

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 22, 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*

### ORDER OF SERVICE:

Supplement, page 12 without Communion

**Hymn 604** Great God, What Do I See and Hear!

**EPISTLE: I Thessalonians 4:13-18** SUMMARIZED When Christ returns on the Last Day, the dead in Christ will rise first and meet the Lord in the air. Then those who are still alive will meet Him. Regarding a Christian's death, tears of hopelessness are very out of place, tears of love are not.

**PSALM 118** I Will Praise You. (Supplement, page 29)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13** SUMMARIZED Jesus told a parable of Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins: There were ten young ladies, virgins, who were the attendants of a wedding bride. With their lamps burning, they were waiting for the arrival of the groom and for the wedding to begin. Five had made preparations in the event the groom was delayed—which he was. They had extra lamp oil. The other five did not. They were unprepared for his late arrival. They missed out. ----- Are you prepared for Christ's arrival? Are you rooted and grounded in His Word of forgiveness, or are you tightrope walking with Satan?

### APOSTLES' CREED

**Hymn 656 vv. 1-2** Behold a Host, Arrayed in White!

**SERMON: Revelation 20:7 — 21:5a**

**THE LAST DAY—GREAT DEFEAT & GREAT VICTORY**

*Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle—whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved! And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

*Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away—and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God. And books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband! And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”*

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn 613** Jerusalem the Golden!

Benediction

**Hymn 656 v. 3** Behold a Host, Arrayed in White!

**CHURCH YEAR:** Today is the last Sunday of the Church 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. Always be prepared for the End. ----- Next Sunday begins a new church year with the Advent season. During Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Savior’s birth at Bethlehem.

**THANKSGIVING:** If we could only see how many physical blessings we have from the Lord, we would indeed fall at the Savior’s feet in thanks and praise, as did the one leper who was healed from his dreaded leprosy and returned to give thanks to the Lord. Far beyond blessings for the body, there is also the gift of God’s merciful love and pardon in Jesus, by which heaven’s doors are open.

**NOVEMBER 26, THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** The Lord’s blessings and care have been abundant for another year! Our worship service will be at 10:00 am. on Thursday. “Oh, give thanks to the Lord!”

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** Evening Advent services will begin on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving—December 2. There will two further services on Wednesdays, December 9 and December 16. For appropriate spacing this year, worship will be held upstairs.

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

We thank each cleaner for setting aside time in this busy life to care for the needs at the Lord’s House.

One Sunday remains in November:

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

Four Sundays, plus special services, for December:

L. Bubbers, K. Christman, R. Wiechmann, J. Olsen

**SCHEDULE:**

11/26	Thursday	10:00	THANKSGIVING WORSHIP	
11/29		10:30	Worship 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT	9:30 Bible Class & Sun.Sch.
12/02	Wednesday	7:00	Midweek Advent Worship	(upstairs)
12/06		10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30 Bible Class & Sun. Sch.
12/09	Wednesday	7:00	Midweek Advent Worship	(upstairs)
12/13		10:30	Worship	9:30 Bible Class & Sun. Sch.

CALL NEWS:

**Pastor Aaron Ude**, Rapid, City SD, has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

**Pastor Michael Gurath**, Phoenix, AZ , has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

**Teacher Matt Thurow**, Inver Grove Heights, MN has been called to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

**Teacher Quinn Sprengeler**, Lynnwood, WA (Seattle area), has been called to serve as upper grade teacher/principal at Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI

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