

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 606 *O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking*

Liturgy page 12 ff. in the front of the Worship Supplement.

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

1. We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, We kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'ertake us, Escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us, Our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:11-27 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'"

“And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ And he said to him, ‘Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’

“Then another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ And he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’

“And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.’ (But they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas.’) ‘For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.’”

Hymn 604 *Great God, What Do I See and Hear?*

Sermon Luke 19:11-27

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Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 446 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 799 *This is the Feast, the Victory for Our God*

THANKSGIVING Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday morning at 9:30.

BOOK STUDY The group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30.

SIDEWALK We owe a special thanks to all who offered their time, talents, and equipment to install the new stretch of sidewalk west of the church. The project fixes a number of problems besides the broken sections that made snow removal more difficult. It should move water away from the building without creating ice on the walkway. Two drain pipes were embedded under the concrete to carry water from the sump pumps/roof to the gutter, and ultimately, the storm sewer. New window wells were installed. Be sure to check out the improvement that was made!

MISSION SOCIETY The group is scheduled to meet after the service next Sunday to discuss the idea of organizing a holiday gathering of donations for a local food shelf or women’s shelter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Each year, our CDS enters a tree in the “Christmas in Okabena” festival (Dec, 6). If you’d be able and interested in helping with this project, please speak with Mrs. Strike.

UPCOMING EVENTS The first Sunday in Advent falls on December 3. The first of three midweek services will be held on December 6. Next Sunday is the final Sunday of the Church Year.

CLC NEWS Pastor David Reim, Vernon, BC has returned the call to Marquette/Iron River, MI. Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mt. View, CA has returned the call to Mankato.

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