WHEN THIS LIFE IS OVER

Biblical Answers to Questions We All Have About Death, Heaven and Eternity

WHAT WILL ETERNITY BE LIKE?

OCTOBER 24 & 25

Isaiah 65:17–25
1 Corinthians 15:50–58
Reformation Sunday

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COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

When this life is over … what will eternity be like?

The disciples got a foretaste of the feast to come, and they didn't even know it. Those at the wedding in Cana witnessed a foretaste of God's abundance, though they could not fully understand what stood before them. And those who saw Jesus' feast with Zacchaeus glimpsed the fellowship and joy He came to bring, even as some grumbled at grace being given to a sinner.

When you think about heaven, what comes to mind? Clouds, angels, harps, soft music, and perhaps the fear of being bored to heavenly tears? These are understandable questions, shaped by what we have been taught or left to imagine. But what does the Bible actually say about the life God has prepared for His people?

Before sin entered the world, what was life like for Adam and Eve?

God placed them in a garden, gave them meaningful work, entrusted creation to their care, and blessed them with His presence. They were created not for idleness, but for life with God in a good world. Sin shattered that fellowship, brought death into creation, and left humanity longing for the life we were made to enjoy.

But God did not abandon His creation or leave sinners to find their own way back to Him. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to bear our sin, defeat death through His resurrection, and restore us to fellowship with the Father. Jesus' signs, meals, and promises point toward the greater joy awaiting His people.

And what a promise it is!

Scripture points us to the resurrection of the body and the new heavens and new earth, where sin, sorrow, and death will be no more (Revelation 21:1–4). There, life with God will never be interrupted, and the fellowship of His redeemed people will never end.

We do not receive this gift because we have earned a place at the table. We receive it by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who has won our salvation. The feast is His gift, the invitation is His promise, and our hope rests in Him.

So let us explore the Garden, Jesus' signs, and the wedding feast to come. You may discover that eternity is not an endless existence to endure, but the fullness of life God has promised—a joy beyond anything we can imagine, given freely to us in Christ.

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✞ Worship Divine Service One ✞

Opening Prayer
(*please stand)*

Call to Worship	*How Firm A Foundation*	*Bell Choir*
Opening Hymn	*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*	*LSB 909*

Invocation & Confession
P*: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

P*: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pause for a time of Silent Confession and Reflection

P*: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.*
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P*: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

✞ Hearing His Word ✞

Introit *Psalm 46*

P: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*
C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,

P: *though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*
C: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

P: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*
C: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

P: *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.*
C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: *Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth*.
C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

P: *he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.*
C: "Be still, and know that I am God.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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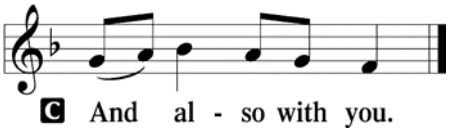
Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P: *The Lord be with you*

P: *Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

(*please be seated*)

First Reading *Isaih 65:17-25*

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust **shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.**

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

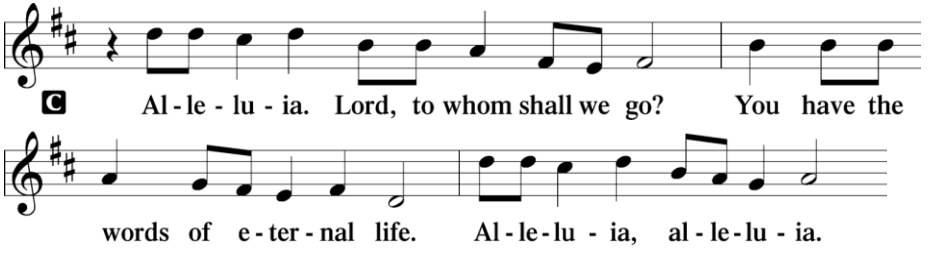
"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

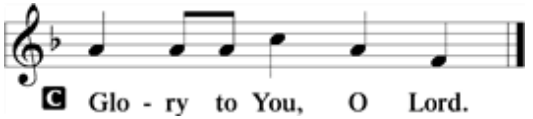
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message *(Sunday)*
(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace **Children exit for Sunday School*

Alleluia And Verse

Holy Gospel *Luke 14:1, 7-24*

P*: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.*

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

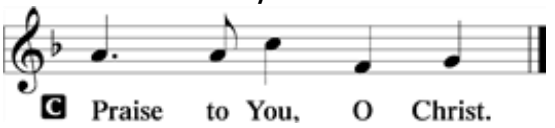
Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife,

and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

P*: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



Apostle's Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(please be seated)

Hymn Of Praise *Rejoice, rejoice, Believers* *LSB 515*

Sermon *When This Life is Over: What Will Eternity Be Like??*

Gathering Of The Offerings
(*please stand*)

Offertory Hymn *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *LSB 805*

Prayers Of The Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Nunc Dimittis

P*: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P*: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

Concluding Collect

P*: The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P*: Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

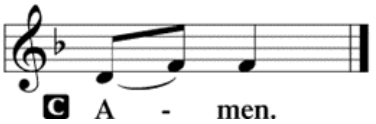
C: Amen.

Benedicamus

P*: Let us bless the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P*: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ✞ and give you peace.*

(*please be seated*)

Announcements

Closing Hymn *A Mighty Fortress* *LSB 657*

Silent Prayer

Community Prayer Time *Please remain after the closing hymn.*

Following worship, we will gather outside for a brief time of prayer, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All encouraged to stay.

Prayers Of The Church

- ✞ God of all Creation, You knit each of us together in our own mother's wombs. We are the works of Your hands. At the end of our time here, we will be with the Lord in paradise. And on the last day, we will praise You even more when these perishable bodies are raised and we are clothed with the imperishable bodies, in which we will enjoy eternity with You the one true God. Give us confident hope and trust in this promise for all eternity.
- ✞ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing, comfort and peace. Hear us now as lift up their names in the silence of our hearts.
- ✞ Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at First Baptist Church of Homosassa and her leader, Rev. Josh Howard. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✞ Dear Lord Jesus, we lift up Candy Lott and her family to You, bring them the comfort only You can as they mourn the death of her brother, Michael Poole. We praise You for the victory won for Mike and all believers at the cross, and look forward to the reunion at Your throne at the end of days.

✞ Father God, today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the Floral City Elementary & St. Paul's Lutheran School. Bless the students, the teachers, the staff and the parents at these two schools with wisdom, discernment, and joy in You O Lord our God.

In Our Prayers

For healing and restoration: David Hanny, David Heine, Lisa Holzwart, Richard Emmereth, Sharon Beyer, Joe & Joe, Doug Deuchler, Hope Peter, Amanda Holthaus, Carolyn Arias, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Mackenzie & her daughter, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean Moore, Amy, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette, Gina Gallligar.

For those who worship at home: Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Dean & Deb Schmidt, Ann Williams, Phyllis Washbu

LIFE TOGETHER AT FAITH

Gathered in Worship
38 Last Saturday
80 Last Sunday
118 Total Worship last weekend
9 Children's Sunday School
37 Bible Study

Giving at Faith			
Week	*Giving*	*Plan*	*Over/Under*
40	8,013	7,000	1,013
41	6,894	6,000	894
42	3,512	5,000	(1,488)

Celebrating Together - *Happy Birthday*	
October 24th	Sam Cunningham
October 26th	John Bechler
October 27th	Elise Gorman
October 29th	Geraldine Peterson (101)

Scan QR code to give online.
Questions? Contact Mike Feltner
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Prayer & Care Pastor Galligar is available to talk, pray or simply listen—at church, your home or over coffee. Members and non-members are always welcome. Prayer requests may also be submitted using the yellow prayer cards, at faithlecanto.org/prayer, or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be shared or kept confidential. Pastor Galligar:(812) 350-7820. Church Office: (352) 527-3325. You don't have to walk through life's difficult seasons alone.

Bible Study What Happens to My Body? And other questions will be answered this week in our bible study as we follow the sermon series and the biblical texts that are addressed each week in the messages. We will also address the questions anyone has in a more direct and in-depth way, during these interactive and informative sessions. We will continue to meet Sundays after 9:30am worship, and Monday evenings at 5:00pm with dinner.

Could You Serve Once? Sometimes the first step to serving is simply giving something a try. Would you be willing to usher, help in the sound room, assist with children's ministry, count offerings or lend a hand one time to see where you might fit? No long-term commitment. Just a willingness to help. Talk with Pastor Galligar or contact the church office, and we'll help you find an opportunity to serve.

Faith Family,

It has been a joy to be a part of this family these past three years, to be united in our journey to be a beacon of God's love and expand His kingdom in this community and beyond. Together we have walked through many things and experienced many changes, and through it all, one thing has remained the same, the love of God for each of us. His love for you all was well reflected in the love you showed to Gina and I on Pastor Appreciation Day this year. We were both overwhelmed by your generosity and your kind words. We truly love serving the Lord here with you at Faith and look forward to spending many years together discovering all that He has in store for us in the years to come. We give thanks to God for you all, and pray for all His best for us all in the years to come.

Pastor & Gina

Forever with Jesus

What will eternity be like?

The Bible tells us that because of what Jesus has done, we will live with Him forever in a new heaven and a new earth. It will be a real place, prepared by God, where everything is perfect. Here are some of the wonderful things we can look forward to!

We Will Be with Jesus Forever

The best part of eternity is that we will be with Jesus. We will see Him with our own eyes, know Him, and be with Him forever.

"We will see Him, know Him, and be like Him, for we will see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2)

No More Sadness, Tears, or Death

In heaven there will be no more sadness, no more tears, no more pain, no more sickness, and no more death. Everything that has made this world hard will be gone forever.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

A Beautiful New Heaven and New Earth

God will give us a new heaven and a new earth. It will be filled with His glory, beauty, and peace. It will be even more wonderful than we can imagine, with no sin, no darkness, and no evil.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God." (Revelation 21:1, 3)

Everything Will Be Good and Perfect

God will make all things new. There will be no more mistakes, no more broken things, and no more selfishness. We will enjoy the beauty of God's creation the way He always planned it to be. *"Behold, I am making all things new."* (Revelation 21:5)

We Will Worship and Serve God

In eternity, we will spend our time praising God and serving Him with joy. It will never be boring or tiring, because we will be fully alive with Jesus!

"They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more, and they will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 22:4–5)

What Is Heaven?

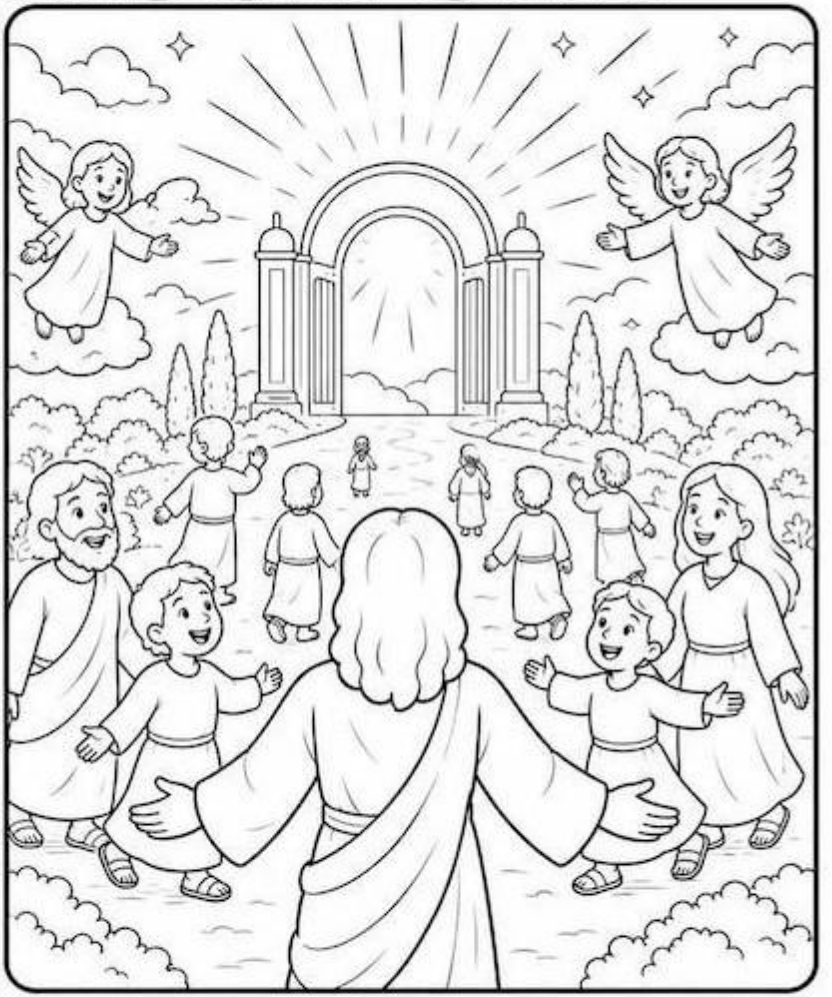
Heaven is God's perfect place where He lives. It is full of love, joy, peace, and light.

Heaven is a wonderful place where there is no more pain, sadness, or fear.

In heaven, we will be with God and Jesus forever. We will live with all who love Him.

There will be praise, joy, and beautiful songs as we worship God together.

Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven (John 14:2). He wants us to be with Him forever!



He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

October 26th through November 1st

Monday	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Bible Breakfast – Papa J's Diner
	5:00 PM	When This Life is Over Bible Study – FH
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bell Choir- Sanctuary
Thursday	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study – FH Classroom
	1:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class- Narthex
Friday	1:00 PM	Euchre & Games - FH
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
	11:00 AM	When This Life is Over Bible Study – FH

Men of Faith Breakfast. Fellowship. God's Word. Bible study in 2 Kings 18 – Hezekiah Reigns in Judah. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

Ladies Bible Study Join us Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Delores Clouse at (515) 729-1501.

Ukulele Group – New Time! Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship and fun. New participants are always welcome! Contact: Joy Wilson at (352) 726-0406.

Euchre & Games Join us for an afternoon of fun. All welcome! Contact: Vicki Mueller (810) 434-1975.

Hear What God's Word Says Each weekend, Pastor Galligar will take one of these questions into Scripture as we seek biblical answers about death, heaven and eternity. Bring your Bible. Follow along. Take the message home with you. And when something makes you wonder...