

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 25, 2018



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 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th 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. **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 6 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 (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Eunice Ball and Children in memory of Bart Ball.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Christ Is Coming Soon

November 25, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Thy Strong Word" LSB 578 v. 1, 3, 6

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 93:1–2, 5*

Pastor: The Lord reigns!

People: He is robed in majesty!

Pastor: The world is established.

People: It shall not be moved.

Pastor: God's throne is established from of old.

People: Our God is from everlasting.

Pastor: His decrees are very trustworthy.

People: Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.

Pastor: Christ is coming soon.

People: Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return

of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

Pastor: Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

KYRIE LSB 152-153

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 155

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 93*

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ² Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!

⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

EPISTLE *Jude 20-25* (Keep yourselves in the love of God.)

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "I Can Only Imagine" (Mallard) Dan Scafaro

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37* (Stay awake and keep prepared for Christ's coming.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²⁴ "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven 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. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It 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. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" LSB 697

SERMON "Did I Stay Awake for This?" Mark 13:24-37

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

OFFERING "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (arr. Mayo) Piano

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525

✠ 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 161

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

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” LSB 549 v.1-3, 6, 7

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus

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

People: **Amen.**

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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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Marv Jarvis
Late – Steve Kolling, Gary Fawcett |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Carol Duckworth
Late – Grant Meyer, Jerry Gifford, Mark Hiller, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord
Late – Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Vicki Holewinski
Late – Cindy Gauger |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Russel Klein
Late – Krystal Kasmarek |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jackie Kolling
Late – Sharon Gifford |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Mara Rothenbach, Carol Johnson, Marianne Braun |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour -
Late Service - |

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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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| Monday | 26 | 6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir |
| Tuesday | 27 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
7:15 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 28 | 4:00 pm Children's Choir
5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Council Meeting |
| Thursday | 29 | 7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Friday | 30 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 01 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 02 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 65, Communion: 59, Late: 104, Sunday Bible Study: 24, Sunday School: 32,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 5, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 7, Tuesday
Bible Study: 16

ACTUAL to DATE (as of October 31, 2018)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 321,992.35 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 296,193.28 |
| BALANCE | \$ 25,799.07 |



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

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

25 – James & Gloria Harper, John & Bonnie Jozwowski



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SCRIP sold on
Sunday between services

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!

*David Aggen, Lois Derrick, Gayle Hoffman, Jerry & Sue Kurth,
Scott Messner Family, Denise Riemer, James & Nancy Steenport*

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 is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

Constitution & Bylaws – There are copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws in the racks near the Welcome Center. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

Nursery Director & Volunteers Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex. We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers to serve in our nursery during the education hour and during the 10 am worship service. Please consider serving our youngest baptized members and those who visit as well.

Hurricane Relief - Once again our nation has been hard hit by a natural disaster. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is on the ground with supplies and care for those in need. If you would like to donate to the efforts, you may call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone. You can text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 to make a donation by your cell phone. And you can go to the synod's website at www.lcms.org to learn more.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Children's Christmas Service - Sunday school families, just a reminder that our next Wednesday rehearsal for grades 1-6 is this Wednesday, November 28th, from 4-5 pm. Our cantata choir will rehearse from 5 to 5:30 pm that evening. Our first Saturday rehearsal is December 1st from 9 to 11:30 am. Thank you!

Martha Society Cookie Walk - Do you like to bake cookies, make candy, or any other Christmas specialty? The Martha Society needs your help! Our Cookie Walk is scheduled for December 9th after early and late services. We want to make this year's event a huge success. But, to do that, we need your help. Please consider a donation to our cookie walk in the way of cookies, baked goods, or homemade candy. And don't forget to come and visit us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 9th for some awesome goodies! Your bakery can be dropped off at church Monday-Thursday from 9-3 or Saturday, December 8th, between 9 and 10:30, or Sunday morning December 9th, before 8:30. Thank you very much!

Our **“Words to Live By”** radio broadcast is one of our greatest tools for Evangelism. This certainly is in keeping with God's command to “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) This program has touched many people. We have received many good comments and responses to these, a lot from people of other denominations and churches as well as from guests and visitors. We need your help to keep this program operating. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway (between the narthex and fellowship hall) for anyone who wishes to sponsor one broadcast - or a week - or a Saturday. What a perfect way to honor someone's birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. It could be a memorial or “Thanks to God for His blessings.”

Thank you – A big Thank You to Glenn Finger and Tom Mackin for the wonderful job they have done so far in updating the women's restroom. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to beautify our facility.