

*A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Proclaiming Christ 150 YEARS*

Sunday Bible Class:
9:00 am

Sunday Worship:
10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class
9:00 am

Holy Communion
is celebrated on the
First, Third, and Fifth
Sunday.



*The LORD
IS GOOD
and His love
endures forever
His faithfulness
continues through
all generations*
PSALM 100:5

**Welcome
in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you
join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us
for worship today, please
introduce yourself to our
pastor and stop by the
registration book at the
back of church.*

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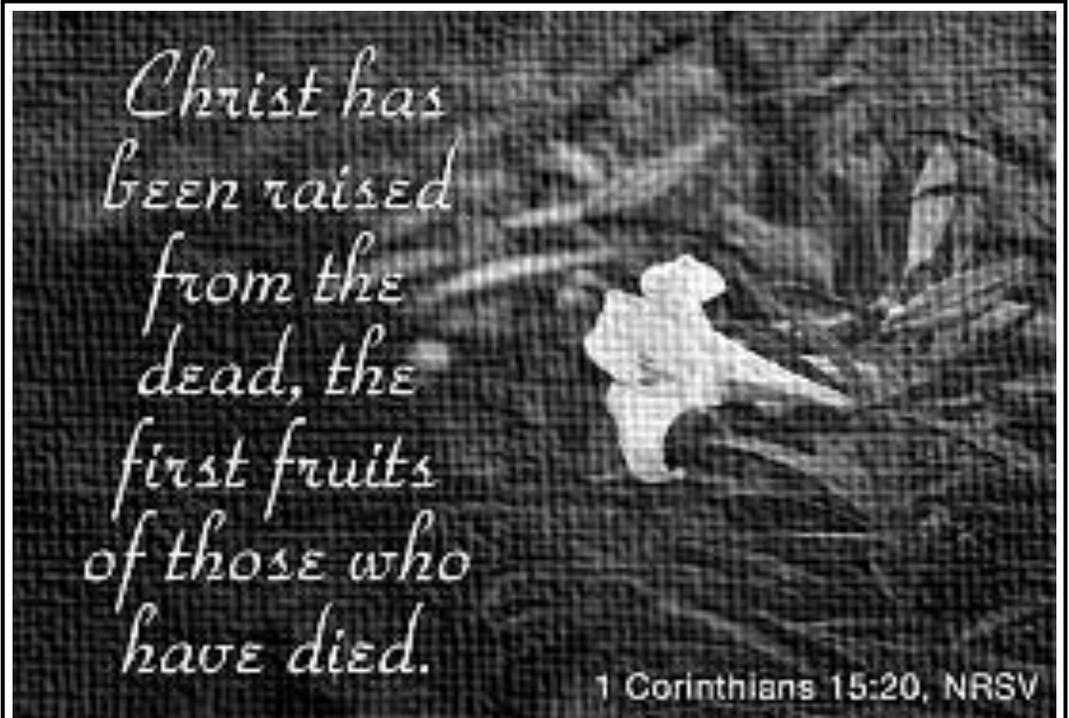
Pastor David Benning
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Parsonage Hours:
10:00am-4:00pm m,w,st

**Pastor is also available by
appointment.**

For Emergencies 24/7

† **Last Sunday of the Church Year** †
November 22, 2020



As We Gather... *Our Epistle lesson for today comes to us from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Corinthians, Chapter 15, plays a very important role in shaping the faith we confess together as Christians. It is from this chapter that we get our belief, regarding the two natures of Jesus Christ, that He was both God and man.*

Online Thanksgiving Eve Service
@ 6:30pm

Confirmation Moved to NEXT
Sunday ~ November 29

Opening Hymn:

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

LSB # 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Gloria Patri (Sung)

LSB 186



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie (Sung)

Mark 10:47

LSB 186

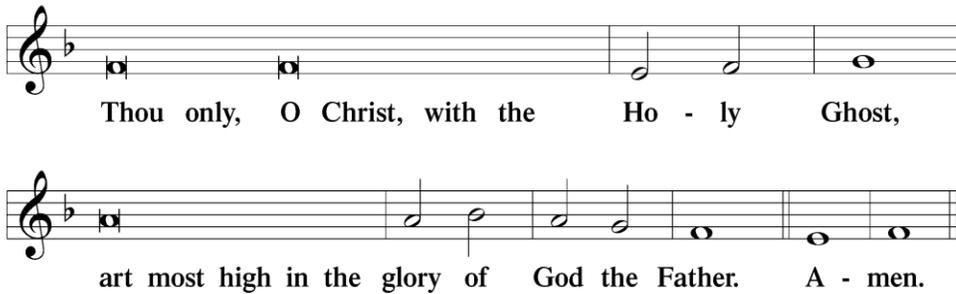


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis (Sung) Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

LSB # 205

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit. (Sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.* ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-Fifth Chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then 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. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And 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. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

Apostles Creed

LSB 192

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead.
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB #707



I Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

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Offertory (*Sung*)

Psalm 51:10-12

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person. One is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone’s app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord, continue to use the gifts You have given us, to help others in a way that is kind, gentle, and patient. Give us a heart to share Your Word with the wayward and the lost, and the forgiveness that only comes through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And with thy spirit. (*Sung*)**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: **Thanks be to God. (*Sung*)**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (*Sung*)**

Anniversary Closing Hymn:

For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB # 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.

Church News

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A Special Voter's Meeting is set for TODAY, Sunday, November 22, immediately following the church service. We will be voting on the proposed replacement of the windows in the parsonage.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the highlights of our fellowship year was when the Couples' Club held their Annual Chili and Oyster Dinner.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly and Leave the rest to God!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we studied "A Tent for God." Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the cloud would hover at its entrance, the people remain in that place. **For discussion at home this week: "Our church contains a cross and a baptismal font. How are these items connected to how God is with us today?"**

PHOTOS

Next week is the final week to sign-up for the church exterior snow photo give away. Also, if you

would like any of the photos on the east bulletin board in the narthex - please help yourself.

LWML MITE GRANT UPDATE

With Praise and Thanksgiving to God from whom All Blessings flow, the LWML CID has funded the first mite project. A check for \$30,000 will be or has been presented to the LCMS-CID Scholarship fund for Student Workers. Even during these pandemic times, we have been able to contribute our mites for the spreading of the Gospel. This grant especially is meaningful as funding is needed for full time church workers.

LWML-CID Mission Grant Mite Bytes 2020

Mission Grant # 4: Large Print Bibles & Devotions in Effingham ~ \$10,000

The St. John's Lutheran Braille Center in Effingham will print 7 books of the Bible, 500 devotional booklets for each month of the year, and 80 copies of Luther's Small Catechism in Spanish. The grant would provide funds for paper, boxes, envelopes and ink.

How can I help? Pray that God spreads the Gospel to the blind and visually impaired through these printed materials. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML society mite fund.

KFUO

This week on KFUO.org, begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and

vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (11/24 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

ANGEL TREE

St. John’s will once again participate in supporting the community’s Angel Tree! This year, St. John’s is collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes. A collection box, on the landing, will be available next week.

In preparation for Proper 29 – November 22, 2020

Our society today may speak often of big-picture thinking, yet it can be remarkably short-sighted. It doesn’t think a lot about the past, giving little attention to history. As for the future, it fails to think very far ahead. It tends to be wrapped up in the present moment and the near term.

The current church year ends this coming Sunday. The world’s year runs until December 31, of course, but the church ends its year earlier.

Here’s a reminder: It’s later than you think.

The church year ends in contemplation about “last things”: death, the end of the world and the return of Christ, and resurrection. However long we live, these topics never lose their importance. For it IS later than we may think.

A pastor was talking with a woman whose child was enrolled in a church preschool. He told her that the best thing the church had ever done for him was, in effect, getting him ready to die. It got him ready for the “last things.” She wondered, though. Really, she asked? Was that truly THE most significant thing the church had done for him? Wouldn’t he want to think again and single out something, perhaps, more immediate?

However, the pastor stuck with his original statement. The apostle Paul wrote, “If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.” Then, *in words that will be read in our church service this Sunday*, he went on: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:19-20). “Firstfruits” indicates more to come.

Those who die in Christ do so confiding in His promise to raise them up too. With such God-given faith, they can take the long view.

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