



*Therefore keep
watch, because you
do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in this Advent season it is time once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we hear Your Word the Spirit may work in our hearts so that we come before You in true repentance, confessing our sin, and trusting in Jesus for full and free forgiveness. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, ready our hearts for His return that we may live before you for all eternity, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (73:1-3)

HYMNS: 68; 606; 64; 611:7

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah reveals how the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and elevated above all other gods. The Lord shall draw to Himself peoples from all nations. The Lord shall teach His statutes, His holy will that brings salvation, therein the glory of the Savior shall be revealed. The Lord shall judge between the nations and He will bring peace.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

Wake up! Look around you! Realize the time of the world. Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. So if the day of the Lord's return is drawing near let us respond appropriately. Let us shun the sins of the works of darkness, and walk as in the light day, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, making no provision for the flesh.

THE SERMON: Matthew 21:37-44

Theme: Implications of the Sudden Nature of Jesus' 2nd Coming!

- I. Sudden Means Life Goes On
- II. Sudden Means No Time to Repent
- III. Sudden Means One Needs to Constantly Watch

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow after the service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Advent meditations begin. Soup and Sandwich Supper begins at 6:00. Advent Meditation at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and **Christmas decorating and pot luck are scheduled to follow the service.** *Sermon text: Isaiah 11:1-10.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 7, 14: Midweek advent meditations. Soup and Sandwich supper at 6:00 p.m. Meditation begins at 7:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve program at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday December 25: Christmas festival worship at 9:30 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Arnie Ottjes; Melvin Eichstadt; Leon Hellickson; Phil Egtvedt

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: November 13 Worship – 21 Sunday school – 1; (No Bible Class) Thanksgiving worship - 13

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	1,025.00	
Needed for Year:	53,130.00	
Received for Year:	42,455.92	

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Timothy Wheaton, pastor of Living Word Lutheran, Blue Springs MO, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI.

CLC Missionary Call - Pastor Todd Ohlmann has accepted the call to become our CLC Visiting Missionary. Pastor Ohlmann will begin his service as CLC Missionary on January 1, 2017. We invite members of CLC congregations to attend a Commissioning service for Missionary Ohlmann at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Hymn 73:1-3 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Behold the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring,
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now
Creator, wise art thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings,
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now,
Mighty in deed art thou!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudness Sun of joy He is,
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now,
Our Comforter art Thou!