

November 22, 2020

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:

Strength and healing Alison (friend of Charlotte), Allan, Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Bruce (father of Jonathan), Dan, David, Dick, Elizabeth, Fred, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie (friend of Stephanie), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn** especially the family of Maxine Jeffries; **For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

Serving Us Today

Celebrant: Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD

Assistants: Vicar Michael Stainbrook

Jonathan Lackey (5 pm); Adam Tanney (8:15); Matthew Berry (10:45)

Organist: Jacob Weber

Altar Guild: Mary Jones and Marilyn Daughhete

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

Seasonal Insight: Green reappears on the altar as we near the end of the Church year in confession of the Spirit working growth in the Church as we await the end of the age.

O Give Thanks to the Lord: Join us on the Day of Thanksgiving, this Thursday, November 26, 10 am as we give thanks to Christ for His many blessings.

Matins: The Prayer Office of Matins will be prayed on Sunday, November 29 at the 8:15 service. The Divine Service will be celebrated on Saturday, November 28, 5 pm and on Sunday, November 29, 10:45.

Help Make the Sanctuary Bloom: Village will be adorned with poinsettias in December leading up to Christmas. All are welcomed to dedicate poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. Cost is \$17 per poinsettia plant. The signup sheet is in the lounge through Wednesday, December 9.

Giving Thanks for Judy: Our celebration of Judy Berger's faithful service upon her retirement is postponed until a later date. When it is scheduled, notice will be given to the congregation.

KFUO: Village's Sunday 10:45 service will be broadcast on KFUE December through February. You can sponsor a service in honor of a loved one or anonymously for \$150. Contact the church office to reserve your date.

Hanging of the Greens: Please mark Saturday, December 5 from 9-12 to join in beautifying the church for the Christmas season. Enjoy chatting with friends over coffee and donuts. Please sign up in the Lounge or contact the office. Many volunteers are needed and appreciated!

Giving Tree: Village is partnering with Humanitri to provide gifts for moms, dads and children who are in the Humanitri program. If you would like to donate a gift, please pick up an ornament with a tag on the Christmas tree in the lounge and sign your name next to that child's name on the sign-up list. Please return the wrapped gift by Sunday, December 6.

Youth Christmas Party: On Sunday, December 6, following the 10:45 service youth will gather in the fellowship hall for the annual Christmas party. We will have a fun gift exchange so bring an inexpensive gift (it can be a gag gift or not). Lunch will be provided. We also hope to go Christmas caroling if it can be arranged. RSVP to Pastor by Wednesday, December 2.

The Preschool Needs Your Help! The preschool is in desperate need of subs for the 2020-2021 school year. Please prayerfully consider helping out in the preschool. Thank you!

Katie Luther League: Remember that we do not have a meeting during December. Instead, all are invited to participate in the December servant activity. You may bring items or help with assembly on Sunday, December 13. For more information, see Marilyn Daughhettee or Karen Bogad.

Music Director: Applications for Village's Music Director position will be accepted through Monday, Nov. 30. Applicants may be directed to Pastor Golden.

Matthew 25:44 – “Then 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?’ ” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

This week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org, begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (11/24 at 2:00 p.m.).

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Sunday, November 22:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Tuesday, November 24:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

Wednesday, November 25:

4:00 PM Children's Choir
7:15 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, November 26:

10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday, November 27:

Office Closed

Saturday, November 28:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, November 29:

8:15 AM Matins
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Listening to Village---You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, **listen on online** by clicking on *Livestream during worship services* on villagelutheranchurch.org