

HOME DEVOTION CORNER:

Suggested Readings for Home Devotion:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 17:16-34 1 Chron. 17:1-27	1 John 4:9-16 2 Chron. 7:11-22	Col. 1:1-8 Is. 11:1-10	Phil. 2:12-18 Jer. 23:2-8	Phil. 3:12-16 Jer. 30:1-22	Col. 3:1-11 Jer. 33:14-26

Next Week's Hymns

families, especially children, can benefit from practicing these hymns at home during devotions

#102 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"	#103 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	#105 "Rise, Children of the Kingdom"	#107 "When All the World Was Cursed"	#517 "If God Himself Be for Me"
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Prayers: Follow the daily prayers in the *Hymnary*, pp. 167-171.

You may also pray Collects #3-6 on pp. 147-148 throughout the week.

Please offer prayers for one another throughout your week, and for our homebound and ill. If you have specific prayer requests, please submit them to Pastor Lilienthal by Wednesday so that they may be published in the week's bulletin.



Next week is the Third Sunday of Advent. Jesus comes to all people, at all times, in all places, with the comforting Gospel of salvation. *Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?* Sometimes in isolation, sometimes in a frenzy, sometimes attacked by false teachers, believers in every age have asked this one basic question. We should not be surprised that believers ask this, as John the Baptist asked it, for Jesus had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him (Is. 53). But the King of Grace treats all as he did John and his disciples. He asked them to review the Scriptures they had learned (Isaiah 29 and 35). He asks all believers to search the Scriptures, which testify to him. In this way he comes to us today: the good news is preached to the poor. Believe it! Jesus is your Savior.

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Having trouble hearing our service? Ask our ushers for one of our personal hearing devices.



Parking for our services is available in our adjacent lot, on both sides of the street, and in our gravel lot across the street.



Restrooms are located near the back steps in the church basement. The restroom on the left contains a changing table.



Our lift stops at sanctuary, street, and basement levels. Ask one of our ushers if you need help operating our lift.

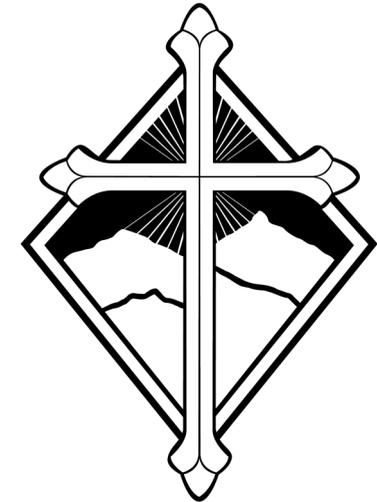
Welcome to our Honored Guests!

We hope you are nourished by our service today and we invite you to join us again to hear of the peace we have in Jesus' name and to share in our Christian fellowship.

Please sign our guest registry so we have a record of your visit, and let us know if you would like to speak with our pastor to learn more about our congregation or the Bible's teachings.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE
Rite One
Service of the Word

December 9, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.



OUR SAVIOR'S is a member of the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, MN. As a member of the ELS, we confess that we are saved by *Grace Alone* (Eph. 2:8) through *Faith Alone* (Acts 16:31) revealed in *Scripture Alone* (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of the Bible's teachings.

The ELS has been in fellowship with the *Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (WELS) since 1872.



Today in the Christian Church Year: *Trinity 17*

Spiritual Focus: *Christian Freedom*

Preacher: Rev. Michael Lilienthal
Accompanist: Arline Walker

AS YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP in the quiet moments before we receive the service of our almighty and merciful God, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP** and **IN REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**. You may also turn to p. 167 and pray the **MORNING PRAYER** and the prayer for **SUNDAY MORNING**.

Whenever you see this symbol: ✠ you may make the sign of the cross over yourself. By this simple act, remember your Baptism, and how you were covered in the image of Christ, because your sins were laid on his cross, so that you may have his holiness and life.



Advent is a season of preparation, and is therefore a penitential season, or a season of repentance. A Litany, or prayer list, is a traditional portion of penitential worship, guiding our eyes constantly to the God who provides us all we need. We come before God with all these petitions and know that he promises to hear us, and he will give us his blessings through the Word and Sacraments in the Divine Service.

I. The Service of Preparation

As the pastor approaches the altar, please rise for prayer.

1. The Advent Litany

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Father, who so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son to save us;

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Son, who came in the likeness of sinful flesh to suffer for us, and will come again to be our Judge;

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully visits the souls of Your elect, to abide with us forever;

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Holy Trinity, Blessed forevermore,

C: Be favorable to us, and bless us.

P: From the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From impenitence, unbelief, and neglect of Your holy commandments;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From all carelessness, and forgetfulness of You;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From Your wrath, whether in this world or in the world to come;

The Catechism Class has begun participating as acolytes, the ancient practice for boys in the congregation to assist the pastor in the worship service, especially in lighting the candles and carrying various objects. In this way, the students get practical experience in the worship service, in learning what the liturgy and hymns are all for, and help to lead the congregation in the reverent atmosphere of this foretaste of heaven. Today's acolyte is Laine Sailor.

Sunday Morning Bible Study we are studying the Heritage Hymns of the ELS. 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of our synod's reorganization. We're looking back over the hymns that have been significant for our synod throughout the years, and are still true and powerful today.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study we are reading and studying the Gospel according to St. Luke. The only Gentile author of the Bible, writing to a Gentile audience, shows us how Jesus Christ fulfills the entire Old Testament and prepares us to receive the blessings of eternal life with him.

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Greeters:

Fellowship Host:

This Week:

Angie Nelson

Next Week:

This Week at Our Savior's:

Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Next Sun.
Divine Service ~9:00 a.m.		Parish Council Meeting ~7:00 p.m.	Bible Study ~10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Aid Pot-Luck ~12:00 p.m.			Divine Service ~9:00 a.m.
Sunday School ~10:15 a.m.			Advent Vespers ~2:00 p.m.				Sunday School ~10:15 a.m.
Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.			Advent Vespers ~7:00 p.m.				Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Council will meet this Tuesday. Please bring your Bibles for our opening attendance to God's Word.

One more performance of Christmas at Bethany is available. Today at 3:00 p.m. is Bethany Lutheran College's Christmas concert.

Midweek Advent Services continue. There are opportunities available to attend earlier in the afternoon or later in the evening, depending on what your schedule allows.

The Ladies' Aid will have a pot-luck on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the meal presented by the Ladies' Aid.

Winter weather is upon us. If the weather is inclement, check your radio at 1450 AM, KATE, to see about cancellation of services. You can also check our Facebook page for announcements.

We will go a-caroling! Sunday, December 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. we will gather at Our Savior's to go out and sing Christmas carols to our shut-in members. After singing, we will return to church for pizza. Come along, even if you don't think you have a great singing voice, because these members love hearing us share the love of our Lord in hymns. (And the Vikings game should be done by the time we start!)

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Services!

Monday, December 24 3:00 p.m.....Christmas Eve Vespers
7:00 p.m.....Children's Christmas Program
Tuesday, December 25 9:00 a.m.....Christmas Dawn Service
3:00 p.m.....Christmas Day Service

We hope you can attend and join us in Christmas joy!

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From a slumbering conscience, and from an unprepared death;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the compassion and long-suffering of God the Father;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By Your first Coming and humiliation;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By Your Passion, and most precious Death;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By Your intercession for us before the Father;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By Your second Coming in Your glorious majesty;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the mercies and comforts of God the Holy Spirit;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: In our days of sorrow, weakness, and tribulation,

C: Console and defend us, O Lord.

P: In our last sickness, and in the hour of death,

C: Console and defend us, O Lord.

P: In Your Judgment, when the last sentence is pronounced,

C: Deliver us, O holy and merciful Savior.

P: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

That You would vouchsafe to us true repentance and a good conscience;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would enable us to bear all our trials patiently, and to glorify You in our daily life;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would defend and govern Your holy church, especially in this land;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would vouchsafe to all our brethren, especially those dearest to us, unity, peace, and true concord;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would vouchsafe to the afflicted and suffering in soul or body Your merciful aid and deliverance;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would continually exalt our minds to heavenly desires;

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

Advent means "coming." We look back to the time when Jesus came in humility as a baby conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We continue to look to the present when he comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We look forward to the time he will come in glory at the Last Day.



P: That we may be more and more perfected in the fruits of the Spirit, and better conformed to Your most holy will;

C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: That being uncertain of the hour of our death, we may study to be watchful, and prepared to give an account of our stewardship;

C: **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

C: **Hear us, O Lord.**

P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

C: **Spare us, O Lord.**

P: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Matthew 6:9-13

2. *The Introit*



Psalms 25:1-4

P: Daughter of Zion, surely your Salva'tion is coming./ The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;/ Stir up Your strength, and come and save us!

C: **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, forever more. Amen.**

21. *The Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



22. *The Closing Hymn: #97 | "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"*

23. *The Closing Prayer*

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.



AFTER THE DIVINE SERVICE, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the prayer **AT THE END OF DIVINE SERVICE**.

The pastor sings the blessing that Aaron was instructed to sing over the people of Israel, (Num. 6:24-26) blessing them with the name of the Triune God. You have received the Lord's gifts, so the blessing is the prayer that you may continue strengthened in those gifts to eternity.

The final prayer was historically prayed by the Klokker, as the prayer of the congregation that what they have received would strengthen us all in faith and holiness to eternal life.

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2 Corinthians 4:13—
"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak."

13. *The Apostles' Creed*

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life ∞ everlasting.**

C: A - - - men.

14. *The Chief Hymn: #167:5-7 | "Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son"*

15. *The Sermon*

Romans 15:4-13

"The Old Testament Scriptures Are Important for New Testament Christians"

16. *The Prayer of the Church*

p. 48

17. *The Apostolic Benediction*

18. *The Offering*

As the offering plates are returned to the altar, please rise for prayer

19. *A Hymn: #98 | "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

20. *The Collect (II)*

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.

In response to the gifts of God in his Word, we give him our thanks in praise, in song, in prayer, and in portions of our material blessings.

The Christian faith is not an isolated faith. In God's service today, we have seen how he has given us his gifts through his Word and those who preach it. We also may now go and share it with others, because our faith has likewise been strengthened.

3. *The Kyrie Eleison ~ Lord, have mercy*

C: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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4. *The Collects*

P: Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, for whose sudden coming to Judgment Your Church looks and waits, come now to us in Your quickening love, and plant Your holy fear and love within our hearts. Establish us in Your truth and righteousness, endue us with such boldness to confess You before men, that You

C: A - - - men.

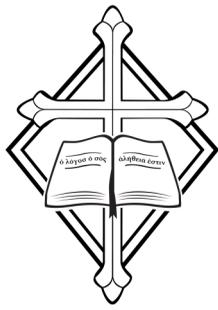
P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may worship You with pure minds; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.

Matthew 9:27—"Two blind men followed Jesus, calling out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!'"

We pray in this song, the prayer of the blind men, the lepers, and Israel in bondage, asking God for healing, forgiveness, and salvation, recognizing our lowliness and his greatness and ability to help.

The Collect is a brief prayer that "collects" in one short petition all that we are asking God to do for us, based on the specific section of his Word which is preached on that day.



The Old Testament lesson points us to the coming Savior.

Micah prophesies of a time when the Lord will bring about his reign of peace and justice by bringing people from all nations to worship at his heavenly temple. In this world, there is much evidence of hostility, distrust, and conflict among various nations and cultures. Our Father provides the remedy for disunity by leading people to faith in Christ Jesus. As we are baptized into Christ Jesus, we are made into God's temple, and cultural and national hostilities are abolished. In heaven, we will experience this reality in fullness.

Eph. 5:19—"address... one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

The psalmist recognizes that God's acts of salvation in the past speak assurances for his salvation in the future.

II. The Service of The Word

5. *The Old Testament*

In the last days, the mountain of the House of the LORD will be established as the highest among the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it like a river.

²Many nations will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³He will render judgment between many peoples.

He will settle disputes between mighty nations from far away.

They will pound their swords into plowshares

and their spears into blades for trimming vines.

Micah 4:1-7

Nation will not raise the sword against nation, and they will not learn how to wage war any longer.

⁴Each man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree.

There will be no one to make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of Armies has spoken.

⁵For all the other peoples walk in the names of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

⁶On that day, says the LORD, I will bring in the lame and gather the scattered, even those I have afflicted.

⁷I will establish the lame as survivors and the scattered as a powerful nation.

The LORD will rule over them on Mount Zion from that time on and forever.

6. *A Psalm: Psalm 80 | p. 183-184 (Tone 1)*

Odd verses: Pastor | Even verses: Congregation | "Glory be to the Father...": All

12. *The Holy Gospel*

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, ²⁶people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near."

²⁹He told them a parable. "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually

near. ³¹So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Amen* I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴"Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly.

³⁵For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."



C: God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

We stand out of eagerness for the Gospel and reverence for this holiest treasure, acknowledging that our Lord is indeed present in his Gospel. Here we find Jesus revealed as the answer to all our prayers and praises.

Jesus points to the signs preceding his return. Today, fear and uncertainty should lead us to focus on his redemption. Pray earnestly for that Day. Jesus' return brings us deliverance from all evil of this world.

**Usually, people say Amen at the end of a prayer. But Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is I solemnly tell you the truth. For more information about this, see FAQ #1 at wartburgproject.org/faqs*