

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Date: November 20th

Upcoming events at SVLC

Wednesday, November 21st

- 10:00 am Women on Wednesday
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship
- 8:00 pm Pie Social

Thursday, November 22nd



Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 16th

- 1:00 pm Violin lessons

Sunday, November 18th

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:30 am MultiGen+ Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Bethel Growth Group

Monday, November 26th

- 1:00 pm Violin lessons
- 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #12283

Tuesday, November 27th

- 9:00 am Watch and Journal Study
- 2:30 pm Violin lessons
- 6:30 pm 4H Garden Gnomes

Wednesday, November 28th

- 3:15 pm Violin lessons

Thursday, November 29th

- 10:30 am Park Place Devotions
- 1:30 pm Violin lessons
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40447

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SHALOM!

The most basic identity of God is Trinitarian. It is out of *doing the will of another* that each individual person of the Trinity truly stands out. The Son of God did his Father's will by being born a human being and then experiencing death, that was a new experience for God, for your sake. Then the Father raised Jesus from the dead so you too may raise when Christ returns. Now the Father does Jesus' will by welcoming everyone who trusts in him into God's Kingdom. By doing the will of another each personal identity is reinforced and identity is experienced at the deepest level possible.

You were created in that image, that is, you will find yourself in relationship to another. Important here is baptism. In baptism you are united with Jesus and now you do his will with your life. This is non-other than setting your heart, your whole being, to doing his will and in doing so discover who you really are.

This idea of finding yourself in another is wonderful because it calls us beyond our ego and preference. It calls us to discover true identity so we may have life to its fullest and so our neighbor may discover it too. We had a wonderful discussion during last Sunday's bible study about how to engage worship so we can truly be present with God. I submit to you, unless our hearts seek an identity like that of the Trinity, and following Jesus' way, we won't be able to get to the most profound understanding of worship. We will be stuck on a surface level of preference and seeking new things. Those aren't bad things, but they are just surface things. We are meant to see life

deeper and from there those surface things can give expression to the deeper life. I hope you don't perceive this as a rebuke, but rather as an invitation to dive deep into a true and full life. Jesus tells us, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" (Matthew 16) Seek Jesus' identity so you may know yourself.

Below are two texts from the Gospel of Matthew and in both cases Jesus is concerned about the heart as it relates to worship. See what Jesus is really concerned about and meditate on that. To have truly good worship we need to always keep our hearts and our identity in Christ and at the center of our worship. With a right foundation we can continue to do worship in a way that honors how the habitual creates strong foundations and be open to fresh expressions so that both can keep Christ at the center of our worship for you and your neighbor.

Matthew 15:

⁷Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said,

⁸"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me,
⁹and they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

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¹⁸But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these things defile a person.

Matthew 12

¹At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath." ³But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, ⁴how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? ⁵Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? ⁶But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

⁹Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. ¹⁰And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"-so that they might accuse Him. ¹¹And He said to them, "What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³Then He *said to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

Peace,

Pastor Eric



MultiGen+ Bible Study on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Start with 'What's in the News?' and then explore the foundations of our faith. Come and join us any time!



Watch the Scripture



Journal the Scripture

Tuesdays
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bring a journal

Watch a video

Personal exploration of
Sunday's readings

All are welcome!

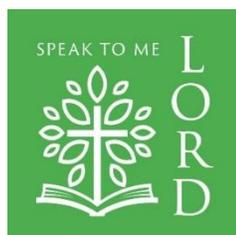
These are 'stand-alone' studies so you are welcome to join any time you find yourself with a free Tuesday morning. There is always a pot of tea for sipping!



Voters Meeting

Our Annual Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, December 2nd following our fellowship time. We will vote on our 2019 budget, as well as elect some new leadership for the next two years. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be with us!

*Lectionary
Bible Readings
for Worship*



[November 25, 2018](#)

Last Sunday of the Church Year

First Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6 **or**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

Epistle: Jude 20-25 **or** Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 **or** John 18:33-37

[December 2, 2018 \(We begin Series C\)](#)

Advent 1

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

[December 9, 2018](#)

Advent 2

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

Psalm: Psalm 66:1-12

Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-20



Are you interested in a part-time paid position as a companion and light care-giver for a 90-year-old LCMS member? In-home duties would include simply checking in on her, helping with a little house cleaning, laundry, and doing a daily wellness check. It wouldn't involve more than 1-2 hours a day, a couple of days/week. She lives in North Albany. If interested, contact Marlene (daughter) for more information by calling 469-931-2934 or emailing: luvridgebacks@hotmail.com.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING
WITH GROWTH
GROUPS ~ EMMAUS**

Submitted by Katy
Trautman, Biblical
Equipping Team Leader

Emmaus Growth Group meets the first and third Thursdays each month, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen. Emmaus is a group for women which always welcomes new members at any time.

Group members have been indulging themselves in a wonderful study entitled *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma. This study helps participants to savor life, recognizing and enjoying God's promises, and basking in God's love. The group spends time sharing their own reflections of the study material . . . and having fun! Each of the *Living a Chocolate Life* lessons comes with a recipe and the group has been making these yummy treats through the study! Pastor Eric has even joined in as a creator and a taster!

The Deb Burma study will wrap up soon and new studies are being reviewed by the group. What a great time to join! Virginia Kutsch serves as the contact for Emmaus. She can answer your questions and welcomes you to join.



The Love INC Christmas Store is collecting new and gently used gifts for this year's event. A collection box is located at the entrance to our Fellowship Hall. See the Love INC bulletin board or contact Lisa if you have questions or need more information.



Advent Soup Suppers Wednesday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Soup, breads, veggies, fruit, meat or cheese. It's always an enjoyable time to spend in fellowship with one another as we enjoy a meal together. We hope to see you there!

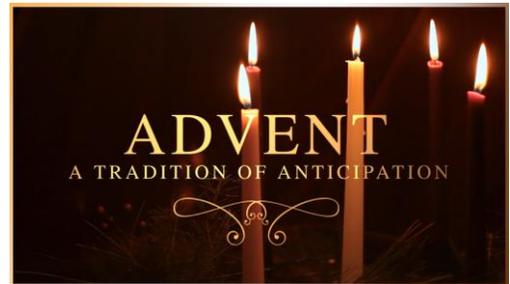


Light of Christ Anglican Church

We invite you to join us, a group of women encouraging each other's Christian walk through prayer and sharing. We will meet on Wednesday



evenings at 5:00-6:30 p.m. Plan to bring a 'sack supper' if you wish. Questions? Contact Linda Hansen at 541-929-3129 or at dayspring@casco.net.



Advent Worship

will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays in December. Come for soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and stay for worship. Bring your family and invite your friends as we anticipate the birth of our Savior!

November Lay Ministry

Please note changes in the highlighted spaces :)	Sunday November 4th	Sunday November 11th	Sunday November 18th	Thanksgiving Eve November 21st	Sunday November 25th
Greeters	Sue Probus Colleen Fisher	Chris Fajardo Sandy Nash	Fernando Henriques Katy Trautman	Bobby Webb Karen Inman	Peter & Jennifer Klammer
Acolyte	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort
Musician	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Cantor					
Reader	Jeff Hintzman	Sue Probus	Peter Klammer		Katy Trautman
Sound & Slide Tech	Ray Hart	Craig Bell	Jay McDougal	Ellie Hintzman	Marla Crane
Ushers	Rob Durbin	Jay McDougal	Ray Hart	Rich Millimaki	Jay McDougal
	Jay McDougal	Donna Durbin	Rich Millimaki	Bill Randall	Rich Millimaki
	Bill Randall	Bill Randall	Bill Randall	Sue Probus	Bill Randall
	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus		Sue Probus
Communion Assistants	Peter Klammer		Peter Klammer		Peter Klammer
	Jay McDougal	Jay McDougal	Katy Trautman		Katy Trautman
Fellowship	Dennis & Debi Anderson Donna Pompe	Bud & Char Reger	Rich & Gail Millimaki	Pie Social Bring your favorite pie!!	Cynthia Dort Brad Boylan
Altar Care	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman
Counters	Sandy Nash	Alison Hintzman	Brenda Brumbaugh		Rob Durbin
	Dianne Taft	Donna Durbin	Jennifer Klammer		Karen Inman

I will keep an eye on the bulletin board and reflect changes in the Shepherd's Voice weekly. Thanks for helping!

November Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you see activities missing or errors on the calendar, please let the church office know via phone (541-753-2816) or email so that corrections can be made!				1 9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons	2 1:00 pm Violin lessons	3 - -
4 CHANGE Your Clocks!! 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 6:30 pm Nazareth GG 7:00 pm Damascus GG	5 1:00 pm Violin lessons 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:45 pm Evening Garden	6 9:00 am Giving Garden 9:00 am Watch & Journal 2:30 pm Violin lessons	7 10:00 am Women on Wed. 3:15 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Women's Discipleship	8 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons 2:30 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop	9 1:00 pm Violin lessons	10 12:30 pm Girl Scout Troop luncheon
11 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 3:00 Bethel GG	12 1:00 pm Violin lessons	13 9:00 am Watch & Journal 11:00 am PEO Chapter DQ 2:30 pm Violin lessons 5:30 pm Church Council 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting 8:00 pm Elders/ Deaconess	14 11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon at McGrath's Fish House 3:15 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Women's Discipleship	15 9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons	16 1:00 pm Violin lessons	17 -
18 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 2:00 pm Violin recitals 6:30 pm Nazareth GG 7:00 pm Damascus GG	19 1:00 pm Violin lessons 4:30 pm Girl Scouts	20 9:00 am Watch & Journal 2:30 pm Violin lessons	21 10:00 am Women on Wed. 3:15 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship 8:00 pm Pie Social	22 THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00 am Annual Turkey Bowl CANCELLED	23 1:00 pm Violin lessons	24
25 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 3:00 Bethel GG	26 1:00 pm Violin lessons 4:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Car Club 7:00 pm Evening Garden Club Board meeting	27 9:00 am Watch & Journal 2:30 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes	28 3:15 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Women's Discipleship	29 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons 2:30 pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop	30 1:00 pm Violin lessons	

December Lay Ministry

	Sunday Dec. 2nd 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday Dec. 5th 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 9th 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday Dec. 12th 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 16th 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday Dec. 19th 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 23rd 9:00 a.m.	Christmas Eve Dec. 24th 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 30th 9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Rich & Gail Millimaki		Mary Nunery Sue Probus		Bud & Char Reger		Dennis & Debi Anderson	Rob & Donna Durbin	Pauline Holthofer Cheryl Viner
Acolyte	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Norah Bohlmann	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort
Musician	Ann Capps	Ann Capps	Ann Capps	Ann Capps	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Cantor									
Reader	Jim Dort		Donna Durbin		Ray Hart		Alison Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	Peter Klammer
AV Tech	Craig Bell	Marla Crane	Ray Hart	Ellie Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	Jay McDougal	Peter Klammer	Craig Bell	Marla Crane
Ushers	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin	Fernando H. Katy T.	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin	Jay McDougal Bill Randall	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin	Fernando H. Katy T.	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin	Fernando H. Katy Trautman Rob Durbin Donna Durbin
Communion Assistants	Dennis Anderson Donna Pompe		Dennis Anderson Donna Pompe		Dennis Anderson Jim Dort		Dennis Anderson Jim Dort	Dennis Anderson Jim Dort	Dennis Anderson Jim Dort
Fellowship	Donna Durbin Alison Hintzman		Virginia Kutsch and family		Karen Inman Jennifer Klammer		Jay & Tracy McDougal		Love Feast
Altar Care	Katy Trautman	Katy T.	Katy Trautman	Katy T.	Katy Trautman	Katy T.	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman
Counters	Donna Durbin Dianne Taft		Alison Hintzman Jennifer Klammer		Brenda Brumbaugh Sandy Nash		Rob Durbin Karen Inman		