



Lake George Lutheran Chapel

November 2020 Newsletter

Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water



Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I suspect that some of you didn't see it coming. My retirement letter may have caught you by surprise. Yet, retirement is something that many of us have already dealt with or will soon be doing so. When should I retire, or how soon can I retire? What will I do after I retire? What will I continue to do that adds value to the world in which we live and to the families we dearly love? These are legitimate questions that many wrestle with as they consider retirement.

Interestingly enough, there is a Bible passage that relates to the retirement of the Levites. Here is the passage.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting. And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw from the duty of the service and serve no more. They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties." (Numbers 8:23-26)

God provided Moses a plan for retirement from active work as a Levite knowing the difficulty of the work God had given them to do.

So what will I do in full retirement? You might think that this is what I will be doing.



But that is not part of God's plan. Notice that the retired Levites still had the responsibility of helping those who served by keeping guard. This is consistent with the words of Psalm 71 that have become more significant to me as I have grown older.

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. (Psalm 71:17-18)

These are words to guide all believers in Jesus Christ. We continue to give praise to God by proclaiming his power to the next generation, even those yet unborn.

King David understood the importance of continual praise to God when he wrote these words:

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One

generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:1-4)

There are other things we never retire from. Anyone with a family never retires from that calling. It is exciting to see children grow, and then to be blessed with grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. We never retire from this.

We also never retire from the need for Jesus. Sin doesn't stop when we retire. It may change its look, but it is still there. So in retirement we continue to confess our sins to our loving God.

As we confess our sins, we continue each day of our life to look to the One who did not retire, but who instead gave His life for us. Jesus even now continues to intercede on our behalf with the Father so that we may one day be with Him. Praise God that Jesus hasn't retired from this great work on our behalf!

In this month of November when we give thanks for many things, I give thanks for the great blessing of serving here these past five years! I look forward to that day when we will once again be united in the presence of Jesus for all eternity!

In His service,
Pastor Easterday

Online Giving

We now offer online giving for those who wish to support ministry at LGLC but are unable to attend worship services. There is a "Donate" button on the right hand side of the home page just below the church picture. Click on that and follow instructions to make a donation. We will also continue to receive offerings at the church for those who are able to worship with us. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Worship Schedule/ November-December

November 1 All Saints Day
On this day we remember the faithful departed who have died in the faith and now dwell with Jesus forever. We will commemorate LGLC members and friends who have passed into eternity this past year. (Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12)

November 8 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Veterans' Day Weekend

As the church year draws near to its end, we are reminded to keep watch for the coming of the Lord. (Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13)

November 15 24th Sunday After Pentecost
As the Day of the Lord comes, it will be a day of judgment for those who do not believe in Jesus. God provides us the breastplate of faith and love as well as a helmet of the hope of salvation. (Zephaniah 1:7-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30)

November 23 Thanksgiving Celebrated
We gather to remember all the blessings God has given us. We have much for which to praise God from whom all blessings flow. (Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Philippians 4:6-20, Luke 17:11-19)

November 29 1st Sunday In Advent
Our cry in these last days is that God would rend the heavens and come! (Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-27)

December 6 2nd Sunday In Advent
God offers a promise of comfort through the Prophet Isaiah, and then promises the coming of John the Baptist. John came to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. (Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8)

December 13 3rd Sunday In Advent
The Prophet Isaiah spoke of the one who would bring good news to the poor and provide great comfort to many others in need. The Prophet proclaimed the upcoming work of Jesus, whom John the Baptist would later proclaim that he was not worthy to untie the strap of Jesus' sandal. (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28)

December 20 Christmas Celebrated
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, and that Light is Jesus! The shepherds saw the light that night first with the angel, and then with the multitude of the heavenly host. We also see that Light shining in our darkness in our worship. This will be a special communion service for our Christmas

celebration. (Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14)

December 27 New Year's Eve Celebrated
God continues in his great mercy to give us another New Year, 2021. As we gather in worship this last time this year, we are reminded that although the years pass, God is from everlasting to everlasting. (Psalm 90:1-12, Romans 8:31b-39, Luke 12:35-40)



(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)
November 1, 2020 – All Saints' Day

Psalm 149; 1 John 3:2; Matthew 5:1-12

“What We Will Be” - Sermon Text: 1 John 3:2 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

We are purified with the hope of an eternity with Christ and with all who have gone before us. This Gospel message not only purifies us; it prepares us to live our present lives as God's children, knowing exactly what we are going to be.

November 8, 2020 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

“Foolishness and Wisdom” - Sermon Text: Matthew 25:13 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

To live as the wise in faith is to live in the hope and expectation of Jesus' coming Day, whether that Day is today, tomorrow, or the next day. You can live and sleep and die in the confidence of Him who once came for you by manger and cross, who now comes to you by Word and Supper, and who will come again in glory on the Last Day to raise you from the dead to eternal life.

November 15, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

“Investing Your Gifts” - Sermon Text:

Matthew 25:14-30 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker
Each of us has been blessed by God with gifts and abilities. How we use them is our gift to God. How are you investing the gifts God has entrusted to your care?

November 22, 2020 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

“In Order” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Rev. William Mueller

The return of Jesus Christ, and the subsequent end of this age, is not something that should frighten us. Instead, the return of Jesus Christ causes us to long and hope for His return! As we wait, we also rejoice in Jesus' resurrection because His resurrection guarantees all things are in order, and we will rise again!

November 29, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:32-37

“The Happiness Watch” - Sermon Text:

Mark 13:37 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer
Remembering that life is short can positively affect you and those around you. The Happiness Watch begins our Advent preparation for Christmas with a faith-filled focus on the end times, including our own physical death, which God can use to transform our lives as we await the coming of our Christmas Savior.

December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm 85:1-7; 2 Peter 3:3, 5, 7-13; Mark 1:1-8

“Judgment Day Truths” - Sermon Text: 2 Peter 3:3, 5, 7-13 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

On Judgment Day God will destroy the universe with fire. That truth reveals other truths about God. All these truths give us believers great encouragement. We joyfully live for the Lord now and look forward to the Last Day.

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28

“Giving Up for Advent” - Sermon Text: John 1:23 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus came to be the Way for those who were lost; and Jesus came to be the Truth for those who were confused; and Jesus came to be the Life for those who were dead. Jesus Christ came to save us sinners, to create new hearts, to cleanse consciences, and to change our lives. That is what God’s Son does with repentant heart...and that is why Advent message matters!

December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Advent *The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day Observed

Psalm 98; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

“The Usual Christmas?” - Sermon Text: Luke 2:11 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

If we look into the manger and gush over the image of a sweet and pure child, but see no cross, we miss the whole point. If we forget that this precious child came to shed His precious blood for sin, then why are we even celebrating him anyway? For this is the perfect and spotless Lamb of God, appointed for sacrifice, to take away the sins of the world. This doesn't happen every day, but it did happen on Christmas and Good Friday.

December 27, 2020 – First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

“We Are Family” - Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-7 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

The birth of a child is a special event for the entire family. The birth of our Savior was a special event that changed each person’s future. As a child and an heir, we have an eternal inheritance.

Birthdays/ November-December

Shannah Messmann	11-06
Pastor Easterday	11-13
Mike Saalfrank	12-08
Todd Scherer	12-16
Jeff Smith	12-29

Anniversaries/ November-December

Robin & Jim Bertram	12-30
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Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

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