

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

WORSHIP SERVANTS	THIS WEEK (NOVEMBER 8TH)	NEXT WEEK (NOVEMBER 15TH)
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	Brooks Burnsed/Timothy Burnsed	Grant Rutland/Logan Ratliff
ALTAR CARE	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
ANNOUNCER	Travis Bazemore	Travis Bazemore
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Ramona Kessler	Ramona Kessler
COUNCIL SERVANT	Betty Robinson	Lynn Waldhour
COMMUNION ASST.	Andy Dasher	Andy Dasher
FLOWERS	Brenda Dasher	Herbert & Karen Warnell
HEAD USHER	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
LESSON READER	Connie Bazemore	Rodney Ratliff
MUSICIAN	Karen Hall	Karen Warnell
MUSICIAN-SERVICE	Karen Hall	Karen Warnell
NURSERY ASSISTANTS		
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Dave Hansen	Pastor Dave
YELLOW RIBBON HOST	Evangelism	Evangelism
LAST SUNDAY ATTN.	SS: 31 Worship: 72	New Life, 826-4261; Joanne's, 754-9116
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE: 912-826-2711		

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASTOR DAVE HANSEN (912) 826-2711

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we receive God's gift of salvation and return our thanks in prayer and praise as his holy people.
- ◆ Our Yellow Ribbon Hosts will be glad to assist you with any needs or questions.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are in the back hallway. Hearing aids are available.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.



The question of how to be prepared for Jesus' return is answered four times in today's lessons. Being ready for Jesus' return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting, serving, and discipling others in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith.

BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Brenda Dasher in honor of Bible Lutheran Church's 11th Anniversary.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Today we celebrate Bible Lutheran Church's 11th Anniversary. Please remember to stay after service for our celebration meal and uplifting fellowship.

VIDEO LIVE STREAMING

Bible Lutheran is now livestreaming the 10am worship service! This livestream allows members who can't physically be in the building to watch the service in real time on their computer or phone. The services are also recorded and placed on the BLC website where they can be accessed and watched at any time. With our service online, we will no longer be sending out the Family Altar service, but instead will place the 10am worship bulletin, Insert, Children's bulletin, and Word Search/Devotional on our website. Feel free to download and print these out for use during the online service. THE LINK TO THE LIVESTREAM AND ALL RECORDED SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON THE BLC WEBSITE...SIMPLY GO TO THE WORSHIP TAB. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services, please share with them that this is being offered.

NEW MEDIA TEAM

Did you know? Sunday Services are being livestreamed on YouTube? In order to broadcast our 10am service the Worship and Music Committee is creating a MEDIA TEAM. We need people to help with our live broadcast. It will require training on how to use the video camera and computer. (It is a very simple process to learn.) Teenagers are welcome to apply and you will not be required to attend monthly committee meetings. If you would like to help and want more information about the new MEDIA TEAM, contact Ben Williams 636-614-0339.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

As you know, Bible is looking to hire a youth director. Please help us get the word out—share on your social media, with others by word of mouth, etc. Interested parties should e-mail resume and contact information to bhc.rincon@gmail.com

DINE & DEVOTION

Have you heard? Our first Dine & Devotion is this Wednesday, 6-7 PM, hosted by the Christian Education Committee! Following suggestions from participants at the Congregational Retreat 9/19, we will start having a Wednesday night meal with devotion on a regular basis. In November, due to the election and Thanksgiving, we will only meet twice—11/11 and 11/18. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses.

WEEKLY IN THE WORD OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- ◆ Confirmation Class : After Worship
- ◆ Sunday School/Adult Classes 8:45 AM
 - Adult 1: Beth Helmly
 - Adult 2: Melissa Osteen
 - High School: Pastor Dave
- ◆ Worship Service 10:00 AM
- ◆ Bible Youth Group (BYG) 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Pastor Dave's Class 11AM via Zoom.
Call to be added to the Zoom list: 912-661-8735.

Small Group Bible Studies:

Ebenezer Study Group - 1st & 3rd Tues. 6 PM Meets in member homes. Contact: Connie Bazemore (912) 659-2188

Plan Ahead!

- 11/8 **Anniversary Dinner**
- 11/8 Confirmation Class after worship
- 11/8 Finance Comm meets after worship
- 11/8 **MASKED Service**, 4:00 PM
- 11/9 Church Council, 6:30 PM
- 11/10 Quilter's Group Meets 10 AM—2 PM
- 11/10 Foster Parents, 6:00 PM
- 11/11 **Dine & Devotion** 6:00 PM
- 11/12 Fellowship Hall reserved
- 11/15 Adult Choir Practices after worship service
- 11/15 Youth Group Meeting
- 11/18 Christian Education Meeting 5:00 PM
- 11/18 **Dine & Devotion** 6:00 PM
- 11/22 Masked Service 4:00 PM
- 11/24 Quilter's Group Meets 10 AM—2 PM
- 11/29 Confirmation Class 11:30 AM
- 11/29 Youth Sunday
- 12/20 Children's Christmas Play 6:00 PM

Next Week's Lessons

Zephaniah 1:7-16
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

GRITS NEWS

The GRITS group at Bible has had a busy last few weeks: (1) wrote a Thrivent grant for postage and gathered various items and packed twelve (12) boxes to ship to our military; (2) applied, received and still writing Thrivent grants for on-going facial tissue deliveries to schools in Effingham County. Tissues were delivered last week to Springfield, Sand Hill, Rincon, South Effingham and Guyton Elementary Schools (1212 boxes total); (3) hosted the county WOW meeting last Sunday night and learned a lot about disaster response from Kelly Crane, South Georgia Disaster Response Coordinator for the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church; (4) sold three-hundred (300) raffle tickets to raise funds for GRITS disaster relief. Drawing for prizes at the Anniversary Dinner Sunday. Our group could not accomplish these tasks without the blessings from the good Lord, the hard work of our members, and the support and prayers of Bible Lutheran. If any "gal" would like to join our group - our next meeting is November 30 @ 6:30 pm. We will be stuffing stockings for homeless infants for Christmas. Come and join us for food, fellowship and fun serving the Lord!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Children's Christmas play is scheduled for December 20th, at 6:00 pm, with caroling to begin around 4:00 pm. Be sure to mark this on your calendar!

ADULT CHOIR NEWS

The adult choir will be having choir practice after worship on Nov. 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6, 13. Please plan to stay after for a one hour practice session to prepare for a performance on Dec. 20th during the morning service. If anyone is interested in singing, please contact Karen Hall (912) 547-0353. All ages are welcome to participate.

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