

St. John Lutheran Church



“Glory Everlasting”

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Morning Worship @ 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School and Bible Classes @ 9:15 A.M.

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday at Both Services

November 18, 2018

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“One in the Spirit: United in Christ and with Each Other”

“... that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
(Colossians 2:2-3)

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AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year is approaching its close, we turn our focus to the last things. The very last thing that we confess in the Apostles' Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. In Revelation, John describes the heavenly city of God and tells us that the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Brilliant brightness has always been associated with the seeing of God, from the time when Moses had to veil his face because it reflected the dazzling presence of the almighty Lord. As we come into His presence for worship, we have a partial sense of that glory as we await that time beyond time, when we shall experience it fully in the life everlasting in His heavenly kingdom.

+ PREPARATION +

Divine Service, Setting One (*LSB, pp. 151 ff.*)

In the Name of Jesus

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"*
— Praetorius/Bouman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"* LSB # 873

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (p. 151, LSB)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

(Please bless each other with these words: "The Lord bless you," or, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

(pp. 152-153, LSB)

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

(p. 154, LSB)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

(p. 156, LSB)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord: O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3 *(Those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.)*

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11-25 (*Until the time when God's enemies should be made a footstool at His feet.*)

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,"

then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

(10:30 a.m. only)

ANTHEM: "Walk About Zion" — R. W. Gieseke
(Adult Choir, Dr. Lewis P. Porter, Choirmaster)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

(p. 156, LSB)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-13 *(And the Gospel must be proclaimed to all nations.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SERMON HYMN: *“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”* **LSB # 508**

SERMON: **“What About the Future? God’s Hope for Us”**
(Mark 13:1-13) – Rev, Mark Luecke

CATECHISM

The Second Article

Pastor: In his "What does this mean?" reflecting on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther reminds us that our final and eternal calling is to live under our Lord in His kingdom and serve Him as we share in the glory of heaven. Let us joyfully confess the article that tells of our redemption.

People: **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, the gathering of God's forgiven people, that we be of support and encouragement to one another as we await the day of the Lord's return, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods, that justice prevail in our courts and in all centers of government as we await the day of the final judgment, that we lead lives that are peaceful and secure, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who bear the responsibilities of being leaders in the Church, especially [*name*], our Synod president; [*name*], our district president; and [*name*], our circuit visitor, that they find support and joy in their service, and that many young men and women would be led into vocations of service in the Church, encouraged by our prayers and our gifts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those with special need for our petitions in these times as the day of Christ's return draws ever closer, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, [*including . . .*], that their needs be met according to God's gracious plan, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the proper use of the good gifts God has granted us, that we be thankful for all that we need to support our lives, that we be of blessing to our families, our neighbors, and our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As we join in prayer, we thank You, Lord, for the faithful witness left to us by Your saints, those we have known personally in our lives and those from times past whose witness continues to inspire and inform us. Grant that Your

Holy Spirit lead us in ways of peace as we await the resurrection of the body and the glory of the life everlasting.

People: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Voluntary at the Offertory: *"Once He Came in Blessing"*

— Weisse/Callahan

OFFERTORY — *What Shall I Render to the Lord* (pp. 159-160, LSB)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (p. 160)

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (p. 161)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 162)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (p. 162)

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (p. 163)

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* (p. 163)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" LSB # 766

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" LSB # 651

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Thank the Lord* (p. 164, LSB)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT (p. 166)

BENEDICTION (p. 166)

CLOSING HYMN: *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* LSB # 515

SILENT PRAYER

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY: *“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”*
— J.S. Bach

To God Alone the Glory!

WELCOME to all worshipers, especially visiting friends. If you have come seeking blessings, this is the place, where God's Word is proclaimed and sung on the Lord's Day as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection that delivers forgiveness, life, and salvation! If you are a visiting friend, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us again and find out more about our Family of Faith.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated here in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE: *The Pastor will distribute the Host (bread) by placing it in the open, cupped hands of the communicant. A Lay Server will then offer the individual cups, and an Elder will immediately follow with the common cup. People who receive the individual cups should keep theirs visible so that the Elder can tell whether they have communed.*

SPECIAL COMMUNION NOTICE: Do you need assistance in walking to the communion rail or desire to commune at your pew? Please ask an usher who will be happy to provide assistance.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available at the west end of the narthex. They come in 7-volume sets. Ask an usher for a copy.

NURSERY (*Family Room*) is available in **Room # 104** in the main hallway for family needs (*nursery or private area*).

"BUSY BAGS FOR TOTS" are available in the narthex for parents with young children for use in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the service, please return the Busy Bag to the basket! (**Note:** We kindly request that parents use these items and refrain from allowing children to write on the offering envelopes and Communion cards in the pew racks. Thank you!)

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar to the glory of God by Patty Eneix and Jerry Paul Dills in memory of their parents, Vera and Gerald Dills. Our sincere thanks!

WARM WELCOME to Rev. Mark Luecke who is conducting the Divine Services this morning. He will also lead the discussion in today's Adult Bible Class. He serves as the Protestant Chaplain at Mercy Medical Center in Canton and is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LC-MS) in North Canton. We thank Chaplain Luecke for his assistance and pray God's blessings upon his sermon!

PASTOR-OUT-OF-TOWN: Pastor Telloni, along with three other delegates and District President, Rev. Wally Vinovskis, is representing the SELC District at the annual LC-MS Lutheran Church Extension Fund Conference and LCMS Foundation meeting in San Diego, CA, this weekend. The mission of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is to support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future. Pastor Telloni will be returning tomorrow evening, Lord-willing. In case of emergency or pastoral care needs, please call the Church Office at 330-837-4645 or Elder Mike Krnach at 330-837-9915.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING will be offered this morning for the following: Jon McFarren, who is in rehab at the Laurels of Massillon; Richard Bednar, who is a patient at Aultman Hospital in Canton; Jeff Houston; Betty Minch; Russ Halco; Tricia Parker, who is a patient at University Hospital, Cleveland; Mark Sturm; Bonnie and Ron Myers and their daughter, Allison; David and Karen Fisher; Rebecca Floom, granddaughter of Kim and Luther Russert; Steve and Debbie Marker; and Jason Taylor, son of Cynthia Glazebrook and grandson of Barb Brown. Also we pray for Betty Slinger and her family, who are awaiting word about Betty's missing daughter, Christine Slinger. Please remember these folks with your prayers and cards!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Special Thanksgiving Eve Services of Word and Sacrament will be held **this Wednesday, November 21st, at both 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of the Altar will be offered at both services, and the Adult Choir under the direction of Dr. Lewis P. Porter will sing a seasonal anthem at the evening service. Pastor Telloni will deliver a sermon entitled, *"What Do You Mean, 'Thank You?'"* (Luke 17:11-19). *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"* Come and give thanks for a blessed year and a blessed tomorrow.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will be held on **Wednesday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th, at 12:00 Noon and 7 :00 p.m.** The sermon series to be presented is entitled, *"Who Is Jesus?"*, based on Matthew 1:1-17. We look forward to our fellowship around the Word and Prayer as we prepare for celebration of Christ's Coming on Christmas!

LATE SERVICE GREETERS NEEDED! Please contact Judy Mantyla or the office if you would be willing to greet all who arrive, especially visiting friends, for worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you and God bless!

YOUTH ACOLYTES: Kids in the 4th grade and up who would like to serve as acolytes in our worship services are encouraged to sign up now! An Instruction Booklet will be handed out, and a training session conducted by Mike Krnach will be scheduled in the near future. This is a wonderful opportunity for service!

CALL FOR USHERS: Additional ushers are needed for the late service! Many ushers are also scheduled as elders and lay servers preventing them from ushering on those Sundays. Unfortunately, those who are not scheduled must fill-in on these occasions. We would encourage you to consider serving on one of the usher teams so that fill-ins are less frequent and the current three month rotation period can be preserved. If willing to serve, please contact Keith Graber, Gene Stocker, Richard Leffler, Dennis Lillich (late service) or Mike Krnach (early service). This service to the Lord is a valued and vital part of our worship life. Thank you!

PRAYER GROUP continues to meet each **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 104. Please feel free to come and participate in their sessions. Join Mickie, Debbie, Bonnie, Janet, and Marchaela.

NEXT SUNDAY: *Consecration Sunday* and the offering of 2019 Commitments, and *Care and Share Sunday*.

Spiritual Growth ...

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS! “*Sunday Gospels*”– Pastor Telloni is leading a series that focuses on the Gospel Lessons for the Sundays in the Church Year. The group “*listens*” to the text, meditates on its contents, and applies the message to our spiritual lives, using the *Lectio Divina* method of Bible reading. Today our guest pastor, Rev. Mark Luecke, will lead the discussion on today’s Gospel, Mark 13:1-13. Grab a cup of coffee and some pastry and join the discussion! Next Sunday: Pastor Telloni will present the Gospel for the Last Sunday in the Church Year, Mark 13:24-37.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for kids of all ages at 9:15 a.m. Please go to Room 109 for an hour-long Bible lesson – it’s all about Jesus! We have two teachers ready to lead: Mary Kay Pershing, for preschool and primary grades; and Janet Graber, for intermediate grades. Questions? Please see Superintendent Rosemary Sedjo.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS will be held on **Sunday, December 16th**, after the late service. Any party planners interested in helping, please see Rose Sedjo.

NO CATECHISM CLASS will be held on November 24th. Class will resume on **Saturday, December 1st**, at 10:00 a.m.

PARENTS OF 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS! If you have not picked up the curriculum materials for the Pre-Confirmation Parent/Child Program, please see Pastor Telloni! Lutheranism 101 for Kids; Luther's Small Catechism; and a gift Study Bible. Get started now!

LIFE WITH GOD is a brief program led by Pastor Telloni to assist those who would like to participate more in the worship and service life of our congregation. Resources used are the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. A new group of get-together's is planned if there is enough interest. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the front bulletin board. Please include a phone number in addition to your name! Thank you!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will hold their last two lessons on the Book of Deuteronomy **TOMORROW, November 19th, at 9:30 am** in the Church Library (Room 111). Debbie Stocker will send materials to your home for home study or can answer any questions about participation.

Parish News . . .

FELLOWSHIP: As a sign of our Christian hospitality, refreshments are served in the "*Gathering Place*" all morning. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship!

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS 2 people to clean up following communion after late service. It takes 15 minutes. Please see or call Mickie Krnach 330-837-9915.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT will take place on **Wednesday, November 28th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**, in Rooms 112-113. An agenda and the September Notes have been sent via email to those involved. Questions? Please see Pastor Telloni.

VISION TEAM will meet on **Saturday, December 1st, at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in Rooms 112-113. Lectio Divina – Luke 19:28-40. Other items include the March 2nd Retreat and the Missionary Gaugert Vision. Please come ready for discussion!

WANT TO WALK? Marchaela Shepard is seeking an afternoon walking partner either in our parking lot, Jackson Park, or indoors (somewhere) when the weather is inclement. Would you like to join her? Please talk with Marchaela or call the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer requests, please call the church office or Gloria Pavelzik (832-7379). For those who face hospitalization or in emergencies, please call the Church Office (837-4645) or Pastor Telloni's home (830-2179).

MARTHA PROGRAM A SUCCESS: Thanks are due to Mary Shunk and all the members of the Martha Society who contributed baked goods for the special program this past Tuesday. Pat Rullo, a nationally-known radio personality and author of *“Speak Up and Stay Alive,”* gave a very informative presentation on patient advocacy and health concerns. Twenty-three members and friends attended. Pat’s program is broadcast on 1220, the Word at 9 am on Saturday’s.

SEARCH FOR CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - PORTLAND: The Board of Regents of Concordia University - Portland has begun the search for the University’s 5th president and invites nominations and applications from its LCMS congregations and members. Concordia University - Portland is positioned to advance its standing as a premier university of quality and distinction that engages students and prepares them to serve with Christ-centered integrity and impact in their lives, fields of study, and vocations. Learn more about the university and the nomination process at <https://www.cu-portland.edu/about/presidential-search>. The deadline for nomination materials is November 30, 2018.

Mercy Notes . . .

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop collaborated on November 10th to collect 204 pounds of food from the neighborhood. All items collected were donated to the St. John Food Pantry. **Thank You, Scouts!**

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS: A big thanks is extended to all who donated food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Delivery this year. The Board of Elders shopped for perishables, including a turkey for each family, yesterday morning. Deliveries will be made today to homes in our surrounding community. We are also grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need! **Note:** The Elders are planning to deliver food to families for Christmas. More info to come!

THE MOBILE SNACK COMMITTEE mobilizes again on **Wednesday, November 28th**, with Beth Davis baking. If you would like to help in the kitchen or make home deliveries, please see Debbie Stocker.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE REQUEST for the students and their families at **Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne:** Please consider donating gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20 or \$25 for national chain stores and restaurants. Service and gas station cards in increments of \$25 or even cash gifts to purchase dining hall lunch tickets would be gladly received. Check out our display on the Project Central table for specifics and **turn in your gifts no later than December 2nd**. Have questions? Call the church office. Thank you!

This Week at St. John's ...

Today	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service
		Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Monday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	Noon and 7 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Services
Thursday		Thanksgiving
Saturday	8:00 pm	AA Group
Sunday		Consecration Sunday
		Care and Share Sunday
	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service

ANNUAL SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP RETREAT **Saturday, March 2, 2019**

JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN
1 THESS 5:16-24

Please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend!

Other Notes of Interest ...

ISSUES, ETC., is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LUTHERAN HOUR: *"Once And For All"* – Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. Rev. Dr. Tony Cook shares God's message of forgiveness--"In Jesus, our Great High Priest, we have found the perfect and permanent solution to our separation and sin." (Hebrews 10:11-19)

The Lutheran Hour is available on the following stations:

WTAM Cleveland, OH 106.9 FM Sun 6:30 AM

WTAM Cleveland, OH 1100 AM Sun 6:30 AM

WBTC Uhrichsville, OH 1540 AM Sun 6:04 AM

"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS" has a new name - **"WORSHIP ANEW"** is broadcast on TCT Network on MCTV channel 13 and TWC channel 13 every Sunday from 11:30 to 12 noon and also on their website Page 24 hours a day.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "When we see those suffering from disease or disability ... vulnerable, helpless, destined by many to assisted suicide or euthanasia—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the Christ thing to do. For Christ reveals a God who knows about suffering not just because He's God, but because He suffered. We have a message of a God present in suffering, at work in suffering, and accomplishing His purpose in suffering." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DEBT REDUCTION FUND

Goal: \$ 50,000.00

Special Gifts Received to Date: \$26,630.00

(Note: This fund was established by the Board of Directors to retire the balance due for the Credit Line provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.) Thank you for your prayers and gifts! You are invited to participate by giving a gift so that, without a deficit, our congregation may move forward in the mission and ministry of Christ! Deadline for Gifts is November 30th. Thank you!

Stewardship Notes ...

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” Christians are different from unbelievers. Our trust in Christ changes us. Our hope in Christ means that we don’t grieve in the same way that unbelievers grieve: we know what comes after death. We don’t treat our time or money in the same way as unbelievers either. We start each week with a sacrifice of our time as we come to the Lord’s House to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. And we also set aside a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income for the support of the Lord’s work in His Church. Our faith changes us and our actions ... we don’t do anything as others do who have no hope. 1 Thess. 4:13

The Lord’s Accounts: Time and Treasures

Attendance:		Offerings:	
11/11/18	34/43(77)	General Fund	\$2960.00
Communion:		Adult Sunday School	\$ 18.00
11/11/18	30/32 (62)	In honor of Katie	
Sunday School:	17	Compan’s Birthday	\$100.00
Year-to-date Offering:			
2017 Total:	\$169,777.72		
2018 Total:	\$184,549.10		

Serving The Lord With Gladness In Worship

GREETERS:	* Diane Pachis ** Tim and Katharina Marker
ELDERS:	* Larry Meyer ** Steve Marker
LAY SERVERS:	* Mark Kulick ** Frank Pershing
LAY READERS:	* Larry Meyer ** Steve Marker
ACOLYTES:	Ushers (both services)
USHERS:	* Mike Krnach, David Fisher, Keith Kleve, Bill Ray, Wayne Sand Nick Moauro ** Richard Leffler and Mike Halco
ALTAR GUILD:	* Linda & Bill Parker and Gloria Pavelzik ** Erin Goode, Meghan Burkey and Lauri Houston
TELLERS:	Lillich / Stocker

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

“Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards”

Our theme for this week is “Discipling Grace-filled Servants. Jesus said that He came “*not to be served but to serve*” (Matthew 20:28). As a servant to others, Christ showed God’s goodness. Jesus did not take on merely the outward form of a servant; Jesus’ whole being was a servant. His purpose in coming to earth was to serve, the ultimate act of service being His work on the cross. In contrast, we by nature are self-focused and not inclined to see, much less seek, opportunities to serve others. Through the indwelling and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we can become servants who are enabled to live lives of servanthood. May God continue to bless our efforts to serve Jesus by serving others.

**IN OUR SERVING, WE EMULATE
JESUS WHO LIVED
WITH A
SERVANT’S HEART.**

*“... Even as the Son of Man
not to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life
as a ransom for many”
(Matthew 20:28).*



COMMITMENT FORMS are on the table in the narthex, along with a worksheet and other Stewardship resources. On Consecration Sunday, worshipers are invited to offer their Commitment Cards to the Lord during the Divine Service. Thank you for your participation as a Disciple/Steward of Christ!

PLEASE REMEMBER to return your **COMPLETED COMMITMENT FORMS** next Sunday and place them in the Offering Plate! *“We love, because He first loved us!”* (1 John 4:19)

Go and be a disciple!

ASKING A BLESSING AND RETURNING THANKS

The following prayers are contained in Luther's Small Catechism as ways to ask for a pre-meal blessing and return thanks following the meal. Consider incorporating these as part of your Thanksgiving celebration.

Asking a Blessing

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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