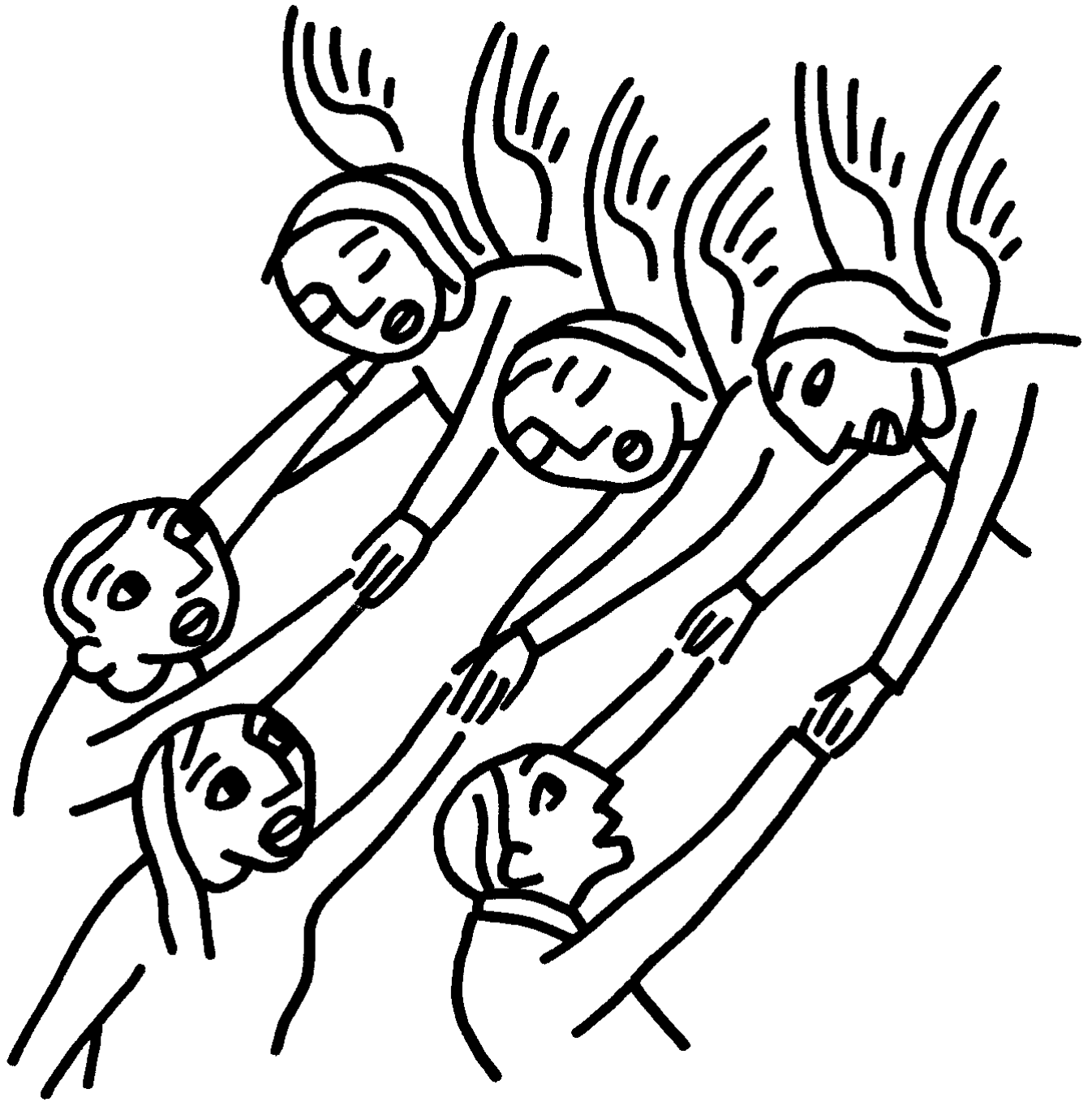


*Faith Lutheran Church*



*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

*Faith Lutheran Church is a community living in God's love which embraces and welcomes every person as part of God's Beloved Community. We celebrate each person created in God's image as we strive for justice, peace, and racial equity in our community and the wider world. We openly welcome and affirm all persons of every race, age, socioeconomic class, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical and mental ability, marital and family status, background, and experience. We seek to live as a community of God's people that values each person's voice, gifts, and full participation in all areas of the congregation's life and worship. We embrace the work of the Holy Spirit moving in and through us as we care for the earth and all of God's people.*

## **Introduction**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

## **GATHERING**

### **Hymn**

*ELW 439 "Soon and Very Soon"*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of  
oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.  
Amen.**



Hear the good news:  
 God the Faithful One loves you,  
 † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

### ELW 167 "Now the Feast and Celebration"

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon & Sunday School**

### **WORD**

### **First Reading Job 19:23-27a**

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

- <sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

*Word of God, word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 17:1-9**

*Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed I to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from I lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth I from your presence;**  
**let your eyes be I fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit I me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- I ty in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what I others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways I of the violent. R**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your I well-worn path;  
and my feet I do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will I answer me;  
incline your ear to me and I hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous I lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who I rise  
against them.

<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple I of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow I of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked I who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies I who surround me. **R**

## **Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Word of God, word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel** *Luke 20:27-38*

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

*After the reading:*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon & Silent Reflection**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*ELW 619 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## Offering

*"For Jesus, the quality of the gift is not how large it is, but the proportion you give and the heart with which you give it."*

## Offertory Hymn

ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## ***Offering Prayer***

God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry,  
promising to fill them with good things.  
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast  
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

## ***Holy Communion***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Holy Communion is offered at the front of the church in either one or two lines. The ushers will let you know when to go forward and will start in the back of church. If you prefer to remain in your pew, indicate to the usher that you would like communion brought to you, or use one of the available individual sealed cups.*

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## ***Distribution Hymn***

ACS 950 "When the Saints Go Marching In"



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.  
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.  
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.  
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.  
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ***Prayer after Communion***

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

## ***Blessing***

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✝  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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# **FAITH ACTIVE IN LOVE**

**Gathered as a community living in God's love we serve all people, care  
for the earth and embrace the work of the Holy Spirit.**

*Faith Lutheran Church will be recognized as a community of spiritual growth, a place of  
acceptance and inclusion, a gateway for environmental stewardship, a creator of partnerships  
and an advocate for social justice and peace.*

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP** this Sunday includes:

Presiding  
Organist/Pianist  
Reader  
Communion Assistant  
Sunday School Instructor(s)  
Greeter  
Ushers  
Communion Set-up  
Live Stream

*Rev. John C. Norquist  
Stephen V. Hibbard  
Aaron Gresch  
Aaron Gresch  
Joyce Caldwell  
Donna Fowler*

*Esther Rusch, Carol Bury & Sandy Stelter  
Tom & Kelly Dennison and Finn Kuehnl*

## **Please pray for**

*James Kincaide ~ Nancy Hammen ~ Joyce ~ Chuck Thiele ~ Cathy Berntson ~ Craig Hoff ~ Pat Jelinek ~ Edward Golding ~ Maritza ~ Heather ~ Don Gauger ~ Stacey (Lohman) Barta ~ Gail ~ Janet Polum ~ Robb H ~ Donna Stroder ~ Bob Duff ~ Brian Schaff ~ Julia Gergens ~ Leanne ~ Bob Kettlewell ~ Tony ~ Jodie ~ Ron S. ~ Eli*

## **Week Ahead**

*Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30a Sunday Worship with mid-service Sunday School, 10:30a Fellowship Time, 11a Adult Forum on ELCA World Hunger Session 1 of 3 with Pastor John*

*Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6p Friendship Ministries, 6p Cub Scout Meeting*

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 9a Music Together, 10a Tai Chi Class, 4p Music and Worship Committee*

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7a Bible Study Breakfast @ PJ Pipers, 9a Sunrise Circle, 9:15a Staff Meeting, 12p ELCA Pastor's Lunch, 5:15p Confirmation Class, 6p Pink Umbrella Theater Class*

*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 7p Still + Listening Worship*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30a Sunday Worship with mid-service Sunday School, 10:30a Fellowship Time, 11a Adult Forum on ELCA World Hunger Session 2 of 3 with Joyce Caldwell*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **November Mission of the Month ELCA World Hunger**

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to share in God's work in the world. Fifty years ago, Lutherans in the United States launched the World Hunger appeals to stand with their neighbors experiencing hunger. Now a core ministry of the church, ELCA World Hunger embodies our hope in God's promise and our faith that God is revealed in the neighbors we accompany together.

This year, Faith is supporting ELCA World Hunger in a few ways...

- **Noisy Offering:** Each Sunday in November, the children of the congregation will be collecting change from us during the offering time.
- **Forums:** For three Sundays in November, we will be showing a video and discussing the study “ELCA World Hunger and Justice Ministry/Intersections”
  - November 9, Session 1: How Do ELCA World Hunger Partnerships Work?
  - November 16, Session 2: What is Intersectional Justice?
  - November 23, Session 3: Root Causes of Poverty
- **Other monetary gifts:** As with other Missions of the Month, checks can be written out to Faith indicating your gift is for ELCA World Hunger. You can also give online by going to [www.faithlutherancedarburg.com/give](http://www.faithlutherancedarburg.com/give) and picking the category “Mission of the Month”.

As we reflect on the ELCA World Hunger’s last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever. Thank you!

### ***Sunrise Circle Needs Your Help***

Sunrise Circle is in desperate need of sheets, any size. These are used to line the quilts. Please drop off at the church office. Thank you!

### ***Community Book Club***

All are welcome to join our community book club! The next book our community book club will be reading is *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Raden Keefe. The book club will meet tomorrow, **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** to discuss, hope to see you there!

### ***Financial Update***

Thank you for Growing In Faith as we carry out our congregation’s mission together. You are making a difference in our community and world! Here is a summary of progress toward our financial goals for this year. If you have questions about our finances please contact our Treasurer Tim Gergens or any of our Church Council members. Your gifts make this ministry possible- thank you.

### **Year To Date Budget vs. Actuals**

January – September 30, 2025	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under Budget
<i>Total Giving:</i>	\$155,132	\$176,250	-\$21,118

### ***More Perfect Union***

Faith friend, Naomi Lundman, is a Brickyard Captain of the Dairyland Brickyard More Perfect Union group in Cedarburg. Please consider joining +MPU!

*+MPU unites the country and strengthens communities through social connection, service, and civic engagement.*

#### ***+More Perfect Union monthly coffee club***

*2nd Thursday of the month, 12:30pm*

*Starbucks Cedarburg*

*Please visit: <https://www.mpu.us/chapters/dairyland-brickyard-wi/> for more information*

### ***Coffee Hour Hosts Needed***

After every Sunday worship you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for snacks, coffee, and conversation. We invite you to sign up to host Coffee Hour on a Sunday of your choice. Hosting involves baking or buying a snack for about 30 people, arriving early before church to set up the serving area, and then hosting the Coffee Hour. The sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

-Jacquie Becher

## Something Different

Sometimes the gospels give us the impression that Jesus would make a great lawyer. The Sadducees seem to ask him a pretty straightforward question, but Jesus answers it as though he is deliberately sidestepping the point. Indeed, he answers a lot of questions this way, apparently talking about something totally unrelated to the conversation at hand. If we pay close attention, though, we see that Jesus is directing us to an important point, even if it seems altogether different from the original track.

The Sadducees are challenging the validity of the resurrection with a hyperbolic question about ancient Hebrew marriage customs. But Jesus basically says, “Look, God came to Moses in the burning bush and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob here and now, in the present. And I am the God of the living, not the dead.’ Therefore, God’s chosen ones are alive and well after death!”

Jesus knows that the reality of the resurrection is too hard for them to understand. It’s too hard for *any* of us to understand. So instead of responding to their literal question, he offers some comfort. He says, “Listen, Moses already showed us that these saints are alive and well with God. It’s okay. Don’t worry about what comes next. God’s got this.”

Death is scary, so Jesus is giving us a word of assurance to help us face it. That word is this: “You will be resurrected. It’s okay to be afraid. It’s okay to not know what the resurrection will look like or who is going to be sitting where. Just remember that you are a beloved child of God and will be made alive together with all the saints.”

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