

# *Last Sunday of the Church Year*

## *November 24, 2019*



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## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**We Welcome All** who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

**Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today.** We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

**Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

**YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US!** A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL –** All children ages 2 to grade 8 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

**YOUTH BIBLE CLASS –** Youth (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are presented to the Glory of God by Bryan & Jackie Pearce for blessings received.

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The Royal Throne

November 24, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

The disciples had hoped for thrones and power to rule beside Jesus, but the throne on which He pronounced His greatest edict was a cross. On it He prayed for forgiveness for His executioners. From it He promised paradise for the thief on a neighboring cross. And because of His royal sacrifice, the Father “delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.” Like the people of Malachi’s day, who saw evil running rampant, we may not understand all that is happening in the world around us. But we trust that in Christ God has made “peace by the blood of His cross.” So lift high the cross, for by it our sins are forgiven and paradise is open to us!

**HYMN** “Come, Thou Almighty King” LSB 905

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 46:11; Colossians 1:13–14*

**Pastor:** The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People:** **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Pastor:** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

**People:** **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

**Pastor:** in whom we have redemption,

**People:** **the forgiveness of sins.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Since we are confident of God’s forgiveness because of Christ’s sacrifice of Himself on the cross, let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**People:** **Heavenly Father, we confess that by nature we regularly sin without even thinking. Our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the world around us rather than the grace You have showered upon us. We have not loved You above all things; we have loved ourselves more than our neighbors. Without Your help, we cannot free ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us; by the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew in us clean hearts and willing minds that we glorify Your holy name each day until we see the paradise You have so graciously promised us.**

**Pastor:** The promises of God are sure! By the blood of Jesus’ cross He has made peace with us and reconciled us to Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

## INTROIT

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! 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. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

## GLORIA PATRI & KYRIE      LSB 186

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS      LSB 187-189

Pastor: Glory be to God on High,  
**People: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**  
**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with You.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross.  
**People: Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise;**  
Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING      *Malachi 3:13–18*

(God promises to keep names in His book of remembrance.)

<sup>13</sup> “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’  
<sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’<sup>15</sup> And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.<sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.”<sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**    *Colossians 1:13–20*    (Jesus is the image of the invisible God.)

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector:            This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Luke 23:27–43*    (Jesus promises paradise to the thief on a neighboring cross.)

Pastor:            The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**People:**            **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Pastor:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**            **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"    LSB 741 v.1-3, 8

**SERMON**    "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"    Luke 23:27-43

**CREED**    Early Service – Apostles’ Creed    Late Service – Nicene Creed  
*(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)*

**OFFERING**    “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”    (arr. Laete)    Piano

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**Pastor:** let us pray to the Lord,

**People:** **Lord have mercy.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**People:** **Amen.**

***Late Service please continue with the Sacrament***

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Lift High the Cross” LSB 837

## DISMISSAL

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** LSB 195

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Jesus Shall Reign”    LSB 832

“Rock of Ages”    LSB 761

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:**        Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

**People:**        **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

**Pastor:**        through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**        **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:**        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.    *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:**        **Amen.**

**HYMN**    “Lift High the Cross”    LSB 837

## **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:**        Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God!**

## IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u>    | Early – Pat Crum<br>Late – Gary Fawcett, Dan Scafaro   |
| <u>Ushers</u>          | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Jim Bonson<br>Late – Grant Meyer, Jerry Gifford, Glenn Finger, Paul Kurth |
| <u>Greeters</u>        | Early – Don & Kris Secord<br>Late – Dawn Shantz, Joan Holdmann   |
| <u>Readers</u>         | Early – Bonnie Jozowski<br>Late – Sue Kurth  |
| <u>Acolytes</u>        | Early – Elaina Duval<br>Late – Sam Gensler   |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jackie Pearce<br>Late – Dave Parker  |
| <u>Altar Care</u>      | – Carol Johnson, Lois Parnitzke  |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS  
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE  
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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### **This week at Our Savior:**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>25</b> | 10:00 am Staff Meeting   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>26</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir<br>7:00 pm Choir  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>27</b> | 9:30 am Quilters<br>7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship celebrating Holy Communion  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>28</b> | Happy Thanksgiving   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>29</b> | Office Closed  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>30</b> | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>1</b>  | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available<br>10:00 am Worship – Nursery Available |

**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 86, Communion: 79, Late: 141, Sunday Bible Study: 20, Sunday School: 40,  
Sr High School Bible Study: 4, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 7, Tuesday  
Bible Study: 18, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 5, Thursday Evening Bible Study: 12

### **RECORD OF OFFERINGS**

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| <b>Offerings YTD (thru 10/31/19)</b> | <b>\$ 321,585.34</b> |
| <b>Budgeted YTD Offerings</b>        | <b>\$ 353,809.22</b> |
| <b>Under Budget</b>                  | <b>\$ -32,223.88</b> |





**God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!**

**Birthdays:**

**24** – Kayla Chaplin **25** – Jacqueline Jansen, Jean Walker, John Priefer, Scott Messner  
**26** - Joan Holdmann **27** – Ken Kuntz, Nicole Lea, Timothy Kadlec **28** – Janette Wise **29** – Jodi Popp

**Anniversaries:**

**25** – James & Gloria Harper, John & Bonnie Jozwowski



**Prayers For Our Families** – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Marilyn Cooper, George Hintz, Nicolas Kubsch, Robert Merz,  
Mark & Liz Rehorst, Natalie Spiess family, Kari Ziegler*

**Our Savior Email List** - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure [oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com](mailto:oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com) is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions’ tab.

**Disaster Relief** - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

**Nursery Volunteers needed!** Loving high school students and adults are needed to care for infants and toddlers during our education hour and 10 am worship services. This is a great way to serve our visiting families and help parents grow in Christ through Bible study and worship. Please contact Mandy Kersten (920-212-0192) or Marlene Rieck if you have questions or are interested in helping.

**Back in the Swing of Things** - Have you let some things fall to the way side while enjoying summer vacations, family and friends. Come get your fitness and faith back in shape! With Mandy Rottier, Thursday evenings at 5:45-6:30 with a 15 min. Bible study to follow. Items you will need: a 5lb kettle bell, water bottle and exercise mat or beach towel. This fitness class can be modified for most fitness levels. Give Mandy a call with any questions: 715-479-9703

**Aging with Grace** - Have you noticed a loss in strength and balance with every Birthday God has blessed you with? Come join Mandy Rottier for a 30-minute workout on Wednesday mornings, starting Oct. 30th. at 10:00 am in our Fellowship hall. Following there will be short bible study lead by Anna. This exercise class is for the senior members of our church and their friends who are interested in maintaining muscle and balance to reduce falls or other injuries, also to join in fellowship in God's word. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

**Purple Wristbands** – Harrison (Harry) Meyers, is the grandson of Curt Gerard, Congregation Chairman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Iron River. Harry has cystic fibrosis. Please take a wrist band (located at the Welcome Center) and pray for Harry. New drugs are currently being discovered but only for children 2-12. If you would like to donate, that is also appreciated. If you would like to donate to offset his medical expenses, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Harry Meyers. Thank you, Pastor Chuck Sheffler.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** – Next years offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please note, we have renumbered the envelopes so please be sure to not use your new envelopes until 2020.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers** – The Salvation Army of Vilas County is looking for “Red Kettle” bell ringers. Do you have 2 hours to spare to help others? Signing up is easy: Contact Kathy Holtorp at 715-617-2179 or choose a spot online at [savilas.org](http://savilas.org).

**Operation Christmas Child** - Thank you to everyone who helped pack or prepare almost 100 gift boxes for children in need! Please pray for the children who will receive our gifts that they may come to know, love, and follow Jesus. Thank you for your gifts and prayers! Monetary gifts to help with shipping costs are appreciated.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** - Join us on Wednesday, November 27th, for Thanksgiving worship at 7 pm followed by our dessert potluck. Please bring a dessert to share. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his Holy Name! Psalm 100:4*

**Going Going Gone** – The Scrip inventory is almost gone. We need your help by purchasing the remaining cards left. Planning to shop at Home Depot or Menards? Lunch at Subway? Dinner at Gordo's? These are a few of the cards we have left. These cards can be purchased between services at the Welcome Center. There's still time to special order cards for Christmas. The last special order will be sent in on Monday, December 2. That order will be filled and delivered to church by end of the week for you to pick up on Sunday, December 8. Thank you!

**New Member Class** - For those who are transferring in from another Lutheran congregation, we will be holding a new member class on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 while the children are finalizing their Christmas program. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Kufahl.

**Watch Us On Facebook** - With two weeks in the books, our live streaming is good to go! You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

**Help Needed** - We are in need of some folks to assist with the setting up of the outdoor nativity and decorations. Contact the church office to let them know that you can help to learn when the decorating will begin!