

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Birthdays:

Marilyn Trinklein – 90 on Nov 11th
Sara Wardin – 82 on Nov 11th
Walter Tessin – 96 on Nov 12th
Don Ector – 81 on Nov 13th
Nancy Reimer – 87 on Nov 16th

✠ Anniversary:

Gerald & Nancy Preuss – 67th Wedding Anniversary on Nov 17th

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sunshine Seniors 12:45 p.m. (School Cafeteria)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m.
Mary-Martha 7:00 p.m. (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
Trustees 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid 12:00 p.m. (Quilting Room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*
Liturgist: *Rev. Martin J. Hagenow*
Organist: *Mrs. Heidi Stecker (5:00pm); Mr. Brian J. Heinlein (9:30am)*
Acolytes: *Natalie McQueen (5:00pm)*
Zophia Zaleski (9:30am)
Videographer: *Anthony Wolter*



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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

✠ Baptism: Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Bennett Walter Beyersdorf**, son of *Chase & Skylar Beyersdorf*. Sponsors/Witnesses are *Sage Stradler & Braeden Beyersdorf*. We pray God's blessings on *Bennett* as he becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.

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“Prepare for the Lord’s Return”

November 11 & 12, 2023

† Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost †

Introit *Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Collect of the Day

P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18-24*

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Gradual *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

¹³But 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: p. 156

HOLY GOSPEL

C Glory to You, O Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED: p. 158 (Saturday)

HYMN: #516

SERMON

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: **“Prepare for the Lord’s Return”**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

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