



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

November 5, 2017

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Christian Worship p. 26

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HYMN: Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly, CW 484

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3: 14-18

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it."

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 92, CW page 101

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13

⁷ Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸ For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30



¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that

when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

HYMN OF THE DAY: Forgive Us, Lord, CW 482

SERMON

Sermon Text: Matthew 25: 14-30

Theme: What kind of servants are we?

I. Are we faithful servants who show love for Christ?

II. Are we unfaithful servants who show no love for Christ?

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared, CW 312

HYMN: Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver, CW 489

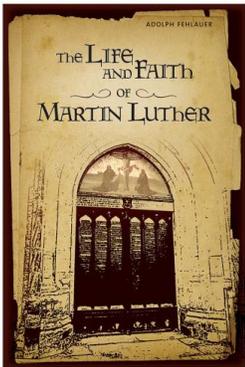
We thank Scott Rust and Rebecca Huth with their special music during the distribution of communion.

To Our Visitors

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.

- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Bible Class on the Life of Martin Luther



In our Bible class this morning, we are studying and reading through the book "The Life and Faith of Martin Luther." The book describes the struggles Martin Luther faced before he learned the truth that a man is justified by faith and not by works, the struggles he endured after posting the 95

Theses on the church door, and how God guided him to formulate the teachings of the Bible in a clear and concise way so that we can understand them today.

Calendar for This Week: November 5-11

Today

10:30 am Bible Class, Sunday School, & Ignite Youth Group

Wednesday

3:15 pm Confirmation Class A

4:15 pm Board of Education

4:45 pm Confirmation Class B

Saturday

7:00 pm Movie night featuring *Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*

Luther movie to be shown on Saturday, November 11



The Women of Emmanuel invite everyone 6th grade and up to a showing of the film *Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*. The showing will be held on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A popcorn bar and drinks will be provided. Come for fellowship and fun.

Mission Festival

Since our congregation has not held a Mission Festival Sunday so far this year, we will plan to observe our Annual Mission Festival on Sunday, November 26.

Church and School Cleaning Team for November

Julie Wagner, leader
Tom Parker
Maynard Huth

Sunday School to Sing on November 12

The Sunday School and preschool children will be singing "Let Us Sing for Joy" in the service next Sunday, November 12. Please have the children meet at church at 8:45 am. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ann Winkler.

Reformation Celebration at St. Croix Lutheran



A Festival Service on the occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held at St. Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul, MN, in the gymnasium on Sunday, November 5, at 4:30 pm. MLC Professor Paul Koelpin will be the preacher. Also included will be West and St. Croix Lutheran Choirs, the Reformation Brass, and a 100 voice MLC Choir. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. Come and celebrate the blessings of the Reformation!

Calendars Available for Purchase

Our high school youth group, Ignite, has calendars available for purchase again this year. The money raised is used for youth activities. The cost for a calendar is \$8.

You may pick-up and pay for your calendar at the table in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Please make checks out to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Other Items of Interest

There are 3 walking sticks available from a previous Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in having one of these sticks, please talk to Chuck Doty.

Attendance last Sunday: 66

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

What Really Wiped Out the Dinosaurs?



For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. – Psalm 33:4

What caused dinosaurs to virtually disappear from the face of the Earth? Was it an asteroid, as scientists now tell us? According to Dr. Henry Gee, science writer for *Nature*, "Nobody will ever know what caused the extinction of the dinosaurs because we weren't there to watch it happen."

Nevertheless, this hasn't stopped scientists from acting as if they were eyewitnesses. In his book *In Search of Deep Time*, Dr. Gee includes a list of dinosaur extinction explanations that paleontologist Mike Benton culled from scientific literature. Here's a small sampling: Dinosaurs died out "because the climate became too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, or a combination of the above; because their eggshells became too thin ... or too thick." Because of hay fever. Because of indigestion from eating flowering plants. And here's my favorite: "Because, having been the

dominant life-forms for 150 million years, the dinosaurs just got bored."

Let me suggest another explanation. Since dinosaur fossils are found in sedimentary rock layers all over the world, it's plain to see that most dinosaurs perished in the worldwide flood of Noah's day. Many dinosaurs that were aboard Noah's ark probably died out soon after the flood because they could not adjust to the post-flood climate. Many others were hunted by humans who were now permitted to eat meat. But as we've shown on previous broadcasts, some dinosaurs survived and were seen well into the middle ages.

Ref: "Dinosaur demise," Evolutionists Say the Oddest Things, Lita Cosner, editor, p. 98 (Creation Book Publishers, 2015). Henry Gee, In Search of Deep Time (The Free Press, 1999). Photo: T-rex skeleton. (Pixabay)

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