

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

November 15, 2020

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WELCOME !

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.” --- Matthew 25:31-32

HOLY COMMUNION

To those who commune: The Lord's Supper is a special gift from God. It is not wise to commune simply on a whim or in shallow haste. Examine your heart:

- a) Do you acknowledge that **you** are a sinner before God and others?
- b) Do you look to Christ for forgiveness, realizing that your **best** merits count **nothing** before the all Holy God?
- c) Do you recognize that Jesus' holy body and blood, which were sacrificed for your forgiveness, are miraculously and truly present in this sacrament-- that the bread and the wine are **not** just symbols—that Christ, who gave Himself **for** you now gives Himself **to** you?
- d) Do you intend with God's help to amend your sinful life?

If such is the case, then come to the Lord's Table in simple faith and great joy!

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12

Hymn 285 How Precious Is the Book Divine!

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:17-21 SUMMARIZED Enemies of the cross of Christ glory in their shame. Do not follow them. Destruction awaits. Pattern your lives after the message of God's messengers in Christ. Christ died and rose for you. He will return to take you with glorified body to the glories of heaven!

PSALM 121 I Will Lift up My Eyes. (Supplement, page 42)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 SUMMARIZED The Savior expects citizens to pay taxes to their government. Governments protect and bless citizens in abundant physical ways, many we easily forget. The Lord likewise wants His children to give their hearts to Him, the One who died for them and rose again. He is the Savior from sin, from death, and hell. “Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

NICENE CREED (Supplement, page 5.)

Hymn 292 vv. 1-4 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide!

SERMON: II Chronicles 34:14-28 (selected verses)
HOW COULD IT BE LOST !?!

Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, . . . “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, “Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book.”

So Hilkiah and those the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, . . . Then she answered them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to Me, Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched

“But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Concerning the words which you have heard— because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.”

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 292 vv. 5-9 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, please kindly note that our congregation does not practice "open" communion. Communion is an expression of oneness—certainly oneness with the Lord, but also oneness in faith and teaching with one another. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity expressed in the Lord's Supper, we practice a "close-knit" communion. We ask that only members of St. Luke's and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging anyone's heart or faith in Jesus. God alone knows the heart. For further questions, please visit with the pastor.

Communion Hymn 311 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Benediction

Hymn 290 We Have a Sure Prophetic Word!

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CHURCH YEAR: Next Sunday will be the last Sunday of the Trinity season, the end of the worship year. We ponder the Last Things—Christ's return at the End, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, the destruction of this world by fire, the pangs of hell for those despising Christ, the bliss of heaven for those trusting in Christ. November 29 will begin a new church year with the Advent season--we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

NOVEMBER 26, THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Thursday, November 26, is Thanksgiving Day. Our worship service will be at 10:00. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord!" His blessings and care have been abundant for another year!

CHURCH CLEANING: The need for cleaning doesn't stop. With hearts of thanks for our church cleaners, the cleaners for November are:

J. Goldsmith, L. Schoon, D. Wenner, C. Hourigan

SCHEDULE:

11/22	10:30	Worship	END OF CHURCH YEAR	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. Sch.
11/26	Thursday	10:00	THANKSGIVING WORSHIP		
11/29	10:30	Worship	1 ST SUNDAY ADVENT	9:30	Bible Class & Sun.Sch.
12/06	10:30	Worship with	COMMUNION	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. Sch.

ILC COLLEGE VISITORS' DAY: ILC College Visitors' Day, is Friday, November 20. Due to restrictions, Immanuel is unable to grant an open invitation to off-campus visitors. However, if you are a young person or parent who wants to find out more about Immanuel Lutheran College, you may view the Visitors' Day presentations streamed live starting at 10:30 a.m. A link is available on the home page at ILC.edu. If you still wish to attend in person on Nov. 20, or would like an individualized tour of campus at another time, please contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann to discuss possible arrangements (715-836-6636, or paul.naumann@ilc.edu). Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS: On behalf of my wife Desirae and our immediate family, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and kindnesses for the past eleven weeks as we, by faith walk the path the good LORD has laid out for Desirae's brain cancer and treatment. The last ten days saw a quick loss of neural and physical functions, accompanied by extremely severe headaches. After a particularly difficult three days, the doctors ordered an early MRI yesterday which revealed that the tumor had grown back and was causing swelling. Medication has brought the swelling down, and the headaches have subsided. The neurosurgeon didn't think another operation would be beneficial, so we decided against it, as well as further chemo/radiation treatments. The doctor has referred Desirae to home hospice care beginning this Monday. We find lasting comfort and peace in the Word of our loving and merciful Savior God.

---- Pastor Dave Naumann, Clarkston, WA, and Orofino, ID

SYNOD FINANCES: Similar to the case last fall, except not as severe, the CLC general fund has slipped to a negative balance - \$70,000. A year ago the Lord opened the hearts of our people so that the deficit was erased and a surplus supplied. "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ--though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich!" (II Corinthians 8:9). We entrust our church body to His care.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, New Ulm and Sleepy Eye, MN, has returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

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