

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

“SPIRITUALLY READY?”

TEXT: Mark 13:32-33 “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert. You do not know when that time will come.”

INTRODUCTION: On the last Sunday of the church year, all three readings point to the end of time. Jesus emphasizes readiness for the end. The end will come suddenly, without warning. When the Lord returns in glory, there will be no time left for repentance. That time is now. There are some events in life that are predictable and foreseeable. The end of time is not one of them.

- 1** – Christmas is 33 days away – an eternity for our children.
- 2** – A challenge for us adults.
- 3** – The Complexity of Christmas preparations.
- 4** – Somehow, we get it all done, but, if not, so what?!
- 5** – Not so, however, with our preparations for the end.
- 6** – As Christians we have a responsibility to the world.
- 7** – We are sent into the world to help others prepare.

CONCLUSION: We prepare ourselves for Christ’s return in the year ahead doing what we have done in the year now ending: hearing and doing God’s word. Who was prepared in Bethlehem for Jesus birth? Mary, Joseph, and the shepherd were prepared. Why? Because they heard and believed God’s word spoken to them by the angels. An angel is a messenger – like you are – of God’s word to the world! Let us make every effort to deliver our message! Amen.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *"heaven and earth will pass away."* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). He is *"the firstborn of the dead,"* who in His great love *"has freed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *"his dominion is an everlasting dominion"* and His kingdom *"shall not be destroyed"* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *"a light to the peoples,"* which *"will never be dismayed"* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He *"is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,"* so wait upon *"the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life"* (Jude 20–24).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: We hope you'll make plans to join us in a service of praise and thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm and Thursday, November 25th at 9am.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES: Advent is a time of preparation, and as part of that, we offer midweek Worship Services for you to attend. Please join us on Wednesday, December 1, 8, and 15 at 11am and 6:30pm for a time to prepare for the birth of our Savior. Please note that these services are in-person only and will not be offered online. We will also not be hosting our soup and sandwich meal at this time.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Psalms.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the Sermon on the Mount.

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY at 7pm. Please contact DCE Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 7pm in the Library for a study on 1st & 2nd Timothy.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of John.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the church office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am for a study on Ephesians.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: For the fourth quarter of the year, our Special Missions gifts will support the SOS Center, an agency run by the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that helps Milwaukee school children and their families. The SOS Center offers after

school tutoring, teaches Bible Stories and exemplifies Christian love in action. Many volunteers make this ministry possible!

CHURCH INFORMATION

VOTERS MEETING: Please join us for our biannual Voters Meeting this Sunday, November 21st at 11:30am. In addition to updates on our ministries and the Pastoral Call Committee, we will also be voting on our 2022 Annual Budget. Copies of the budget are available in the Narthex for you to go over prior to the meeting.

KRINGLE FUNDRAISER: It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Youth Group is holding their annual Kringle Fundraiser now through the end of November. Kringles are \$10 each and come in a variety of flavors. Please see one of the youth sitting at the table in the Narthex to purchase, or contact Jaime Greene.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tickets are now on sale for the Women's Ministries annual Christmas by Candlelight event on December 7th! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased near the Women's Ministries bulletin board in the hallway. If you are interested in hosting a table or serving as a gentleman waiter, please sign up on the bulletin board.

BAKE AND CRAFT SALE: Women's Ministry will be holding its annual Craft and Bake Sale on Sunday, December 12th. We would greatly appreciate any donations of craft items you have! Please leave them in the Church Kitchen, clearly marked "Women's Ministry Craft Sale". Cookie donations will be accepted on Saturday, December 11th.

POINSETTIAS: They are available for purchase to beautify the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may place your order on the church sign-up sheet through December 5. Please use the pew envelopes and mark it "Holiday Plants".

CRAM THE CUBBY: Throughout the month of November Blessed Savior preschool, Sunday school, and congregation will try to CRAM THE CUBBY with non-perishable food items, these items will then be donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the barrel located near the SCRIP table.

COUPONS WANTED: Don't throw away those manufacturer's coupons that come in newspapers, magazines, inserts, etc! We are able to send these coupons to an Air Force base in England, where they can use them up to 6 months past their expiration date. If you are able, please cut them out, and bundle them by expiration date. If you are unable to cut them, we are able to do that for you. Please place all coupons in the military collection box in the Narthex.

ADVENTures: We invite you to join Jaime and Jennifer on an epic ADVENTure, this advent season! Come with us as we take a closer look at the Advent wreath and its meaning. Weekly we will post videos on our YouTube channel and send home an email devotion in Blessed Savior Bits. We strongly encourage our families to pick up an ADVENTure bag in the narthex and join us for this time of preparation. Happy Advent!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Please help yourself to the plethora of devotion booklets available in the narthex starting next week. Advent is a time of preparation and what better way to prepare our hearts than to be in the Word of God with a devotion.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We would love your help in decorating our Christmas Tree, Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas! Join us at 10am on Saturday, December 4, and stay as long as you're able! Pizza will be provided for those still here at 12noon.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Adeline Collin Judy Karen Karena Kay Laverne Lee Marlene Nancy Ralph

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

Bulletins are sponsored by Don & Deb Marx in celebration of Paul and Laura's birthdays.

Special Missions are sponsored by Keith & Sally Kamperschroer in thanksgiving for their 2 grandsons, Samuel & Judah.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR November 20 – November 28

SAT	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Voter's Meeting
	5:00pm	LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting
	6:00pm	Youth Group
MON	Scrip Orders Due	
TUES	9:00am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30pm	Women's Home Bible
WED	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Worship
THUR	9:00am	Thanksgiving Worship
THUR/FRI	Office Closed	
SAT	8:30am	Men's Bible Study
SUN	8:00am	Worship & Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour – No Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship & Communion

Attendance: 195 **Offerings:** \$12,940 **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800