

The Year of Mark

2020—2022 Worship Calendar

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Introducing the

**2020-2022 WORSHIP CALENDAR
for
BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Dear Friend:

The fact that you are reading this is a statement of freedom. There are countless Christians around the world who are still suffering persecution from government and from other beliefs. They cannot publish their service times and places for fear of being attacked and having their divine services disrupted. To be able to determine our worship schedule a year in advance is indeed, a gift from God.

This booklet is intended to assist you in enriching your worship life. As you can see, the weekly readings and themes are not chosen at a whim, but through thoughtful study and deep contemplation. As I pass this Worship Calendar to you, I pray the Lord to guide you in its diligent use.

At Blessed Savior we follow the "Three-Year Series" of Bible readings. During this present Church-Year we will be reading the "C" series.

Weekly Worship participation is by far the best gift you can give yourself and your family. Sporadic attendance makes for fragmented knowledge, fragmented involvement, fragmented participation, fragmented sense of belonging. The Lord called these meetings Himself and spaced them seven days apart. Some are in the habit of meeting with the Lord every 21 days or 28 days, or worse. How can the Lord bless and enrich a soul that resists Him and despises His precious gifts. How sad it is to see people opting for passing Blessings, and denying themselves the eternal gifts from God.

May the Lord bless us all and enrich us with His Word and the Sacraments as we assemble in His name every week!

Pastor Martinho Q. Sander

The Church Year

*Like any family, the church also has special dates it observes.
The Church Year follows a logical course
from the beginning of God's promise of a Savior
until the fully established Christian church on earth.*

The Church Year is divided into two halves, totaling six seasons. The first half of the Church year is called the festive half, because it focuses on all the things the dear Lord God has done and continues to do for us. The second half is called the non-festive half. It focuses on the life of the Christian. This half emphasizes the task of the Church: to proclaim the Word of God to all people in every land.

The seasons of the Church Year are as follows:

ADVENT is the four-week period before Christmas. During this season we are reminded of the second coming of the Lord Jesus (Judgment Day) and of the importance of preparing our hearts for that day. It will be the most joyful day for the believers, but the most dreadful day for the unbelievers.

CHRISTMAS means "The Time Of Christ." Christians around the world celebrate with great joy the incarnation of the Son of God. Jesus Christ is born! Immanuel: God with us. The incarnation of the Lord Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior to save the world from sin and its wages: death.

EPIPHANY means "to show around." What does the Lord show around? He shows His Son who came to reveal God's love for the lost souls. Salvation is found in no one else. For this reason the Church must focus on its task to proclaim the Gospel now, while we have time.



LENT begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. The emphasis of this season is like that of Advent; the preparation of our hearts. We do this through the "disciplines of Lent": introspection (self-examination of one's life as a Christian), contrition (sorrow for one's sins) and repentance (asking God for forgiveness). So, we are sorely made aware that our Lord Jesus Christ—the Lamb of God—was sacrificed for our sin.

EASTER is the most joyful season. Here the church celebrates the Resurrection of the dear Lord Jesus. His resurrection signals the full accomplishment of our salvation. Because Jesus rose from the dead, all who believe in Him as their Savior will rise also. During this joyful season, Christians greet each other not with the common "good morning," but with a bold "THE LORD IS RISEN!" and the reply "HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!"



PENTECOST means 50th. The last great festival in the church year celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. At His Ascension, Jesus promised to send the disciples the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Teacher, the Paraclete (one who walks with us). On the 50th day after Jesus' Resurrection the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples and enabled them to proclaim boldly the salvation Christ accomplished by dying for us and rising from the dead on the third day. The Day of Pentecost also introduces the longest season in the church year.

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST This season extends itself all the way from Pentecost Day to the end of the Church year. Its focus is on the life of a Christian and all God can accomplish when we live according to His will and humbly share our faith and God's love with those around us. All Christians have received the Holy Spirit, who uses Holy Baptism and His Word to work faith in us. Therefore, like the disciples, we too are enabled and equipped to proclaim the Gospel—God's love in Christ—for the salvation of the world!

Beginning of a New Church Year

ADVENT



In the year of 374 Ambrose was consecrated Bishop of Milan, Italy. He thought that, just as we prepare ourselves with deep devotion and meditation before the crucifixion of Jesus, so we should also prepare our hearts for His incarnation. So started the observance of Advent. Ambrose started Advent five weeks before Christmas. The church in Rome decided on four weeks. Eventually, four weeks was the accepted period.

The word Advent is Latin for "at the coming," or "just before the coming." It refers to the coming of Jesus Christ. The church speaks of the "three comings" of Christ. **First, at His incarnation. Second, His constant coming to us in His Word and Sacraments. Third, His return in glory to judge the living and the dead.**

In our Advent season, let us then celebrate the first coming, while preparing the world by proclaiming the Gospel for the return of our dear Lord Jesus Christ!

NOVEMBER

29 First Sunday in Advent

"The Rules of The Pottery" Isaiah 64:8

In the beginning of a church year a review of the rules by which we are to live makes sense. Isaiah acknowledges God's authority and declares that it is God who forms our entire life. "We are the clay, God is the potter." he says.

DECEMBER

2 Midweek Advent 1 (Online Worship)

3 & 6 Second Sunday in Advent

"New Heavens - New Earth" 2 Peter 3:12

Peter comforts the young Christian church with the promises of God. The church was severely punished not only in "Babylon" (Rome) but all over Asia. The author is no longer the impulsive Peter, but an aged, wise man, chiseled by God. He learned from personal experience to trust in God.

9 Midweek Advent 2 (Online Worship)

10 & 13 Third Sunday in Advent

"Jesus' Job Description" Isaiah 61:1-3

The Prophet Isaiah, who extensively writes about "The Servant of the Lord" gives us a glimpse into the future, when Jesus comes. Number one on Jesus' job description is to bring the good news to the poor. That hints at where our interest ought to be focused.

16 Midweek Advent 3 (Online Worship)

17 & 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent

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DECEMBER (cont'd)

- 24 Christmas Eve (Services at 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 p.m.)
"Swaddling Clothes - Manger" Luke 2:7
The King of the Universe - The Almighty Creator makes His entrance unassumingly. The majestic Ruler of the universe does not value earthly things and status. His status is that of a servant of the Lord . Glory to God in the highest.
- 25 Christmas Day - The Nativity of our Lord (Service at 10:00 a.m.)
"The Glory is Seen Daily" John 1:1, 14
It is Christmas Day! We rejoice with all humanity in light of God's gift to us. The most important quality of God's gift is that it applies to every day in our life. We see His glory daily! Thanks be to God.
- 27 First Sunday after Christmas
"Cycles x Chronology" Galatians 4:4
When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son. God plans and acts in cycles. We live in the time. We measure hours, days and years. God acts in time when the cycle is complete. He will guide and rule our lives according to His timing.
- 31 New Year's Eve (Service at 7:00 p.m.)
"Come What May" Romans 8:37-39
Two thousand years ago, Paul projects that "nothing in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." He not only mentions his time (present) but challenges powers of the future too! Well, we are two millennia after Paul and can be happily assured of the accuracy of his prediction!



DEVOTION HAS TO DO WITH DEVOTED

“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.” Psalm 46

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and praise your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

As anxiety levels rise, so does the search for spiritual enrichment materials. Bookstores have increased the size of their religious literature section in the last several months. The search for devotional materials is on. People who never before bought a devotional book, now are searching. The same is true to online stores. What gives?

Fear and doubts, stemming from Covid19 are driving the sales. People feel that they need to do something to set them aright with God.

Little knowledge is worse than no knowledge at all, we say. People mistakenly believe that they must **do something for God**, to appease the pandemic.

Like in so many other cases in the history of His people, God has already supplied the solution. But, also, as in so many cases in history, people choose their own ways.

Science says that the coronavirus is lethal and can be transmitted more easily than any other virus. People choose to ignore science and believe untruthful politicians and social media.

Our homeland is bitterly divided as we near the end of 2020. It seems that we have forgotten that we are all Americans, regardless to what political affiliation we belong. Our Lord Jesus urges us to let our light shine before men. (Matthew 5:16) As Christians we have an excellent opportunity to let our light shine in the present darkness.

We listen to our doctors for every aspect of our health care. I believe it is wise for us to listen to those who have nothing to gain, no political interest, except the satisfaction that they helped others fellow humans!

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JANUARY

3 Second Sunday After Christmas
"The King's Dream Was Real" 1 Kings 3:9

When the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, the result was real. God made an offer to the king: "Ask what I shall give you." Solomon asked for wisdom. Literally he said: Give me a listening heart. The Lord was pleased.



7 & 10 The Baptism of Our Lord
"A Mystery No Longer" Ephesians 3:3, 6

The Apostle Paul reveals to us what he was shown when Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He learned that Jesus came to save all the people of the world. You and I are to convey this Good News to all!

14 & 17 Second Sunday After Epiphany
"The Ever Expanding Church" John 1:50

As you can see, the color of the altar paraments is green. Green symbolizes growth. The Epiphany season focuses on the growth of the church. We promote this growth by going into all nations and proclaiming the Gospel.

21 & 24 Third Sunday After Epiphany

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28 & 31 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
"Jesus Identifies Himself" Mark 1:21-22

People were in awe seeing and hearing Jesus teach in the synagogue. He taught with authority. Then He expelled a demon from a possessed man and His fame grew throughout the land. Epiphany was happening!

FEBRUARY

- 4 & 7 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
"Jesus Still Heals" Mark 1:33-34
Jesus moved from town to town in Galilee. Wherever He went, people brought their sick to Him. He healed them all. So it is today. Wherever Jesus is, there is healing. His death and resurrection in our place heals us from sin.
- 11 & 14 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
"Look: A Glimpse of Heaven" Mark 9:7
Jesus went on a mountain. He took along Peter, James and John. There He showed them a glimpse of heaven. Peter was so impressed he wanted to stay there. Then God appeared in a cloud and spoke. Heaven is beyond our reason.
- 17 Ash Wednesday (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
"A Forty Day Journey" Matthew 6:6
On Ash Wednesday the church invites us to go on a journey of forty days with Jesus. It is a journey to the cross. He urges us to be sincere and truthful in our relationship with God. May we be enriched spiritually this Lent.
- 18 & 21 First Sunday in Lent
"Life Starts with Baptism" Mark 1:9
Jesus stayed with His parents in Nazareth until He was thirty years old. Then He went to the Jordan to be baptized by John, and then He started His ministry. He was endorsed by the Father - just like we are at Baptism.
- 24 Midweek Lent 1 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
- 25 & 28 Second Sunday in Lent
"A Lesson from Professor Peter" Mark 8:29
Peter teaches us why it is wise to trust in God and not in ourselves. In one moment he shines, only to drop the ball in the next. Peter learned from his short-sighted view of Christ. He ended up being killed for his faith.

The Significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fasting and temptation in the wilderness of Judea, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

Lent is a season of penitence—a time to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them.



MARCH

3 Midweek Lent 2 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

4 & 7 Third Sunday in Lent

“What? No Images of God?” Genesis 3:6, 15

There were countless images of pagan gods. People carved them out of wood, stone, or cast them in metal. Now, the one true God forbids His people to make an image of Him. He is different.

10 Midweek Lent 3 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

11 & 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent

“God So Loved the World” John 3:16

There has never been a single person who earned heaven. Heaven, salvation, the forgiveness of sin and a sanctified life are all gifts from God. It is through Christ’s sacrifice for us that we are saved.

17 Midweek Lent 4 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

18 & 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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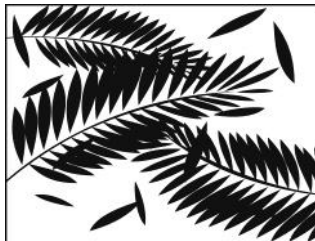
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24 Midweek Lent 5 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

25 & 28 Palm Sunday

“Our Humble King” John 12:12-14

Earthly kings make much of their triumphal entries. Weeks of preparations preceded this auspicious occasion. Not so with Jesus. He, though being true God, puts on the form of a humble servant. He serves us in His death.



APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 a.m.)
"A Most Enriching Day" Mark 14:22-26
The gifts that stem from "the night in which He was betrayed" are beyond precious. They bestow forgiveness, life and salvation. They teach us to love and to serve. We are enabled to do this through faith in Christ.
- 2 Good Friday (Services at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
"Crucified in Your Place" John 19:30
Unless we realize that Jesus was crucified in our place, we miss the point of God's gift. Isaiah describes the crucifixion in vivid detail. The author of Hebrews comforts us with "He makes intercession for the transgressors." Joseph and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus' body in bands of cloth.
- 4 The Resurrection of the Lord (Services at 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)
"Alleluia! The Shroud is Gone" Isaiah 25:7-8
Death has been destroyed! We celebrate the new life in Christ because it is eternal and perfect. The disgrace has been removed from us. We are free from the wages of sin. We rejoice in the resurrection - Christ's and ours.
- 8 & 11 Second Sunday of Easter
"Jesus Empowers the Church" John 20:23
The power of the church is the power of God's word. The church has nothing to do with military power. The power comes from Christ and finds expression in love. Yet, the church administers it's affairs at Christ's command.
- 15 & 18 Third Sunday of Easter
"Are You Ready to Preach?" Luke 24:45, 49
Jesus appeared in the upper room and greeted His disciples with: "Shalom—Peace." He also opened Scripture to them and promised to send them the gift the Father had promised: The Holy Spirit.
- 22 & 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter
"Can You Hear The Shepherd?" John 10:11
In our world there is a great number of voices competing for our attention. Unless we know our Shepherd's voice, it will be impossible to hear Him. We train our ears when we meet with Him in His house.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The liturgy is like a path in which we all walk together from the beginning to the end of the divine service. It starts with the Invocation and ends with the Benediction. It is interspersed with hymns that focus on, or enhance the theme of the day. The liturgy can be divided into two distinct parts: proper s and ordinaries.

The proper s change from Sunday to Sunday . The word *proper s* comes from the Latin word *proprium*, or, appropriate, in English. The proper s include the Introit, the Collect, the Bible Readings, the Gradual, and, sometimes the Offertory, the Collect of the Day, the Psalm, etc.

The *ordinaries* are the parts that do not change. The word ordinary means “nothing special”, or, “nothing extraordinary”. The *ordinaries* include the remaining parts of the Liturgy, such as the Invocation, the Confession and Absolution, the Kyrie, the Hymn of Praise, etc.

The *rubrics* receive their name from their color: red. “Rubro” is the word for the color red in Latin. You will see certain words in the Liturgy written in red ink. These we call rubrics and they are to the liturgy what road signs are to a highway. They give you instructions along the way. The letters C, P, and A appear in red in the Liturgy. They stand for *Congregation*, *Presiding Minister* and, *Assisting Minister*, respectively.

As you can see, there is plenty of evidence in our modern Liturgy that it really came from the ancient church, in which the mother tongue was Latin.

SHEDDING A LITTLE LIGHT ON

THE LITURGIES OF OUR DIVINE SERVICES

The word liturgy comes from the Greek and it means “the work of the people.” Liturgy is what the people do. The most common use of this word denotes what happens in a public religious service. We refer to the liturgy as the order of service – what happens from beginning to end in a Divine Service.

One of the most wonderful features of our Lutheran Service Book – our hymnal – is that it features many different liturgies. Some are appropriate for a specific time of day (Matins, Morning Prayer, Vespers, Evening Prayer, etc.) but most can be used at any time during the Church Year.

At Blessed Savior we try to switch from one liturgy to another during the various season of the Church Year. This makes for a rich spiritual menu as the saints assemble to receive the services of our Lord God.

However, there is a broader sense of the word liturgy. It can also mean the work of the people as the people serve their Lord by working in a soup kitchen, or adopting an elderly person in a nursing home, or painting a classroom in church. All these servant events or works done for the church out of love for the Savior too are liturgies.

On Sunday, the first day of the week, the people, then, work together in church. During the remaining days of the week each Christian individually does his/her work serving the Lord. That is our private liturgy. You could say that you worship the Lord through service and serve the Lord in worship.

MAY

- 29 & 2 Confirmation Sunday
"Confirmation in a Chariot" Acts 8:26-40
Philip was a disciple of Jesus. He was one of those who received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day. Now he is teaching a foreigner about Jesus while riding in a chariot. The church keeps growing as you also go places.
- 6 & 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter
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- 13 The Ascension of Our Lord
- 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter
"A Heart That Sees" Ephesian 1:18
The apostle Paul prays to Lord to enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may see Him better. The power of God is shown in Christ's resurrection and ascension. This guarantees our salvation!
- 20 & 23 Day of Pentecost
"The Church is Founded" Acts 2:1-4
It had been ten days since Jesus' ascension. The disciples were still together in one place. They were afraid to speak about Christ. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, things changed. They became courageous and preached in many languages.
- 27 & 30 The Holy Trinity
"Our God is Triune" John 3:5
Nicodemus came to visit Jesus one night, to make sure he was saved. Jesus told him that he needed to be born of water and the spirit. Isaiah was commissioned to be a prophet. Peter also proclaimed the Gospel. You and I are in good company!

JUNE

- 3 & 6 Second Sunday after Pentecost
"Life in a Tent" 2 Corinthians 5:1
Camping can be fun, but when the tents leak and collapses, it is better to move into a building. That is how Paul sees our earthly bodies. They are temporary. Our spiritual bodies, upon our resurrection, are permanent.
- 10 & 13 Third Sunday after Pentecost
"Still Living in a Tent" 2 Corinthians 5:2-5
God has it all planned: when the mortal is swallowed up by life, we will be given a spiritual body, like Jesus' upon the resurrection. So, we are always of good courage.
- 17 & 20 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
"Jesus Still Calms Storms" Mark 4:39-40
"Behold I stand at the door and knock", says Jesus. People who receive Him as their Savior walk through life in safety because Jesus watches them. Christians live without fear!
- 24 & 27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
"The Message Hidden in Sunrise" Lamentations 3:22-24
Jeremiah suffered a great deal in his life as a prophet. But, he never despaired. He kept waiting for the Lord's help. He wrote that the Lord's mercies are new every morning. Remember that when you see the sun rise!

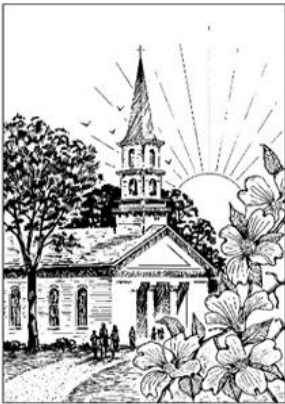
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Faith.
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What is

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod?

Before we speak of the Missouri Synod, let's just take a moment to examine the word "synod". It is a word composed of two Greek words: **syn** (together) and **odos** (road, way). To form a synod is to walk together, or, to be together on the road.

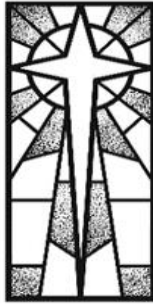
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was formed in 1847 in Saint Louis, Missouri. Several German-speaking Lutheran congregations got together and decided to form a united, harmonic church body (denomination) so that together they could achieve three goals that were impossible for an individual congregation to achieve. 1. Produce their own religious books to secure unity of doctrine (Concordia Publishing House). 2. Prepare their own pastors (Concordia Seminary). 3. Send missionaries into the whole world (Foreign Missions).



All of this the synod was able to achieve and until today that has not changed. The Synod's Concordia Publishing House only publishes materials that went through "doctrinal review." In that way, all congregations of the synod could stay connected by using the same catechisms, hymnals and devotional materials. The two seminaries have been training men (pastors) and women (deaconesses) for the ministry. The Synod also sent missionaries throughout the world, to places like India, Africa, Argentina and Brazil. In all those places, new "districts" or daughter churches were founded. The synod grew at an accelerated pace for the first 120 years, or so, but since the late 1960's has been slowly declining in numbers. At the present time the Missouri Synod has approximately 2.6 million members.

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church has been part of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod since July 10, 1960, when it was founded. It receives its pastors from the Synod's seminaries (Saint Louis and Fort Wayne) which it supports with special yearly gifts. Blessed Savior also strictly adheres to the Missouri Synod's doctrinal standards and supports its mission work in the world.

JULY



1 & 4 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Service Cancelled

8 & 11 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
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15 & 18 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
"Don't Forget To Look Up" Mark 6:41
Jesus looked up to Heaven before He fed the crowds. It makes perfect sense to us to look up and thank God for the food on our tables. Jesus will provide for every meal!

22 & 25 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
"The Covenant is Real" Mark 6:50-51
God speaks no idle words. When He establishes a covenant, we can count on it. In Holy Baptism God adopts us as His own, names us after Himself, and promises to be with us always to the end of the age. He is with us in the storms of life and even climbs into our boat.

Special Missions: What is this?

Interestingly enough, "Special Missions" is also called "The Third Bouquet." Do you know why? Because we used to place one bouquet of flowers on the altar on Thursdays and two on Sundays. Some years ago we started, at the suggestion of a staff member, to put only one bouquet on the altar on Sundays, and the donation for the second one went to a special mission.

We decided to assign a different recipient for special missions every three months. We carefully select a local mission and a foreign mission, to insure a balance in our distributions. In the past nine years we raised and sent more than \$100,000 to various causes: A Place of Refuge, Dominican Republic, Seminary Students in Brazil, flood victims in various places, Doxology, Inc, support for local missionary Micah Wildauer, and the list goes on.

Curious fact: to pay for the flowers, most people donated \$30.00 exactly. To special missions, checks of several hundred, even thousands, are common. Way to go Blessed Savior missionaries!



AUGUST

29 & 1 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Bonded In Unity with Christ" Ephesians 4:4-6

We are all brought together in the church which is the body of Christ. We are strong and kept safe in the church because Christ is Lord of all. We share one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.

5 & 8 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

"God's Therapy for the Blues" 1 Kings 19:

Elijah had just faced and destroyed four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. He fled to the mountains and hid in a cave. He was feeling downright depressed. The Lord healed him with a three-point therapy: rest, eat, and focus on God's Will in your life.

12 & 15 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

"Bread from Heaven" John 6:51

Jesus is the healing bread the Father sent into the world. Jesus is the cure for death. He is the only one who can save us from eternal condemnation in hell.

19 & 22 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

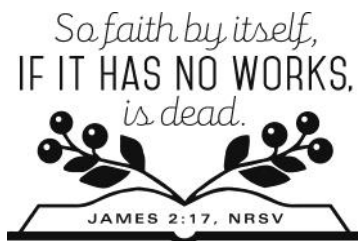
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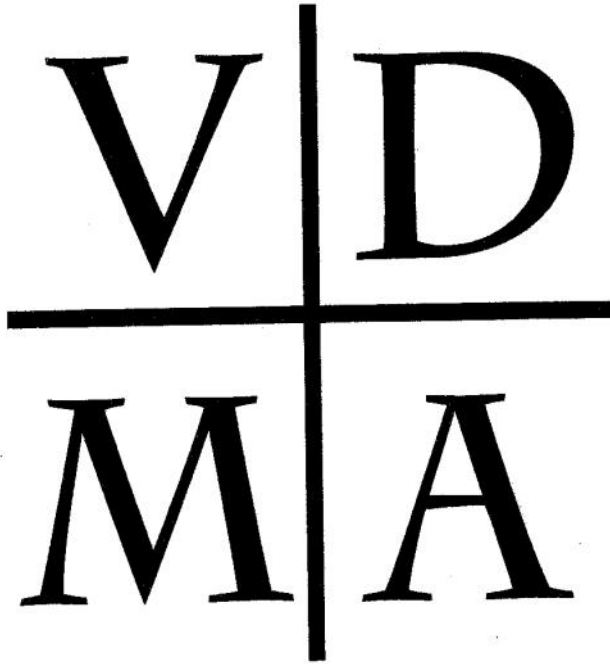
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26 & 29 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Faith as a Shield" Ephesians 6:16

Paul, in a farewell to the Ephesians urges them - and us - to take up the shield of faith. Faith extinguishes the flaming darts of the Devil. Faith keeps us safe in a close relationship with God.





VDMA = Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
(1 Peter 1:25)

“The Word of The Lord stands forever.”

*This was a motto of Luther’s sovereign,
Frederick The Wise.*

*It became the most famous Reformation
slogan and appeared on many coins, medals and
flags from 1531-1547.*

SEPTEMBER

2 & 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Visible Faith" James 2:15-18

The Apostle James calls us Christians to action. He warns us strictly not to be partial to various people but treat all with respect. He also says that if someone is in need of food we should not just wish them well. We ought to actually help them, out of love for Christ.

9 & 12 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Watch What You Say" James 3:6-10

The Apostle likens the tongue to a fire, a world of unrighteousness. He uses the analogy of the rudder on a ship: relatively small, yet it turns the whole boat. A tongue, though small, can stain the whole body. Curse and blessing come out of the same mouth. "This ought not to be so," he says.

16 & 19 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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23 & 26 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Stern Words for Parents" Mark 9:42

Throughout the Bible there are many passages that give parents the task of teaching the faith to their children. Jesus uses very stern words in this regard.

Parents who neglect their children's Christian upbringing will have to answer to God, who entrusted them with their children.

Welcoming the Stranger in our Midst

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing, some people have entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2)

People may decide to go to the store, the stadium, the restaurant. That is their choice. But, when someone comes into a church, they come at the guiding and urging of the Holy Spirit. In other words, when a stranger comes into our church, this person was brought here at the Holy Spirit's invitation. She or he is a guest of God Himself, and we ought to treat them with utter respect and friendliness.

Because we have three weekly services, not every member knows all the others. So it happens, from time to time, that we might welcome an active member to our church as if they were a visitor. But that ought not to deter us in being friendly to all who walk through the doors!

Remember: to be a door keeper in God's house is better than to live in the tent of the wicked, says the Psalmist! Psalm 84:10.

welcome
to our church family

OCTOBER

30 & 3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Childlike Faith" Mark 10:13

People were bringing little children to Jesus that He might touch them. Would that be a healing touch? Likely not. At the end of this episode He picked them up and blessed them. But it is noteworthy that Jesus became "really irritated" at his disciples, because the kingdom of God belongs to them.

7 & 10 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

"Present OK, But the Future?" Mark 10:21-22

The rich young man wanted to secure eternal life. His past and present had been secured by his great wealth. But wealth is not able to buy eternal life. Jesus told him to be a blessing to the poor. He became sad and went away.

14 & 17 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

"Death Got in the Way" Hebrew 7:23-25

The author of Hebrews contrasts the many former priests to Jesus. Death kept them from going on. Not so with Jesus. He defeated death and serves as our High Priest forever. He died once and for all.

21 & 24 Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

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NOVEMBER

- 4 & 7 All Saints' Day
"A Throng Arrayed in White" Revelation 7:14
Jesus showed Saint John a scene from Heaven. It was the redeemed gathered in front of the throne of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes. White is the color of purity. They were celebrating the victory of the Son of God over sin, death and the devil.
- 11 & 14 Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
"Oh, Those Christian Teachers" Daniel 12:3
Daniel prophesies about life after the end of time. We note what he says about teachers of the faith. "Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever." Oh, you Sunday School and faith teachers!
- 18 & 21 Last Sunday of the Church Year
"Spiritually Ready?" Mark 13:32-33
For this the last Sunday in the church year, all three readings point to the end. Jesus warns us to "stay awake," that is, keep your faith nourished by His Word and Sacrament. He guaranteed our salvation.
- 24 Thanksgiving Eve (Service at 7:00 p.m.)
- 25 Thanksgiving Day (Service at 9:00 a.m.)
"Thankful For America" Deuteronomy 8:10
Moses' description of the Holy Land, the land Israel was about to receive from God, is very impressive. But, when compared to America, we see how blessed we are! Thank the Lord for America!



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BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

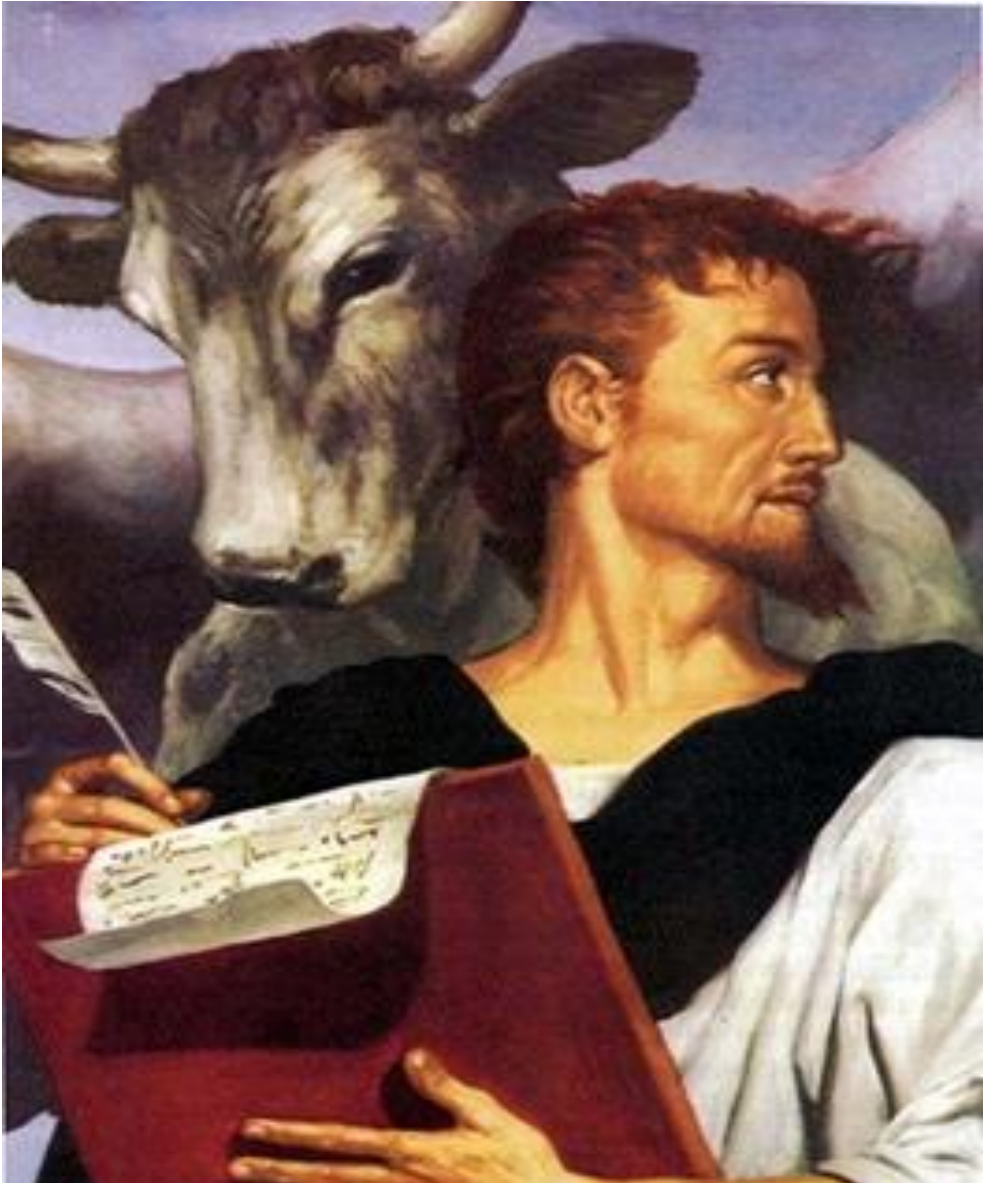
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About the Cover...

Gospel According to Mark, second of the four New Testament Gospels (narratives recounting the life and death of Jesus Christ) and, with Matthew and Luke, one of the three Synoptic Gospels (i.e., those presenting a common view). It is attributed to St. Mark the Evangelist (Acts 12:12; 15:37), an associate of St. Paul and a disciple of St. Peter, whose teachings the Gospel may reflect. It is the shortest and the earliest of the four Gospels, presumably written during the decade preceding the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE. Most scholars agree that it was used by St. Matthew and St. Luke in composing their accounts; more than 90 percent of the content of Mark's Gospel appears in Matthew's and more than 50 percent in the Gospel of Luke. Although the text lacks literary polish, it is simple and direct, and, as the earliest Gospel, it is the primary source of information about the ministry of Jesus.



Gospel



THE YEAR OF LUKE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 28 First Sunday in Advent
"Perfect Posture Shows Faith" Luke 21:28
Our dear Lord Jesus wants us to be ready for His return. On the first Sunday of the church year we are made aware of the end of this world. While some people will faint of sheer terror, Christians straighten their backs and raise their heads
- 1 Midweek Advent 1 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 a.m.)
- 2 & 5 Second Sunday in Advent
"The Baptizer's Speech" Luke 3:7-9
Almost 500 years after being announced by prophet Malachi, John the Baptist appeared. God fulfills His promises. Jesus promised to return. Through prayer we prepare our hearts to receive Him.
- 5 **Sunday School Christmas Service** (4:00 p.m.)
- 8 Midweek Advent 2 (Services at 11:00a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
- 9 & 12 Third Sunday in Advent
"Easy Does It" Philippians 4:4-5
Paul has a special relationship with the Philippians. They are family to him. He kindly writes them to treat everyone equally saying, "Let your gentleness be known to all!" To be gentle and kind to all is the way of life for Christians.
- 15 Midweek Advent 3 (Services at 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.PM)
- 16 & 19 Fourth Sunday in Advent
"How To Get a Strong Faith" Hebrews 10:9-10
A strong faith is easy to have: accept God's gifts to you! Many still believe that they need to do something for their salvation. Their good work is a gift from God to them. Relax, and live a holy life for the salvation of many.

DECEMBER (Cont....)

- 24 Christmas Eve (Services at 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 p.m.)
"Your Savior is Born" Luke 2:6
Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. The birth of our dear Savior is the most subjective event in the history of the world. He came to save the world. He was born for you, for me!
- 25 Christmas Day - The Nativity of our Lord (Service at 10:00 a.m.)
"Our Source of Pleasure" Hebrews 1:3
Our text put it simply: "After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." There is no lasting pleasure until sin is no more. In Christ, sin disappears and God's holiness shines through us.
- 26 First Sunday after Christmas
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- 30 & 31 New Year's Eve (Service at 7:00 p.m.)
"I Am With You" Romans 8:38-39
Paul draws from Jesus' last words to His disciples, right before His ascension: "I will be with you always to the end of time." The bond God established with us in Christ is unbreakable! As we step in 2022, that is good to know!



JANUARY



- 2 Second Sunday after Christmas
"These Marvelous Prepositions!" Ephesians 1:3-4
In reading the first chapter of Ephesians one gets a clear picture: God relates to us through His Son. Paul uses a lot of Greek word endings relating to Christ. These are all prepositions to us!
- 6 & 9 The Baptism of our Lord
"A Minister Administers" Ephesians 3:7
Paul was made a minister of the Gospel. As such he passes it along, that is, he administers, he gives it away. We are all ministers of God's grace. We all proclaim God's love when we live according to His will.
- 13 & 16 Second Sunday in Epiphany
"Membership Privileges" 1 Chronicles 12:4
To be part of God's family, one has to be invited by the Holy Spirit. Christians, endowed by the Holy Spirit, look at being part of the family of God as a precious privilege.
- 20 & 23 Third Sunday in Epiphany
"Remain in the Faith" II Timothy 3:
I cannot think of a better farewell advice than this: Remain strong in your faith. Your faith alone is more precious than all earthly gifts. Earthly gifts secured the past, they can secure the present. Your faith alone secures your future in Heaven. Hold on to your faith.
- 27 & 30 Farewell Service of Pastor Martinho Q. Sander
Guest Preacher: Dr. Andrew Bartelt

Dr. Andrew Bartelt, a professor of the Old Testament at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis. May the Lord enrich us all through his message.

**This Worship Calendar lists all
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Sunday Mornings at 8:00AM and 10:30AM
(Memorial Day through Labor Day: 8:00AM and 9:30AM)

Thursday evenings at 7:00PM

**Mid-Week Advent and Lent Services
on the Wednesdays of those seasons at
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