#### **Sermon Text**: Matthew 24:14-34

Matthew 24:14–34 (ESV) — 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. 15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak, 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they 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. 27 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. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

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The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans Under the Command of Titus, A.D. 70, by David Roberts (1796-1864)

Christ's coming will destroy all who raised themselves against him and will return them to the state of divine abandonment. This man of iniquity can be interpreted either simply as the antichrist, or as the image of Caesar which Pilate put in the temple, or as the statue of Hadrian the equestrian which still today stands in the Holy of Holies. Because the Old Testament normally calls the abomination an idol, the word desolation is added here to indicate that the idol shall be placed there resulting in the temple's abandonment and destruction.

- Jerome in 400 A.D. on Matthew 24:15

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Earth and All Stars - Powell

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Philippians 2:9–11 (ESV)

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## \*Sup Hymn #43 – Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith

Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief



Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

#### \*INVOCATION

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG WEEK #29



# PASTORAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER The LORD'S PRAYER

While there will be no offering during worship, you may give tithes & offerings in the back of the church or support the ministry of Old Goshenhoppen online at ogrc.org

SERMON – Securely Looking Forward Through History Matthew 24:14-34

# OUR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN OUR CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Liberating God, we have tasted your freedom, & we have preferred bondage. Forgive us. We have journeyed to sanctuary, & we have wandered from your ways. Have mercy on us. We have prospered in abundance, & we have taken your blessings for granted. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, grant us your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Luke 7:47-48**

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

**RESPONSE TO HIS PARDON -** Hymn #270 – "O How He Loves You and me"

#### Sup HYMN #49 - Wonderful Merciful Savior

V1 - Wonderful merciful Savior
 Precious Redeemer and Friend
 Who would have thought that a Lamb
 Could rescue the souls of men
 Oh You rescue the souls of men

#### Chorus

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for Oh, our hearts always hunger for

V2 - Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way Oh we hopelessly lost the way

V3 - Almighty infinite Father
 Faithfully loving Your own
 Here in our weakness You find us
 Falling before Your throne
 Oh we're falling before Your throne

## **BENEDICTION** (A final good word from God)

CLOSING RESPONSE – HYMN #717 – Go Now in Peace - v1 Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart. Your gifts to us no words can toll: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet tune in F - Johnson