

And what I say unto you I say unto all,

WATCH

Mark 13:37

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 24, 2024

Our Mission... Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to the changing of lives through Jesus Christ by helping others find salvation in Jesus Christ.

AS WE GATHER This is the last week of the church year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon. **GUESTS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME!**

RINGING OF THE BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804

O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain.
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end.
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 93:1; 95:6

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

People: **the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

All: **we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.**

Pastor: Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. To God be all glory, majesty, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LSB 515

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with You.**

Pastor: Let us pray... Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep us firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 51:4-6

(The Lord's salvation will last forever)

⁴"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Jude 20-25 *(Keep yourselves in the love of God.)*

²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Revelation 22:13

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

People: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37 *(Stay awake and keep prepared.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

²⁶ "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

LSB 516

**"Wake, awake, for night is flying." The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.**

**Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!**

SERMON

"The Gift of Hope"

Mark 13:24-37

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. We remember especially If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Though we know You are coming soon, we still mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection and return of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special petitions will be offered here.)

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

People: Amen.

OFFERING *(Please sign the Friendship Register.)*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth, who loved us and freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB, p. 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LSB; p. 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.**

**He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.**

**Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love required;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 24, 2024

WEEKLY CALENDAR

WED	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	THURS	9:30am	Thanksgiving Day Worship
			FRI	7:30pm	AA Meeting

Northwest Thanksgiving Break – November 23 to December 1
Childcare Closed – November 28 & 29

NEW THIS WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers have been given by Stephanie Voigt in celebration of Malachi's 6th birthday.

LWML MITE BOX SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1

Please bring your filled (or partially filled) Mite Box with you on Sunday, December 1, and drop your mites into the Mite Box on the table in the narthex. The total for November was \$167.02.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Thanksgiving Offering this year will be given to A Place of Refuge, Inc. for their ministry to women in crisis pregnancies. APOR must raise several thousand dollars each month to keep the Refuge House operating. Any Thanksgiving offerings given today will also be included in this special gift to A Place of Refuge. You can also use the online giving option by simply selecting "Thanksgiving" from the drop-down menu. QR code on the back of the announcements.

COMMITMENT FORMS 2025

God provides all we need for this life and for the life to come in heaven. Now God asks us to be good stewards, or managers, of His gifts and blessings. Every year we have opportunity to renew our commitment of time spent in Bible study, worship, and prayer and offerings given for the work of God's kingdom. If you have not already done so, please turn in your commitment form for 2025. Extra forms are available on the ark and the wall desk in the narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the offering basket. Thank You!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child project this year. We collected more than 50 boxes that will bless children around the world. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Len and Mary Ernst for delivering our Christmas boxes!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS

We will be collecting holiday food throughout November and December. There is a great need in our inner-city neighborhoods. All donations are taken to one of our partners churches in Milwaukee for their monthly food pantry distribution. Please have holiday food donations by Sunday, December 8, to insure delivery before Christmas. Monetary donations are also very helpful. Please use the "Helping Hands" envelopes from the church narthex or our online giving select "Food Pantry".

WINTER COAT & CLOTHING COLLECTION

The members of Mission of Christ Lutheran Church distribute clothing and shoes to the people in their inner-city neighborhood. In the next few weeks, there will be a great need for winter clothing, jackets, coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and warm blankets. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the bin in the narthex. Thank You!!

ONLINE GIVING



Exciting News: Introducing Online Giving at Covenant! We're thrilled to offer a new, convenient way to support our church and its ministries. You can now easily give your tithes & offerings and special donations, including contributions to our Food Pantry, through our online giving platform. Simply text "GIVE" to 414-404-9888 to receive a link or scan the QR code to access the portal directly. You can also schedule recurring gifts using either method. We believe this will make it easier for everyone to contribute and stay connected with our mission. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! For assistance, please contact the church office.

GENERAL

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Help beautify our Christmas services! Plants may be picked up for your personal use or gift-giving following the Christmas Day service, or they may be left at church for other holiday services. Order forms are in the narthex or scan the QR code to order online. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 8.



ALTAR FLOWERS - 2025

The Altar Flower Chart for 2025 is now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Flowers enhance our worship services and are a great way to honor special occasions. If you would like to purchase altar flowers, please sign-up on the flower chart today and indicate if you are giving the flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Cost is \$27 and should be paid prior to the selected date by check or by scanning the online QR code below.

HOLY COMMUNION

We want all who commune with us to share our understanding of this sacrament; that Jesus offers His true body and blood for our forgiveness and salvation. (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.) If you are a visitor and wish to receive communion today, please speak with the pastor prior to the service. Gluten free wafers are available. We also offer alcohol-free wine for communion.

☞ GENERAL ☜

KFUO RADIO

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

STARS FOR OUR TROOPS

"Stars For Troops" are still available in the church narthex on the Ark. Please take one to give to someone serving in our military or to veterans of our military. If you have an old, tattered flag you would like to donate to this effort, please call Nancy Keck. Thank you!

☞ MEETINGS & EVENTS ☜

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 27 & 28

Join us to thank and praise God for His many blessings at our Thanksgiving worship services; Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm and Thursday, November 28, at 9:30am. We will celebrate Holy Communion at both Thanksgiving services. Please join us for this special time of worship!

COMMUNION SERVICE – DECEMBER 4

The monthly communion service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m. This will also serve as our Advent midweek service, with communion being offered. While this service is especially for those unable to attend Sunday mornings, everyone is welcome! We invite you to come for a time of worship, fellowship, and refreshments afterward.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE – DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18

Advent midweek services will take place on Wednesdays in December at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM, with supper served at 5:30 PM. The theme for our Advent worship is "The Word Made Flesh." This series will remind us that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING – DECEMBER 8

The annual Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, after the worship service at approximately 10:45 a.m. We will hear reports from the church staff, adopt a budget for 2025, and elect members to the Mission and Ministry Council. All members of Covenant are encouraged to attend. Please note that there will be no Pastor's Bible Study or junior confirmation that day.

CHRISTMAS CARD OUTREACH – DECEMBER 11

Help is needed to put together and sign Christmas cards to our Northwest and Covenant Child Care families. We'll get together on Wednesday, December 11, at 9:30 am. Don't worry about your handwriting! Addresses are preprinted on labels. All you have to do is sign the card and fill the card with an invitation to our Christmas services. If you have any questions, please see Karen Winefeld.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve - December 24 at 4:00pm (Praise) and 7:00pm (Traditional)
Christmas Day at 10:00am

☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☜

God provides power and strength for our daily lives through His Word. All members and friends are invited to join a Bible study group.

"Book of Exodus"	led by Bob Zeman	8:30am
"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"	led by Tom Buck and Jess Hardel	8:30am
"Diggin' Deep: Lessons of the Day"	led by Pastor Voigt	10:45am
"Jr. Conf." (5 th – 7 th gr.)	led by Karen Winefeld	10:45am
"Galatians"	led by Pastor Voigt	Thursday 10:00am

☞ PRAYER ☜

PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team lifts up prayers to God every week. This is a huge blessing as there are so many needs in our world, our nation, our communities, our congregation, and among our families and friends. The Prayer Team is looking for more members to join the group. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Voigt or Jane Buck.

JOIN THE COVENANT PRAYER CHAIN!

Are you interested in joining Covenant's Prayer Chain? What must you do? Pray for the people on the prayer list! It's very easy! When you get the phone call to say a prayer, you simply call the next person on the list and pass on the prayer request. Or, if you have an email address, you will receive the prayer request through email. No phone call needed. If you are interested in joining Covenant's Prayer Warriors, please contact Nancy Keck at 414-461-3671.

JUDY WILL PRAY WITH YOU

If you need to pray with someone, Judy Omet would be honored to pray with you. Please call her anytime at 262-255-0725. Leave a message and she'll call you back. All information is confidential.

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PREACHER: Rev. Steve Voigt

ORGANIST: Bill Laesch

A/V COORDINATOR: Alyssa Gottsacker

READER: Bob Patten

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: Jerry Anson and Dale Meyer

GREETERS: Diana Gutknecht & Nancy Keck

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday, November 17 - 80

COUNTERS: Team 1

OFFERINGS: Current - \$10,905.47; Special - \$4,634.00; Needed Weekly - \$9,681.35



WEEKLY PRAYER SHEET

November 24, 2024

“Pray continually in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:17-18)

I will pray for:

1. Eunice Bachmeier – Zilbur Family Hospice
2. Those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery – James Kruse and Kaye Maletzke
3. Those receiving treatment for cancer – Dawn, the daughter of Diana Gutknecht, Joel Smith, Gail Tatro, Bonnie Gellert, and Ron Schroeder.
4. Those with long-term care needs – Jadee Krueger, Jana McDonnell, Marcia Hottinger, Mario Carini, Eric Winn, Dennis Eiff, Betty Rasmussen, Carol Munz, Henrietta Cloyd, Marion Braatz, Tyler Yang, Odessa Flagg, Dylan Wangard, Herb Onasch, Beth Sellars, and Jonathan Tock, grandson of Mario and Karen Carini.
5. The President and other elected and appointed leaders of our nation, state, and communities, those who serve in the Armed Forces of our nation including Covenant member Jonathan Buck and Andrew Tock, grandson of Mario and Karen Carini; fire fighters and police officers who serve and protect our local communities.
6. The mission of the Church; missionaries Pastor David and Valerie Federwitz who are serving with Lutheran Bible Translators; Pastor Matt and Kali Wood who are back in Indonesia to continue their mission work there.
7. Those affected by natural disasters like hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and floods, political unrest, victims of injustice, violence, and abuse; the poor and homeless, those affected by war in Ukraine and war in the Middle East.
8. Those celebrating birthdays this week: James Kruse, Olivia Vogt, Ca'Marion Colson, and Joe Bath.
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We pray that as we take advantage of God's invitation, we will truly be a congregation that is Powerful in Prayer

Sermon Outline

“The Gift of Hope”

Mark 13:24-37

Introduction: Today we remember as the Sunday of the Fulfillment. We know that Jesus Christ will one day return and bring the creation to the fulfillment God always intended. Knowing that Christ will come again gives us hope!

I. We Hope and Wait.

- Through the centuries, many have attempted to predict the day when Christ will come again. Obviously, all of the predictions have been false.
- No one knows the day or the hour when Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. Because we don't know the exact date, we must wait.

II. We Hope and Watch.

- Jesus tells a story about a man going on a journey who puts his servants in charge, each with a job to do, and tells the doorkeeper to keep watch.
- We watch for Christ to come again. We watch prayerfully, confidently, thankfully, and continuously. Those who trust in Jesus have nothing to fear at His return.

III. We Hope and Work.

- Jesus worked hard to accomplish our salvation. It wasn't easy for Him to be nailed to a cross and bear the sins of all people. But because He loves us, He accomplished His work and won our salvation.
- We work, not to accomplish our salvation, Jesus did that already! We work to make His salvation known to others. We serve others in Christian love and share our faith in Jesus so that they, too, might know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Conclusion: As we approach Advent and Christmas on this Last Sunday of the Church Year, we anchor ourselves in hope for Christ's final coming. We wait and watch and work in hope, with our eyes fixed on Jesus.