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The Last Judgment + + + November 11 & 14, 2018

Prayer: "O Christ, You died and yet You live; To me account Your merit, My pardon seal, my sins forgive, And cleanse me by Your Spirit. Beneath Your cross I view the day, When heav'n and earth shall pass away, And thus prepare to meet You." Amen. (Hymn #208, v. 4)

The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

The Hymns: 206 – 208 – 614, v.3 – 382 – 206, verse 3.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-3 (sermon text).

Psalm 90, page 99.

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 - Jesus came the first time to prepare us for His second coming at the end of this world. Because Jesus died to take away our sins we can be confident that when He comes again He is coming to take us home to heaven.

Special Music: Our choir will sing "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" in the early service.

The Gospel Reading: John 5:19-30 – Jesus assures us that He is working in harmony with His heavenly Father. Without Jesus we have nothing. But with Him – what great things are in store for us! Trusting in Jesus we are assured of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

The Sermon: Malachi 4:1-3 –

"Look! The Day Is Coming!"

I. A most urgent warning.

II. A most comforting promise.

For our prayer after the offering we will use the responsive prayer printed on the insert.

This Week at St. John's

Monday 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Meeting
11:00 a.m. Veteran's Day program at The Legion

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Christian Parent/Teachers' Meeting
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Information Class
	4:30 p.m.	Public School Confirmation Class
	6:15 p.m.	Choirchimes practice
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Choir practice
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship (Holy Communion, S. School sings both services)
	9:15 a.m.	S. School/Fellowship

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Our greeters are John & Claudine Lehman (late).

Last Week: 193 (136+45+12) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 18 came to Sunday School and 52 came to Bible Class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$150,879
Received:	\$7,800	\$140,806

This includes \$1,333 for school tuition. We also received \$10 for the "To the Ends of the Earth" DVD's, \$5 for missions and \$241 for Madison chaplains.

Our school children are singing at Grace, Waupun, today. There will be no Sunday School or Scrip today because of this.

Hospital Report: Please keep John Bubolz (St. Mary's) and Amy Bille (she is scheduled to have a heel surgery on Tuesday) in your daily prayers.

Thank You! Shirley Mullin extends a sincere thank you for all the cards, prayers, etc. after the death of her husband and her hospitalization.

Voters Results: At last weeks voters' meeting the following were elected to serve starting on January 1: President – Jeff Schepp; Vice President – Mike Pausma; Secretary – Tom Ruhland; Church Council – Rodney Belter; Buildings and Ground – Dave Bubolz and Don Steinhorst; Education – Adam Messer and Chris Thurk, Elders – Bill Phelps; Stewardship – Todd Nehls; WLA Delegates – Bob Edwards and Tim Boerneke. Installation will be on Sunday, December 23 (there will be only one service that day at 9:00 a.m.)

Scholarships: The voters also approved the following scholarships: (taken from the All-Purpose Fund) for Winnebago Lutheran Academy (\$200 per year) – Justin Davison, Jacob Edwards, Tristan Garibo, Kendra Kugler, Destiny and Caitlin LeClaire, Zachary and Nathan Pausma, Carly Ruhland, Joshua Schlavensky, and Sara Schmitz; for Martin Luther College (\$500) Rebecca Orth.

"Meditations" are available in the entry-way. The new issue starts December 2. The cost is \$4.00.

Thanksgiving Day: We will gather to publicly praise our living and gracious God for His many blessings at 9:00 a.m. on November 22. Note: There will be no Wednesday “repeat” service on November 21.

St. Stephen’s OWLS will be hosting the program “Tell Your Story” this Tuesday for seniors 55 and older. Teacher James Moeller will share how to create a legacy for your family and friends. The program begins at noon with a potluck meal (please bring a dish to pass); followed by the presentation. Please call 887-7250 or 885-9103 for more information.

Save the Date: Everyone is encourage to gather together to decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m. We will be ordering pizza and having other snacks and refreshments. No need to bring anything but yourself and your family to enjoy this time for fun and fellowship.

Help Needed: In order to direct the focus of the children of our congregation to the true meaning of Christmas, we will be hosting a “Breakfast with Jesus – A Kid’s Christmas Festival” on Saturday morning, December 8 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. We hope this will also provide an opportunity for outreach in our community. We are looking for volunteers and for some donations for this event. We can use volunteers of all ages, beginning at 7th grade. We’ll need some help preparing a pancake breakfast, assisting with crafts, greeting, helping with child-care, etc. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall on the cabinet. If you sign up to help, you will also need to fill out a background check form. These forms and the child registration forms are located on the table across from the mailboxes. There are also posters on the table that need to be taken to various places. We appreciate your help and time. Thank you!

Singers Needed: In order to enhance the Advent by Candlelight program we are hosting on December 2 at 2:00 p.m., all Junior Choir, high school and college-age girls in our congregation are invited to sing with the Ladies Choir. We’ll practice on November 25 (Thanksgiving weekend) and on December 2 between services. If you have daughters away at college, please tell them about this opportunity! Both songs will be easy to pick up and may be songs they are already familiar with. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

“To the Ends of the Earth” Copies of this DVD are available on the table in the fellowship hall at a cost of \$2.00 each.

LAST JUDGMENT—RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let Your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment.

C: If You kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that Your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in You and in Your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to Your Word; send Your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for Your Son’s return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing Your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in You before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May He find us, whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May Your grace be with us. Amen.

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