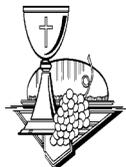




November 19 & 20, 2017 Saints Triumphant Sunday

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. The Bible tells us that this is a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason we ask our visitors to speak to our pastor before joining us at the table. **We follow "The Common Service," - pg 15.**



We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: #382 (verses 1-3), #579, #310, #382 (verse 4)

Prayer of the Day: Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Grant success to our witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Revelation 19:1-9

¹After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ²for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

³And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

⁴The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

⁵Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

⁶Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

⁹Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Psalm 84 (page 96)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to

meet him!' ⁷"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' ¹²"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

¹³"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Sermon Text: Mark 16:14-20

¹⁴Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Today's Message: (based on Mark 16:14-20)

"What gives us confidence in preaching and sharing the good news?"

Today we are blessed to have Pastor Daniel Lor bringing us a message from God's Word. He serves Trinity Hmong Church, our sister church that partners with First German Lutheran in Manitowoc. Pastor Lor has served Trinity Hmong since November of 2016. Prior to this, he served as a missionary reaching out to the Hmong people in La Crosse for 10 years. Trinity Hmong has been formally a congregation of the WELS since 2013 and is currently blessed with a membership of 135 souls. God bless our sister church and her gospel outreach to the Hmong of Manitowoc. A free will offering this weekend will support Trinity Hmong's ministry.

Thank you to our weekend pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman and Monday, Darci Matzke

This week's schedule, God willing....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Pastor preaches at Shady Lane 1:40 & MHCC 2:30pm

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Wed: **Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm**

Thu: **Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:30am**

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

MLHS SCRIP Tuition Assistance Program brochures and order forms have been put into member boxes. Stop and pick up your copy to learn how using SCRIP can benefit both MLHS and families sending their children to MLHS. As you begin your Christmas shopping, please keep in mind that you can purchase SCRIP certificates & gift cards from MLHS in advance to pay for your purchases at many local stores. These also make great gifts for that person on your list that is so hard to buy presents for!

Community Thanksgiving Day Meal at First German - How many times have you wanted to get involved helping others, but just didn't know what to do? Our MLHS Federation will again be sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal that is OPEN TO ALL. If you would like to help in any way, go to the MLHS website to see an online sign up page for ways you can help on either Wednesday or Thursday.

Our Midweek Advent Worship services are Wednesday, Dec 6, 13 & 20 at 4:15 & 6:30pm. There will be a Potluck supper between services on Dec 6. There is a sign up sheet for anyone willing to bring something to share for this meal. We also need help with set up, serving the meal and cleaning up after. If you can help in any way, please sign up.

Ladies Advent by Candlelight event is on Sunday, Dec 10th - doors to the fellowship hall will open at 2:00pm, with dessert & beverages served at 2:20. This is followed by our program "A Mother Remembers" which is a reflection on Mary's memories of her life with Jesus, from conception to the days following his death and resurrection. This time together is an opportunity for us to set aside the hustle & bustle of holiday preparations and focus our minds and hearts on what is really important – the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Christ. There are sign up sheets located on the red display table for those interested in hosting/ decorating a table or just wishing to attend. The sign up deadline is Monday, Dec 4.

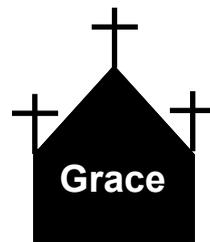
New "Meditation" books are available on the Information Table for a donation of \$2.

Poinsettia Sign-up sheets are located on the red table display. The cost is \$5 per plant. The sign up deadline is Monday, December 4.

Upcoming Important Dates in December:

- † Open Forums - Sunday, Dec 10 between services and Monday, Dec 11 following worship
- † Lakeshore Luth Chorale Concerts - Dec 2 @ Mishicot, 3:00 & Dec 3 @ Immanuel, 3:00
- † Voter's Meeting - Tuesday, Dec 12 at 6:30pm
- † Jesus' Lambs of Grace Christmas Program - Fri, Dec 15 @10:30am - lunch to follow
- † Decorate Church - Saturday, Dec 16th at 9:00am - can you help?
- † Grace Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, Dec 17 at 10:45am
- † MLHS Christmas Concerts - Thu Dec 21 at the Capitol Civic Center @ 4:30 & 7:30pm

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #82, 10:45 - #52, Monday - #56 = Total - #190



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Mark 16:15

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