

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 12

November 18—23

Monday	Numbers 9-10
Tuesday	Numbers 11-12
Wednesday	Numbers 13-15
Thursday	Numbers 16-18
Friday	Numbers 19-20
Saturday	Numbers 21

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End Time 3 Saints Triumphant Nov. 14 & 17, 2013

The relationship between God and his saints will last into eternity.

Service of the Word

(page 38 and following in CW)

The Service of the Word makes room for the full scope of preaching and teaching God's Word in sermons and hymns. It was designed for use when there is no communion

Opening Hymn:

Hymn 730

STAND

After the opening hymn the congregation and minister exchange words of blessing to each other, using the words of the Apostolic greeting.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins and Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness) in this service emphasizes the scriptural themes of original and actual sin, and Jesus' perfect life and innocent death to remove the guilt of sin.

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See (sung)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

**Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

BE SEATED

Hymn:

Hymn 728

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 218

In Memoriam

Choir: For the saints who've gone before, who from their labors rest, we give thanks to you, O Lord, for lives of faithfulness.

They have found their resting place beside the living stream where they gaze upon the face of our Redeemer King.

You, the gentle Shepherd, hold each within your care, and the saints all feast at the table you prepare.

We remember those who died, who now before your throne kneel to you, our loving guide, whose grace has called them home.

M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and language,

C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them."

The reading of the names of those members of Zion called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday last year.

Choir: We in sorrow yearn for those we loved who now are gone.

Fill us with your sweet repose until we join as one.

Turn our mourning into song; our grieving, Lord, release.

For we know it won't be long; we'll meet the saints in peace.

We rejoice with saints of old who won the well fought fight.

Now your glory they behold, your kingdom and your light. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

STAND

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Though there will no peace for the wicked, the Lord promises peace to his saints in the New Jerusalem. Here we will dwell with the Lord forever as he takes joy and delight in us! Effects of sin like death and crying will be "the former things." They will be long forgotten, counted among the casualties of restoration. In joy will we carry out the activities of faithful living to the glory of our heavenly Companion. This relationship began at our baptism and finishes in eternity.

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain

or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain,”

says the LORD. (English Standard Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 150 (p. 122 of CW)

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:1-5

This lesson serves as a wonderful complement to the lesson from Isaiah, particularly the further description of the New Jerusalem. The vastness of this heavenly city is beyond our comprehension, even us who have been chosen to be its residents. This is our home “forever and ever.” But we will not live in suburbs, distanced from him who loves us and calls us by name. No, we who bear his name will serve our Bridegroom in his presence. We will behold his face. And he will invite us to reign alongside him forever.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (ESV)

Verse of the Day (sung)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus turns the Sadducees' test into a proclamation of resurrection promise. In talking to Moses, the LORD referred to the patriarchs in the present, though they had long been “dead.” The saints' relationship with the Lord does not end in death, it continues into eternal life. For we are “God's living children...children of the resurrection.”

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.”(ESV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 207

This is a revision of an earlier hymn. Bartholomaeus Ringwaldt published his revision in 1586. It was sung often during the Thirty Years' War, when everyone believed the end of the world to be near because of the horrors of the war.

Sermon

Revelation 22:1-5

The Promises of End Time

“...They Can No Longer Die for They Are Children of the Resurrection”



News From Zion



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Announcements

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. The Discussion Guide for November is available in the church basement and on the radiator to the right of the double doors in church.

Justification Bible Study This Tuesday, we will continue a study on Justification. This study is based on a paper that was given to the synod in convention. The two parts of the paper and the two studies are available in the church basement. If you are planning to come to the study, please pick up the paper and the studies ahead of time and read through them. If you can't join us for the study, please pick up copies of the paper and the study and challenge yourself by reading through them.

The Promises of End Time After journeying through the Sundays of Pentecost examining the life of faith, the season of End Time marks the end the Church Year. These are Sundays of promise. The remaining themes of worship are:

Christ the King *"...you will be with me in paradise."*

Join us and bring a friend!

Adult Christ Light will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

The House of the Lord Bible Study will continue next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. We will look at The Lord's Dream House (Heaven). Bring the family!

Thanksgiving Worship *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving* is the theme of this year's Thanksgiving worship. We will look at the things that lead us to offer thanks to God as we worship together and as we worship him by our daily lives. We will worship on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Thursday evening worship on Thanksgiving.

To All Members (men and women) of our congregation. As of January 1 our Ladies Aid Society as we know it today will no longer exist. In your mailboxes you will find a letter. Please take time to read it and fill out the information and return it to the baskets in the church basement. We would like the sheets returned by December 15. If you have any questions please contact Mary Laabs or Janice Kuchenbecker.

Help Needed We need people willing to usher in the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are willing to serve the Lord and his people in this way please speak to Steven Laabs or Glenn Laabs. We are also having more difficulty finding people willing to usher at any service. Please consider committing to serving the Lord and his people in this way for a month at a time. If you can't make it one of the Sundays, all you need to do is find someone to take your place. Smiling and greeting worshippers is a great way to serve our Savior!

Mail request Dennis Bruegge has been hospitalized in Milwaukee for quite some time. Please consider sending him a word of Christian encouragement. His address is: Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center c/o Dennis Bruegge room h8363 2900 W Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, WI 53215

Thank you!

Christmas Cards are available by the kitchen in the basement.

England Trip Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him and fellow WELS members on an eleven day tour to England and Scotland. The tour dates are July 14-24, 2014. Space is limited. For a brochure e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Justification Bible Study, church
Wednesday	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	6:30 p.m.	Band
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, communion
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Clifford Story Time, school
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church
	9:15 a.m.	House of the Lord Study, commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship:	396	(37, 238, 121)
Communion	234	(28, 143, 63)
Bible Study:	82	(23, 33, 13, 13)
Youth Study:	20	

WELS Celebrates 50 Years in Malawi

The Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA)-Malawi celebrated its 50th anniversary this October. Lutheran congregations throughout Malawi held worship services and fellowship gatherings to honor the LCCA's anniversary.

WELS world missionaries serving in Malawi along with Rev. Larry Schlomer, administrator for the Board for World Missions, attended some of the Malawian celebrations. Schlomer says, "It is an exciting honor to preach and participate in our sister church body worship services. The Malawi church welcomed us with singing, dancing, and an excitement that I will always remember. The national church leaders went out of their way to show a warmth toward our missionaries and to those of us visiting, a clear message of gratitude for WELS members' on-going prayers and assistance. The joy and enthusiasm at the receptions were

heartfelt and deeply moving. The growing membership—40,000 souls—and the maturing leadership, demonstrate God's hand guiding the expansion of this important world field. Many in Malawi still thirst for the saving message of our Savior. WELS' presence is vital."

Malawi, called "the warm heart of Africa," became a world mission field in 1963. Missionaries Ray Cox and Richard Mueller relocated to Blantyre, Malawi, after establishing a WELS ministry in Zambia. Ministry outreach in Malawi grew rapidly, and the LCCA-Malawi was established.

Early on, the focus for WELS missionaries was direct gospel outreach—witnessing to Malawians and starting congregations. God richly blessed those first grass roots efforts, and his favor continues as the roles of WELS missionaries are ever changing. Missionary Mark



Panning, Malawi field coordinator, says, "In years past, missionaries would be doing a lot of the ground level work in the congregations. Preaching the sermons, baptizing the babies, teaching the confirmation classes direct to the Malawians. We have a much more supportive role in the LCCA now than we used to. Now we're training more pastors and we're supporting the pastors that we have."

Today, 29 Malawian national pastors and six WELS missionaries work together to serve the LCCA-Malawi church body.

For more information, visit www.wels.net/missions/malawi.

News from Area Lutheran High School

MLHS You are invited to MLHS's 2013 Fall Play: "Maid to Order". Show times are 7:00 p.m. Friday Nov 15, 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nov 16, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday Nov 17 at MLHS.

FVL LVW, a summer WELS marching band, is hosting its annual Preview

Day on Sat., Nov. 23 from 1:00-4:00 pm at FVL. This informational event is for students from grades 8-12 and their parents. For more info on LVW & its 2014 season, visit the LVW website at www.lutheranvanguard.org.

News from the Sem

The annual Christmas Concert at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the seminary auditorium. The 50-voice Seminary Chorus will present anthems and hymns accompanied by organ, piano, and instruments. For more info, go to the seminary's website, www.wls.wels.net.

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