

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

As we come to the end of the Church Year, we encounter Sunday Readings that reflect the end of this age, and the coming of Christ the King. Our Lord's return has to do with the judgment of the world. Indeed, justice will prevail in the end. And His return will also bring in the fullness or consummation of God's Kingdom, which was inaugurated at Christ's first Advent. For repentant sinners putting their faith in Christ, this will be a reunion with all the saints, and the incredible basking in Christ's glory in a blessed state beyond imagining.

The late Church Year emphasis can have a sobering effect. There are eternal

consequences connected with how we live our lives in this temporal age. Despite our inherited prideful rebellion against our Maker, our Heavenly Father has, from the outset, put in motion the plan for our redemption. It involves an atoning sacrifice for our sin. Then it includes our being made alive when we are dead in our trespasses. And then it involves bringing the benefits of Christ's atoning death to each person. This is done in such things as preaching, in baptizing, and in the offering of Holy Communion. Finally, it involves the gift of faith enabled by the Holy Spirit, so that each individual can beneficially receive the gift of salvation.

When Christ, the Judge, comes at the end of the age, He will separate the righteous from the wicked. As all of us have sinned, the difference between the two is that the righteous live by faith, and the wicked maintain their pride and spurn God's gift of the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. As the former actually begin living in obedience to the Lord, the latter continue disobeying God's commandments.

At the end of the age, the righteous will be welcomed into the Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. The wicked, declared cursed, will be ordered to depart into the eternal fire prepared for the devil.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of All Saints' Day? The significance is expressed in the hymn The Church's One Foundation, the fifth stanza: "*And mystic sweet communion / With those whose rest is won.*" We certainly mourn in death the physical separation with our loved ones, but the Church affirms that the dead in Christ are very

much alive and are present with our Lord. We further believe in the Resurrection of the dead on the last day, and our joyful reunion with the saints of all the ages in the eternal kingdom of our Lord. Therefore we can speak of our dearly departed as being a part of the *Church Triumphant* while we remain the *Church Militant*.

On the festival of All Saints we direct our attention to the richness of Christian history, and the manifold workings of God's grace through the lives of believers who have gone before us. It is also an appropriate time to honor the memory of those members of our congregation who have died.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 11/7
9:30pm Prayer Gathering

Friday, 11/8
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Saturday, 11/9
9:30am Elders Meeting

Sunday, 11/10 25th Su after Pentecost
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Adult Bible Study
3pm Circuit Forum



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Disciples
for Life**

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

THIS AND THAT...

The **Prayer Gathering** will meet this week on Thursday, November 7, at 9:30am

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will continue to meet on Fridays at 7am at the McDonald's restaurant off of County OT.

There will be an **Elders Meeting** this Saturday, 9am, at the church.

Jeremy Schoonover will be representing our church and

along with Pr. Tim will participate in our **Circuit Forum** via Zoom Meetings, Sunday, November 10 at 3pm.

Coming soon! At the end of the Liturgical Year we have a special **Thanksgiving Service** with Holy Communion on Tuesday, November 26, at 7pm. Pie and ice cream will be served after the service.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the

Food Pantry!

Pr Tim and Leslie will clean the church the week of November 17. And the Bjornstads are scheduled for the week of December 22.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Onalaska Food Basket**.

At the judgment, the righteous by faith will be acquitted; and the wicked condemned.

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

Oct 26 Naomi Rislow
 Nov 5 Chase Repaal
 Nov 28 Heather Roll
 Nov 30 Cyndi Molstad
 Dec 1 Brad Benrud
 Dec 9 Cole Warner

Anniversaries

Bad Dad Jokes

Once I read a book about glue. I couldn't put it down.

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Why the long face?"

Why'd the roofer go to the doctor? *He had shingles.*

Did you hear about the woman who couldn't stop collecting magazines? *She had issues.*

What do you call a fish with no eyes? *Fsh.*

What do you do if you meet a giant? *Use big words.*

What do you call a cow with two legs? *Lean beef.*

What sits on the seabed and has anxiety? *A nervous wreck.*

What do you call a man wearing a rug on his head. *Matt.*

What's the best air to breathe

if you want to be rich? *Millionaire.*

Where do armies belong? *In your sleeves.*

What did one plate say to another plate? *Tonight, dinner's on me.*

Did your hear about the king that went to the dentist? *He needed to get crowns.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/10 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Brad Benrud

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Cole W/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Heide Fehr

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/17 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/24 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Craig Bartos

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Dan M/Tim B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Connie Meunier

Livestreamer: Cole Wanner

12/1 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Cole Warner

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Connie M/Tom R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

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