

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, November 5

Sunday, November 8

Be Prepared and Ready – Matthew 25:1-13

- 1. It is always best to be ready, but ready for what?**
- 2. Winter preparations are important. But 'Last Day' preparations are most important.**
- 3. For weddings at that time ...**
- 4. Five planned and were ready. Five were surprised and panicked.**
- 5. You cannot borrow another person's 'oil'. And once the door is shut it remains shut.**
- 6. Since only the Father knows the day and the hour we need to be ready now.**
- 7. Jesus makes it possible for us to enter the wedding celebration through his sacrificial death. A strong faith in him will allow us to enter.**

For further reading and family discussion: Matthew 24:36, 42, 44 and 50.

No invisible return of Jesus before his visible return on the Last Day – No unscriptural 'rapture'. <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=417>
<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/doctrine#rapture>

No purgatory.

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/denominations#purgatory>

No reincarnation. <https://bible.org/question/what-does-bible-say-about-reincarnation>

Children's Message

Why should every home have a well-stocked first aid kit and also have a flashlight with strong batteries?

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is “*darkness, and not light*” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “*burnt offerings and grain offerings,*” nor will He look upon their “*peace offerings*” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “*justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream*” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “*to the dealers*” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we “*encourage one another with these words*” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “*with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,*” and “*we will always be with the Lord*” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS – Our Special Missions project for the last quarter of the year 2020 is the ministry to the deaf, specifically the work done at and through “Evangelical Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation do the Deaf”. This congregation is located in West Allis (2306 S 98th Street). The Rev. William Palmer has been their pastor for the last 34 years. They minister to all deaf of the Greater Milwaukee area. This is a worthy cause and your gifts to Special Missions will sustain the proclamation of the Gospel in sign language!

MITES Please remember to bring your mites. The first grant of the 2020-2022 Biennium is **Church Worker Student Grant, \$30,000**. We are half way there. This money will help seminarians purchase their books. The need for new pastors is great.

BIBLE STUDY

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY If you are interested in participating in an online Bible Study on the book of Psalms, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com. The study is held on Zoom at 9am and 7pm each Tuesday.

CHURCH INFORMATION

YOUTH GROUP All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited to join us for a VIRTUAL night of fun and games on Sunday, November 8th from 6-8pm. Watch your email for a Zoom link. If you are not on our email list, please contact Jaime at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

On Sunday, November 22nd, we'll do our annual shopping competition for the food pantry, but with a twist! Rather than shopping in the store, we'll compete with online shopping to see who can get the most for their money!

GOOSECHASE Join us as we go on an online scavenger hunt, using the app "goosechase". Here's how to play: download the goosechase app and create an account. Search for the game "Goosechase through the Scriptures" or by using the game code WKX44P. The password is praiseandthanksgiving. As a family or individual, look up each Bible reference clue and find what the verse is referring to. Then, take a picture of that item and submit it. Extra points will be given for creativity and for including one of your family/team members in the picture. The goosechase runs from November 1-30 and the winning team will receive a \$25 gift card! Happy chasing!

SCRIP While SCRIP gift cards may not be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, you are still able to purchase cards through our order forms. Simply fill out your order, include your payment (checks can be made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran), and place it in the SCRIP mailbox, which is located on the north side of the Narthex. The order forms are available near the SCRIP bulletin board in the hallway. Your order will be placed in your church mailbox when it arrives unless other arrangements are made. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

PILLOW CASE DRESSES Thank you to all our sewers that have kept busy making pillow case dresses! A total of 91 dresses have been delivered to The Attic Workshop since the end of September. More pillow cases have been donated if you are in need of a new project!

BUDGET REVIEW Due to restrictions on gathering safely in large numbers, the Church Council has decided to not hold a Fall Voter's Meeting. Rather, the Council will be voting on the church budget for 2021. If you have questions or concerns regarding the budget,

please reach out to Council Chairman Bob Kunz at bobkunz1988@gmail.com. If you would like a copy of the 2021 Proposed Budget, please contact the church office.

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK We are excited to introduce two new weekly segments on our YouTube channel (Blessed Savior Lutheran-New Berlin) and Facebook (@BlessedSaviorNBWI), in addition to our regularly posted material. If you haven't already followed or liked these pages, please do so! It's a great way to stay connected!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Please make plans to join us in praise and thanksgiving at our Thanksgiving Worship Services. We will worship in person on Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm and Thursday, November 26 at 9am. An online Worship Service will be posted on Wednesday morning for you to use at home.

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Chuck Arliss Judy Joyce Karen Rob
Adeline Richard John Nora Carol

Bulletins are donated by Don & Deb Marx in celebration of their 38th Anniversary.

Special intercessions: please pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Last Week's Attendance: 130

Last Week's Offerings: \$6,881.00

YouTube Attendance: 115

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00