

# GETTING READY FOR THE KING

Pastor Jeff Alexander + Jude 20-25 + November 25, 2018

*As we worship on the Last Sunday of the Church Year—and as we prepare to enter the Advent season next week—we look to what the Scripture teaches us about the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. “On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ,” we say with the Small Catechism. “This is most certainly true.”*

## Jude 20-21

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

## JUDE 24-25

<sup>24</sup> To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

## FAITH BUILDING

*Through our struggles, our reliance upon Christ is increased.*

### Luke 17:5

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

## SPIRIT PRAYING

*The Holy Spirit prays with us and for us before God’s throne.*

### Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

## LOVE KEEPING

*Loved by Jesus, we see Jesus in our neighbors...and love them.*

### 1 John 4:10-11

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## KINGDOM ENDURING

*As both the Old and New Testaments tell us, the Savior King is coming!*

### Daniel 7:14

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.