

November 2018

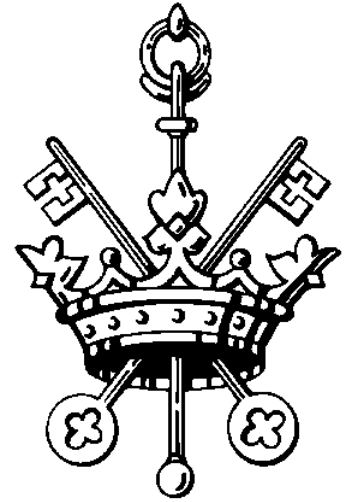
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Soldiers on earth wage war in their way and soldiers of the cross wage war in their way. The nations of this world honor their veterans and pay homage to those who have defended them. The Church likewise venerates those who have gone before us in the faith.

In John chapter 18 Jesus tells Pilate that His “kingdom is not of this world.” Down through the ages many people have understood this to mean that we Christians are to withdraw from the world and try to live, as exclusively as possible, in the kingdom of God. Some of these people have tried to renounce everything about life here in time and space. Some have cloistered themselves away in monasteries others have turned to pacifism, rejecting even the most basic authority of the state.

If Jesus had meant for us to take up immediate and exclusive residence in the Kingdom of Heaven He would have called us all out of this world and taken us to Heaven with Him at His Ascension. Plainly He means for us to live in both kingdoms, at least for a while. After all, there are some similarities between them. Earthly kingdoms have rulers and laws. The Kingdom of God is ruled by Our Lord and governed by His eternal Law.

Here in America, All Saints Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day all fall within the same month. On November 1st we celebrate the lives and faith of those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. On November 11th we celebrate the lives and service of those who risked, and in many cases made, the ultimate sacrifice for their country and their countrymen. On November 22nd we give thanks to God for soldiers and saints and for the fact that many, many people are both. Because Our Lord’s kingdom isn’t of this world we can be



both soldiers and saints. And let me assure you, from my own personal experience, I have known and know many men who are both.

This year, as our soldiers continue to be deployed in harm’s way around the world, give special thanks for the men and women who have served and are serving to keep you safe. Give thanks for the warriors who risk life and limb to keep you safe from terrorists and dictators and give thanks for the warriors who risk everything else to keep you safe from false doctrine, doubt, guilt and shame. And if, by some chance, you know someone who does both, say a special prayer of thanksgiving and consider yourself to be among the most fortunate people of all. Thank God, out loud, for everything. Say “Thank you” to those who guide you in The Way. For your own good, and while there’s still time, thank those who risk their lives for you.



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OUR VETERANS**

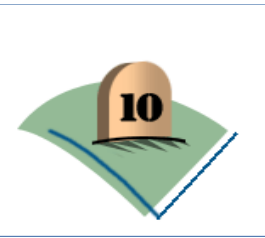
Pastor Varsogea

Sunshine Corner

Please remember in your prayers our shut-ins: Jerry Greene, Florine Sievers, Mary Allmandinger, Marilyn Dalman, and Stella Westerfield.



November Mile Stones



<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mark E. Dalman	4 th
Chris A. Greene	7 th
Calvin R. Lee	11 th
Daniel W. Dalman	13 th
Lydia V. Grogan	15 th
Wendy J. Harris	22 nd
Florine E. Sievers	25 th
Philip E. Pence, II	25 th
Karen Perry	28 th

<u>Baptisms:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sarah L. Miller	7 th
Keith E. Marlatt	10 th
Rev. C. E. Varsogea	12 th
Brennon D. Ramsey	12 th
Hayley A. Ramsey	12 th
Renee L. Densel	16 th

<u>Anniversaries:</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sue A. & Jon R. Weterick	12 th

These are listed so that you can celebrate these milestones with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 18	9:00 AM	Divine Service / Mite Box Ingathering
Thursday, Nov. 22	9:00 AM	Divine Service
Wednesday, Dec. 5	7:30 PM	Compline
Saturday, Dec. 8	10:00 AM	Ladies' Christmas Party
Wednesday, Dec. 12	7:30 PM	Compline
Wednesday, Dec. 19	5:30 PM	Hanging of Greens
	7:30 PM	Compline
Monday, Dec. 24	7:30 PM	Divine Service
Tuesday, Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Divine Service
Tuesday, Jan. 1, A.D. 2019	9:00 AM	Divine Service
Sunday, Jan. 6	9:00 AM	Epiphany Mass

B.L.C. Women's News

God bless each of you who are sharing your time, talents, and dedication in serving your Lord.

Look to the bulletin board for results from our Rummage/Yummage sale, better yet, you are welcome to attend the BLCW board meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm.

Ladies' Bible Class is Thursday the 1st, 10 am and/or Sunday the 4th, 6:30 pm at the church. Mite Box offering is Sunday the 18th at the Divine Service; Englewood Matins service, Sunday the 28th, 2 pm; and our first Advent Service is, Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm.



Worship Anew airs Sunday mornings at 7 AM on channel 21.2 EPTA, Sunday at 8 AM on Comcast 252 or Frontier 9, and on Comcast 55 or Frontier 25 at 4:00 PM on Sundays and Mondays at 10 AM. This month's schedule is:

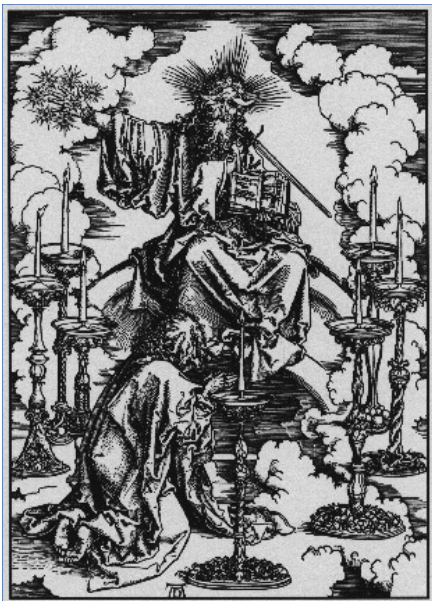
- 4th – on Rev. 7:9-17 by Rev. Dr. T. Ahlersmeyer
- 11th – on Mk. 12:41-44 by Rev. J. Elsner
- 18th – on Heb. 10:11-25 by Rev. W. Mueller
- 25th – on Mk. 13:33-37 by Rev. Dr. W.A. Maier III

Life of the Church

There is recurring theme running through Christian conversation whenever news reports either natural or political upheaval. This theme asks if the trials and tribulations we hear of in the news might not be the beginning of the end of the world. These questions arise almost any time there is significant trouble in the Middle East, Russia, or the Orient and they always come from the same people; those who think that they can predict when Christ will return again to raise both the living and the dead.

The answer is simple. Who knows? Everything that Christ said would happen prior to His return happened hundreds and hundreds of years ago. He could come back any second now and it is the great desire of every Christian that He do so. But there is no way to know when He's coming back. Our first indication of His return will be His return. No one, and I mean no one, can predict when Christ will come again. He's been very specific about that. Speaking of His return in Mark 13:32-33 He says this. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is."

We don't know when He'll return but we long for it and look for it and celebrate it on the Last Sunday of each Church Year, which falls on the 25th this month. At this Divine Service, God will prepare you for His return; so, we'll see you there!



The Confessions

Article XVII

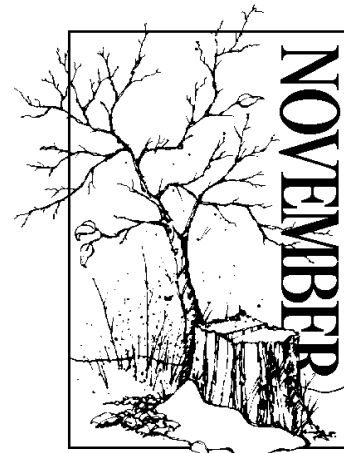
Of Christ's Return to Judgment

Also they [our churches] teach that at the Consummation of the World Christ will appear for judgment and will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

They condemn also others who are now spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed."

– Article XVII of The Augsburg Confession



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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43	9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Bible Study Ss. Simon & Jude			Reformation Day	10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study All Saints' Day		
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44	9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study						
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45	9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Bible Study						
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46	9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Bible Study		6:30 PM Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting		9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass		
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47	9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Englewood				10:00 AM Banner Folding	St. Andrew	