

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 14, 2021

Service Notes: **Divine Service Setting Two, page 167**
 Hymns: 513, 508, 661, 759, 725, 713, 634, 510
 Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-14
 Epistle: 2 Peter 3:3-14
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
 Sermon: "Blessed or Cursed" Matthew 25:31-46

8:00 a.m.: Grade School Band
 Preservice: "The Church's One Foundation"
 Offertory Anthem: "The Righteous Judgment of God"
 Postlude: "Beautiful Savior"

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	11/04	6:30 p.m.	41
Saturday - Funeral Service for Mrs. Brook	11/06	12:00 p.m.	290
Sunday	11/07	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	117 49

BULLETINS are given by Carol LaPointe in memory of her sister Karen Paull. **FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Carol Georgson's 85th birthday and Isaac Sievert's 16th birthday.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

THANK YOU The family of Kathy Brook would like to sincerely thank Pastor Fabrizio and the entire congregation for their love and support. Thank you also to the brass players during the funeral service and the kitchen helpers during the reception. During these last years, you cared not only for the individual in her body, but more importantly for Kathy's soul as you encouraged her faith until her final departure into eternal rest and victory.

THANK YOU to the Grade School Band and their director, Mr. Ken Wiele, for their participation in worship at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service.

NO BIBLE CLASS on Wednesday, November 17. Pastor will be in Oklahoma celebrating his father's 92nd birthday.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	11/14	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	11/18	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	11/21	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Betty Bliese, Barbara Blue, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, Brandon Crawford (nephew of Jan Wicks), John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Glenn Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Elaine Jenson, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Lois Kennedy, Clarence Laube, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Barbara Wieting.

SCRIP The profit for November was \$177.77. The next order due date is Sunday, **December 5**. Please see the bulletin insert for special Scrip deals for your December order (low denomination cards). A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

POINSETTIA ORDERS The last day to place a poinsettia order is Sunday, November 14. Please see the order form insert for more information.

THE GIVING TREE will be set up in the narthex the week after Thanksgiving. We will sponsor individual families again this year. If you would like to donate but cannot shop, you can choose a monetary ornament and give either money or a gift card (e.g., Pick 'n Save, Target, Walmart, etc.). If you are going to give a monetary gift, please consider buying a Scrip card. The deadline to order Scrip is **Sunday, December 5**. The deadline to return gifts is **Sunday, December 12**. Please see the insert for more information.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Our Father's will be having our Sixth Annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity to set aside the hustle and bustle of the holidays and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. A display will be set up in the narthex to sign up for sponsoring a table. Mark your calendars!

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/20-11/9/20)	\$199,182.91
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/21-11/8/21)	\$203,920.65
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$220,838.46
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$16,917.81)

CHURCH FINANCIALS Over the last year, the financial situation of Our Father's stabilized and even improved, thanks to the generosity of the members of the church. However, Our Father's finds itself again falling behind when comparing expenses to revenue. The Church Council prayerfully and respectfully requests that members consider increasing their giving so that we can continue to meet our expenses. OF Church Council

ALTAR GUILD We are in **DIRE** need of volunteers to serve on Altar Guild. We are unfortunately down to six volunteers, and one of them is out of state for winter months. This means that every 5-6 weeks our turn repeats. The duties include setting up communion for Sunday services, resetting from one service to the other, as well as Thursday evening service, and cleanup of our communion vessels and purificators. Please contact Linda Hojnacki at (414) 427-5949 or talk to me directly for more information. I am hoping a few additional members will consider serving our congregation in this very significant and meaningful role.

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THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 14, 2021

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:9-14 (ESV)

⁹ As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹ I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³ I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3:3-14 (ESV)

³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 50:1-15 (ESV)

¹ A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. ³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. ⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! ⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

INTROIT

O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen a- | gainst me;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**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.**

O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

Psalm 54:3-5, 7; antiphon: vv. 1-2

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“Blessed or Cursed”

November 14 through November 20, 2021

“Grant us so perfectly and without all doubt to believe.” But this is not the end of what we pray for there must be an object to faith. Of course, many speak of “believing in god,” but their faith is empty if it is not in Christ alone. Here we pray that our Father in heaven would grant that we cling to His promises alone for our salvation. It is significant that we pray for the removal of doubts, for these are the enemy of faith and are a sign of a division in our faith. A faith which is grounded on Christ, the Rock, will stand firm and certain of salvation. There is no uncertainty of salvation for all has been accomplished by Christ who perfectly and without all doubt trusted in His Father.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ²¹ No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 43

PSALMODY PRAYER: God of my strength, deliver me from the oppression of my enemies. Comfort me in my mourning with the light and truth of Your Word. Feed me at Your holy altar that I might be filled with joy and my lips burst forth in praise of Your salvation. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	2 Kings 4:38-44
Tuesday	2 Kings 6:1-7
Wednesday	2 Kings 6:8-23
Thursday	2 Kings 6:24-7:20
Friday	2 Kings 9:1-37
Saturday	Matthew 25:1-13

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Lord’s Prayer

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that in all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be thy name.

What does this mean? God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Luther, Lectures on Genesis 19:14: It is certainly true that God governs this visible world not only through men but also through angels. Of course, He could kill thieves without the services of an executioner and without the verdict of an officer of the state, as He sometimes does, especially in the case of murderers. He could also create human beings without the union of a male and a female, just as He created Adam and Eve. But it has pleased the Divine Majesty to make use of the help and services of human beings, evidently in order to reveal His marvelous divine power in His creatures, whom He did not want to be idle. Therefore, Paul (1 Cor. 3:9) calls us all God’s fellow workers; for He makes use of our help for various purposes, just as He makes use of the help of the angels, whom He endowed with such great might that by their own or innate power they are able to destroy lands and peoples if God is with them. Moreover, it is a great glory to be endowed with such great might; for it is well known that at the time of King Hezekiah the angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrians in a single night and by a single assault (2 Kings 10:35). ... Indeed, the story of Job proves that even the wicked angels are endowed with great power. It is profitable to know these facts; they serve to comfort the godly but to frighten the ungodly. For we who believe must be certain that the princes of heaven are with us, not one or two, but a great multitude of them, as is recorded in Luke that the heavenly hosts were with the shepherds (Luke 2:13). But if we were without this protection, and the Lord did not restrain the fury of Satan in this manner, we would not remain alive for a single moment. From the account of Job, one can gather sure enough proof of what Satan is able to do and of what he desires

most. He stirs up storms, hurls thunderbolts, or, in the language of Scripture, lets fire fall from heaven. He sends enemies; he even infects the body and covers it with boils. Therefore, the good angels are busy in order that the fierce enemy may not inflict harm. Neither medicine nor other means would be effective by themselves if the angels were not present. And the fact that new remedies become known when new diseases make their appearance—this is not a matter of the diligence of human beings; it is a service of the angels, who direct and urge on the hearts of the physicians, just as Satan directs and urges on his own, as Paul bears witness (Eph. 2:2). Accordingly, what Moses states in this passage about the good angels who lay waste and destroy the earth serves, in the first place, to teach us to fear God, since we have such a powerful opponent in Satan. In the second place, it teaches us to trust in the goodness of God, who has appointed such excellent princes and leaders through whom He so mightily defends His people. Everybody is aware of what Satan achieves through the Turk, the Roman pope, and the fanatical spirits, not only by attacking bodies but also by seizing souls and holding them captive (2 Tim. 2:26). But this protection of the angels, which God wanted to be more powerful than Satan, gives us comfort.
(*LW* 3:270-271, St. Louis: Concordia, 1961)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB* 883 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"
(stanza 1)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 21, 2021
"Watchful Virgins"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 512, 516, 883, 585, 548, 621, 624, 514

READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Who were these virgins? They are a picture of the virgin Bride of Christ, the Church. The virgin Bride eagerly awaits the arrival of Her Bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ. However, listen carefully, O Bride of Christ, to what our Lord proclaims. All the virgins fall asleep for all will die, but why then are some not admitted to the wedding feast of the Lamb? They do not have enough oil, that is, the oil of the Spirit who anoints us as His people through the preached Word, the waters of Baptism, and the healing feast of the Supper here on earth. The lamp, which brings the light of the World to us, is the Word of God in which the oil of the Holy Spirit burns brightly but does not consume us. Without this light, faith shall surely die and we will be left outside in the darkness, but those who hear the Word of God and keep it are the wise virgins who live through Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God. Surely, the Lord comes quickly to His people like the Bridegroom. Those who have been content with their outward membership in the church but have not been filled up with the Spirit, through hearing the preaching of His Word and being fed by Christ, will not be prepared. Those are truly well prepared who live by faith in His Word and have been prepared through that Word alone.