

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to
the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like
manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be
dismayed.”

Epistle

Jude 20-25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up
in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy
Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of
God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.
²²And have mercy on those who doubt;
²³save others by snatching them out of
the fire; to others show mercy with fear,
hating even the garment stained by the
flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you
from stumbling and to present you
blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our
Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be
glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that
tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the
stars will be falling from heaven, and the
powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in clouds with great power and
glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the
angels and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the
ends of heaven.

²⁸“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. ²⁹So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to
you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words
will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour,
no one knows, not even the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do
not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is
like a man going on a journey, when he
leaves home and puts his servants in
charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or
when the cock crows, or in the morning—
³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you
asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all:
Stay awake.”

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,
English Standard Version®.*

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *November mission of the month, Lutherans in Africa.*
 - *Peace among nations.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *Emily Neumann, recovering at home.*
 - *June Fischer, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Rosie Valine, continued testing.*
 - *Jim Schmitz, for successful treatment.*
 - *Ruth McKenna, for strength and healing.*
- All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*

Please also keep in prayer

—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*

—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. John in Plymouth and Revs. John Schultz & Andrew Thompson;*

—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR



“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake.

For you do not know when the time will come.”

Mark 13:32-33

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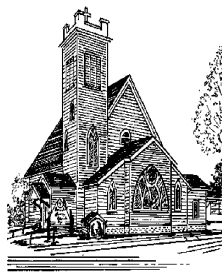
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

IN REPENTANCE WE ARE ALERT TO THE COMING OF CHRIST

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *“heaven and earth will pass away.”* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *“will not pass away”* (Mark 13:31). He is *“the firstborn of the dead,”* who in His great love *“has freed us from our sins by his blood”* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *“his dominion is an everlasting dominion”* and His kingdom *“shall not be destroyed”* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *“a light to the peoples,”* which *“will never be dismayed”* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He *“is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,”* so wait upon *“the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life”* (Jude 20–24).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Luke 19:38** *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to the highest!”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #332 — *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Dan. 5:1-30; Rev. 21:9-27 **T:** Dan. 6:1-28; Rev. 22:1-21

W: Is. 1:1-28; 1 Peter 1:1-12 **Th:** Is. 2:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25 **F:** Is. 5:1-25; 1 Peter 2:1-12

Sat: Is. 6:1—7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25 **Sun:** Is. 7:10—8:8; 1 Peter 3:1-22

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Advent 1* (December 1, 2024):

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 25:1-10

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 45*

Day 1 — *Burning Hearts*

Day 3 — *Welcome Back*

Day 2 — *The Doubter*

Day 4 — *Go and Tell*

Last Sunday of the Church Year

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Greeters — *Jim & Sara Knepprath*

Elder — *Todd Graf*; Usher — *Michael Schommer*

Altar Guild — *Elizabeth Lanbenstein*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Ziva Payne*

Cantor — *Andrew Harrill*; Acolyte — *Levi Schommer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

The flowers in church today are given by Elmer & June Fischer in celebration of their wedding anniversary. May God bless them with many more years together.

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV



We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

**O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear | to my cry;*

hold not your peace | at my tears!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

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