

MORE TO THE STORY: "The Fig Tree"

Matthew 24:32-35

I. Intro: There will Be Signs

A. What's the question? Hint: There are two questions: A _____ question and a _____ question.

"Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3 NKJV)

II. Past signs of _____.

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." (Matt. 24:15-16 NKJV)

III. Present signs of His _____ Return.

And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains." (Matthew 24:4-8 ESV)

IV. Future Signs of His _____.

"If [false Christs or false prophets] say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather." (Matthew 24:26-28 ESV)

V. The _____ Sign

"[God] now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

(Acts 17:30-31 NKJV)

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More to the Story

The Parables of Jesus



"The Fig Tree"
Matthew 24:32-35

Traditional Worship

August 10, 2025 / 9th Sunday of Pentecost

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Welcome & Invocation

(Service of Prayer & Preaching, pg.260)

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (LSB670:1, 3-4)

Opening Versicles & Old Testament Canticle

“Sing With All the Saints in Glory” (LSB671)

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Readings

Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 6:12-17; Matthew 24:32-35

Responsory, Creed, & Lord’s Prayer

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Growing” (LSB691)

Message

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“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LSB790:1)

Prayer, Prayer of the Day, Prayer for the Word

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New Testament Canticle

“Beautiful Savior” (LSB537)

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Blessing

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB918)

Announcements

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30am - Traditional Worship

9:45am - Growth Groups for Adults, Youth & KidZone

11am - Contemporary Worship

Welcome to Redeemer!

Thanks for worshiping with us! We want you to feel at home and encourage you to introduce yourself to one of our greeters or pastor. If you'd like more info about Redeemer, please fill out the Connect Card in the chair-back in front of you. **We want to meet and welcome you personally.** If you have questions concerning hearing assistance or directions to our nursery or classrooms, an usher will be happy to assist. Children's bulletins and "busy hands" bags are available at the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary.

So we're going to come right out and say something that likely won't shock you: **We're not perfect.** We try to be real, transparent, and honest. But we even fail at that sometimes. You may feel ignored or unappreciated in some way this morning, but that certainly is not our intention. Please allow us to get to know you better – we all came to worship a Loving God.

But here's the thing: **We don't come to church to meet perfect people.** We come to meet **a perfect God.** He's inviting us to worship today. He is good and His love endures forever. And His is a love that was consummated on a cross and vindicated in an empty tomb. **Jesus won the battle** against sin, death and the devil. He freed us. **Today we celebrate that victory** and freedom together as **imperfect people, longing for more of Him.**

Pastor Nathan

If This is Your First Time Joining Us!

We're thrilled you are here! We'd love to get to know you better! We pray this time of worship encourages and challenges you in your faith.

If you are looking for a church home, **we would love to partner with you** to make an eternal difference in our community for Jesus. Consider being part of the next “Doorway Class” which will give you a better flavor for who we are as a church. You will find that **Redeemer is a great place to GATHER, GROW, and GO in your relationship with Jesus**

Come “GROW” with us!

Welcome to the Lord's Table

If you're a guest, we are glad you are here! Prior to taking Communion, we encourage you to speak with pastor or an elder. We believe the sacrament of Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Scripture encourages, all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of biblical faith and godly living: “Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Cor 11:28). Therefore, prior to celebrating Communion, we ask that you prayerfully consider the following:

- * Do I believe I'm a sinner without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy offered through the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- * Do I believe Jesus is present with His Body & His Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- * Do I believe Jesus is God's Son & my Savior?
- * Do I desire, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word, to live a life pleasing to Him?
- * Do I repent of my sins in what I say, think, & do?

We believe your “Yes!” to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord's Table. Non-Communing children and adults are encouraged to come up for a personal blessing. For those who prefer, white grape juice is available at the center of each Communion tray.

