

+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<i>This Week, 11/22 & 11/25</i>			
<i>Sunday, 8:00 A.M.</i>	Ed T.	Don H.	Maridol B. & Nancy W.
<i>Sunday, 10:30 A.M.</i>	Damian T.	Don H.	Maridol B. & Nancy W.
<i>Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.</i>	Dana B.	Don H.	Maridol B. & Nancy W.
<i>Next Week, 11/29 & 12/2</i>			
<i>Sunday, 8:00 A.M.</i>	Gary P.	Don H.	Maridol B. & Nancy W.
<i>Sunday, 10:30 A.M.</i>	Dave M.	Don H.	Maridol B. & Nancy W.
<i>Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.</i>	Damian T.	N/A	Maridol B. & Nancy W.

+ THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER +

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>Sunday (22)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service
<i>Monday (23)</i>		
<i>Tuesday (24)</i>		
<i>Wednesday (25)</i>	7:00 P.M.	Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service
<i>Thursday (26)</i>		Happy Thanksgiving
<i>Friday (27)</i>		Pastor's Day Off
<i>Saturday (28)</i>	9:00 A.M.	Outside Christmas Decorating
<i>Sunday (29)</i>	8:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	9:15 A.M.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Divine Service

+ GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE +

<u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
<i>Last Week Offering:</i>	\$1,716.00	<i>Year-to-Date Offerings:</i>	\$127,776.96
<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$128.00	<i>Other Income and Gifts:</i>	\$16,313.47
<i>Total Income This Week:</i>	\$1,844.00	<i>Total Income This Year:</i>	\$144,090.43
<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$2,988.54	<i>Needed for Budget:</i>	\$137,472.84
<i>Difference:</i>	-\$1,144.54	<i>Difference:</i>	+\$6,617.59

+ ATTENDANCE REPORT +

	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(Sun.)</u>	<u>(Sun. In)</u>	<u>(Sun. Out)</u>	<u>(Weds.)</u>	
<i>Last Week:</i>	25	34	5	4	68
<i>Last Year:</i>		110			110



+ LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR +

Sunday, 22 November A+D 2020 • 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

 <p>OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG</p>	<p>OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 420 W. Breitung Ave., Kingsford, MI 49802 (906) 774-1844 www.ourredeemerkingsford.org</p>
	<p>Rev. Matthew D. Ruesch, Pastor (906) 396-7401 • pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org Renee Wilson, Secretary secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org</p>

+ TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION +



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

+ ABOUT THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR +

BY FAITH WE ARE PREPARED FOR CHRIST'S RETURN *"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"* (1 Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17-25).

+ NEWS & NOTES +

SUBSCRIBE TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS: Anyone wishing to receive *The Lutheran Witness*, the official magazine of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please submit your name and address to the church office. The cost is \$22.56 annually. Please note that the June/July issue is a combined edition so there are only eleven (11) magazines mailed in total.

THIS WEDNESDAYS'S DIVINE SERVICE IS A THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. Please join us this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. as we give thanks to God for His many blessings by gathering around His blessings of Word and Sacrament.

OUR OUTDOOR DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place at 9:00 A.M. this Saturday, November 28th. If you are willing to help us set up the outdoor nativity scene and the camel silhouettes, grab your warm coat, gloves, and hat and join us!

PLEASE NOTE: It's winter soon and we will be in an enclosed space for services. To keep each other well, please wear a mask, carry hand sanitizer if you can or use the sanitizer at the entrance to church when coming into church, before Holy Communion and after leaving.

PLEASE BE AWARE that the 10:30 A.M. service is being live-streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page.

HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISERS Please consider our Giving Bean and Rada Cutlery fundraising groups. Giving Bean coffee can be accessed at the ORLC website under Helping Hands. Rada Cutlery can be accessed at www.radafundraising.com and selecting "your fundraising group" as Our Redeemer Michigan. There are also catalogues of the cutlery with order blanks on the table in the narthex.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS: "Issues, Etc." is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Thanksgiving in the Bible, The Lord's Prayer Petition "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread," God Condoning War & Killing in the Old Testament, The Book of 2 Peter and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR – Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

"THIS THANKSGIVING, let's remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet '[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy' (Psalm 126:3)."*Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Last Sunday of the Church Year
22 November A+D 2020

Liturgy: LSB, Setting Three, pg. 184
Hymns: 510, 516, 956, 623, 619, 644
Sermon: "Prepare for the Feast!" Matthew 25:1-13

NTROIT

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

- P** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
C everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.
P They shall obtain gladness and joy,
C and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
C let me know how fleeting I am!
P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
C Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
C My hope is in you.
P Deliver me from all my transgressions.
C Do not make me the scorn of the fool!



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:14-15

- P** In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
C with her virgin companions following behind her.
P With joy and gladness they are led along
C as they enter the palace of the king.

VERSE

Revelation 21:2

Alleluia. I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as bride adorned for her husband. Alleluia.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
¹⁸But 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.
¹⁹I 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.
²⁰No 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.
²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²²They 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.
²³They 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.
²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The 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.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not

escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."