



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
LAST JUDGMENT —YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 90

**A: In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

G: throughout all generations.

L: Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,

**G: from everlasting to everlasting you are
God.**

L: For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,

G: or like a watch in the night.

L: You have set our iniquities before you,

**G: our secret sins in the light of your
presence.**

L: You turn mortals back to dust.

**G: You sweep them away in the sleep of
death.**

L: The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;

G: yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

L: Teach us to number our days aright,

G: that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing
love,

**G: that we may sing for joy and be glad all our
days.**

**A: In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts
and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always
look forward to the end of this present evil age and
to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us
steadfast in true and living faith and present us at
last holy and blameless before you; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Watch therefore, for you do not know on
what day your Lord is coming.
(Matthew 24:42 RSV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Second Sunday of End Time—Last Judgment:

Our risen and ascended Lord will return to “judge the living and the dead.” But we will not fear. We will stand before the Judge of all, confident of our innocence in Jesus.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther’s Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19:11-27

In the parable of the minas, the king returns, calling on his servants to give an account. Our King will return to judge. Those who opposed him and wasted the gifts he has given will have to give an account. All that awaits them is eternal death. But we will stand before the King with all confidence. For our account will be marked by the perfection of Christ and the power of the Spirit to be faithful stewards. In words of grace we will hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 26:1-6

The Lord’s judgment is coming, and quickly. He is coming to bring final and destructive judgment on those who refuse to listen to his Word. But he offers deliverance if we turn from our evil ways. We need not fear the coming wrath. We rejoice that in Christ, we are considered faithful followers of his law and heirs of his kingdom.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Few cases see a courthouse in these days of litigation. Plea bargains are made and deals are cut. Innocent defendants would rather pay off plaintiffs than risk losing in a court of law. Many are banking on cutting a deal in the courtroom on the Last Day. Surely they were good enough. Surely they were better than most people. But when the Lord Jesus is revealed as judge, his ruling will be just: Those who neither acknowledge nor obey him will be punished. But those who have acknowledged him in faith will marvel at his majesty and will be brought to glory.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON:

Ezekiel 9:1-11

Ezekiel is taken by the hair to see the detestable acts of Israel’s idolatry. (Chapter 8) The tour of idolatrous Jerusalem over, Ezekiel sees the coming of the Lord’s judgment as carried out through the seven angels. As judgment approaches we stand confident before the coming wrath. By grace we bear the mark of deliverance and will be spared the destruction about to take place. According to the promise of the Lord we will join him in the New Jerusalem while the idolaters are struck down without pity.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?