- b. Give me the s\_\_\_\_\_’s view of the End.
- c. Those in your house enjoy the End.

#### **2. Blessed are the pilgrims on the way to the End.**

- a. Their focus on the End changes the w\_\_\_\_\_ (84:5-8).
  - 1) The Valley of Baca = the valley of w\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) The springs & pools = the water of l\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Their focus on the End changes their d\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ (84:9-12).
  - 1) Choose the eternal “better” rather than the present “g\_\_\_\_\_”
  - 2) Choose the eternal “better” rather than the present “e\_\_\_\_\_”
  - 3) Choose the eternal “better” rather than the present “n\_\_\_\_\_”

### **My Next Step**

**Enjoy these views of the End.** Revelation was given to encourage us when are tired of going through this “vale of tears.” Enjoy these views of the End so that you might be comforted and encouraged: Revelation 7:9-17; 21:1-22:5.

**Learn from a fellow pilgrim:** In 1678 John Bunyan wrote a Christian classic called *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. It is an allegory about the Christian’s journey through this life with all its challenges. The book is available for purchase online or find the feature length movie on YouTube.