

Last Sunday of the Year November 14, 2021

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)

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# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 14 November 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Daniel 12:1–3 / Psalm 16 / Hebrews 10:11–25 / Mark 13:1–13

Sermon Title: Enduring through the End of Time Sermon Text: Mark 13:1-13

"Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ." (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

Today is the second-to-the-last Sunday of the Church Year Calendar. Next Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year Calendar. Last Sunday one of our readings was from the Book of Revelation, and it also talked a little about life at the end—when Jesus comes one last time. So, it's appropriate that our readings today—our Old Testament lesson and our Gospel lesson both focus on the End Times.

Our Old Testament lesson is a prophetic vision from God to the Prophet Daniel. Daniel was the man, who along with three of his friends, were picked to serve King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. Our Gospel lesson is another message from God about what life will be like near the end of time as we know it. Today we're going to focus on our Gospel lesson from Mark in which Jesus talks in detail about what life will be like at the end of time.

"And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.

"<sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'" (Mark 13:7-13)

Here Jesus is telling us what our day-to-day life will be like near the end of the world. "7 And

when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains."

Though this isn't a happy picture of life near the end of time, Jesus is just telling us what to look for. Of course, Jesus isn't just telling us what to look for when the end of time is approaching, he is also giving us some encouragement WHEN that time comes.

Bad things happen all the time. We live in a broken world that will only be remade when Jesus comes one last time to judge the living and the dead. In spite of "...wars and rumors of wars..." and "...earthquakes in various places..." there will be a completely better end after all these bad things happen.

Matthew's Gospel also tells us what will happen near the end of time: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14).

In addition to famines, earthquakes, wars, and other awful events, the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed in every nation, in every land, to every people group, and then Jesus will come one last time, and this world will no longer exist.

This verse from Matthew's Gospel is encouraging, because it reminds us that in spite of evil things that happen now and will happen in the future, God and His Holy Word will be the only one standing at the end. In the end, after all the evil that has happened, evil will NOT stand victoriously. False. Only Jesus. Jesus is the only way, the only source of truth, and the only source of eternal life. There is no other way to get to heaven without Jesus.

Unfortunately, there are many people, who say that they don't believe in Jesus as the only-begotten Son of God the Father. Since many people don't believe, or they have a half-hearted belief in God, as the end of times approaches, many people will be deceived.

"<sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, 'See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray." Elsewhere, Matthew points out that near the end of time, people claiming to be Jesus, will also try and fool true believers. "For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect." (Matthew 24:24)

Near the end of time, false prophets claiming to be Jesus, will not only try and lead unbelievers and half-hearted Christians astray, but these false prophets will also try and lead astray the whole -hearted Christians, the true believers in Jesus Christ. This is why it's so important to be prepared.

The best way to be prepared for the end times is to DAILY put on the full armor of God. Daily be prepared to fight the good fight of faith against the spiritual forces of evil. This is what Paul

encourages us to do in Ephesians chapter six:

"<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." (Ephesians 6:10-13)

When you don't equip yourself with the full armor of God, then you become very susceptible to anything that this unbelieving world throws at you. When you live your life unprotected from the truths of God's Word, then you become more easily swayed by lies.

When you equip yourself with the truths of God's Word—when you put on the full armor of God—then you are able to better withstand the flaming arrows of the evil one, who regularly seeks someone to devour and destroy. Jesus talks about this in our text from Mark today.

"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved." (Mark 13:9-13)

Near the end of time, we will see earthquakes, famines, wars and hear rumors of other wars. Near the end of time, we will see false prophets arise, claiming to be the resurrected Jesus Christ. None of this should be a surprise, even if these are terrible events and situations to experience.

And yet, in the midst of these terrible end-times events, Jesus also tells us that the Word of God will be the one thing that will endure beyond all these terrible times. Jesus even encourages us, who believe in him, to stand firm in our faith and to hold to the truth of God's Word with all your might. "And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Jesus just said, because I a am a believer in Jesus Christ, the Son of God Almighty, I will be hated by all people for the sake of Jesus Christ's Name. That's not encouraging, but it is the truth, and in fact, it is the current reality. There are plenty of people in our country, who have been deceived by the Evil One in to thinking that their secular thinking and secular ideas are the only right of doing things. Those people have been deceived, and are not living according to the truth of

God's Word.

This is why Jesus tells us that even though we, who believe in Jesus Christ, will be hated by unbelievers, we "...who endure to the end will be saved." Throughout Scripture, we see God encouraging us to hold firm to the truth of God's Word, and to hold firm to the Rock of our Salvation, Jesus, who is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Today we experience all kinds of "bad things," and yet, these "bad things" pale in comparison to what things will be like at the end of time. Jesus' description of end-times events sound awful and terrible. And those times will be terrible and awful. But in the midst of those terrible events, God's Word will still be preached to all people in every nation and land on this planet, and then—Jesus tells us—once the Word has been preached to all people, and all people have the opportunity to respond to God's Word, THEN Jesus will come one last time.

Isaiah the prophet says that no matter what happens around us, God's Word will endure to the end. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8) As we near the end of this Church Year calendar, it's good to be reminded of what will come when the end of this world as we know it will cease forever.

Everything around us will crumble and fall, which is why it's so important to hold everything you own with open hands and a giving heart, because on that Last Day when you stand before God the Father, you won't have anything else with you. In fact, when you stand before our God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, you should have the same attitude that Job had when everything he owned—his children, his livestock, and more was taken away from him:

"<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup> And he said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." <sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong." (Job 1:20-22)

Even though Job lost everything he had except his wife—he lost his children, his vast live-stock, his farms, his servants and more—Job accepted his loss as something that God allowed to happen to him. And this is the attitude we should have in every situation—even if are experiencing the events leading up to the end times—earthquakes, famines, wars and persecution for your faith in Jesus.

On your own, this is impossible. On Job's own, he was not able to worship God and proclaim: "... 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job was able to say these things by the work of the Holy Spirit in his life.

The same goes for you and me. We are only able to worship and praise and thank God in the

midst of very difficult—sometimes awful situations—by the work of the Holy Spirit in you and me. This is why Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit after he ascended into heaven so that the Jesus' promises would come to pass—his promise that he is with us always unto the end of time. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### 'The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons'

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green-the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church," share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow," no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

A helpful suggestion for congregations observing summer and fall months with one neutral color, would be to invest time and effort in obtaining several sets of green paraments. Variety and change in shades of this color would go a long way in keeping the season fresh and "green." Changing the paraments every six weeks would complement the Sundays following Pentecost and their emphasis on personal faith that is living and growing.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fund Raiser:** Christmas Cookies and Candy. On 11-27-21 Saturday at the Community Center, St. Matthew will have a table that will sell Christmas Cookies and Candy. Everyone may help us by making cookies and or candy. Anyone interested please contact, Joan Chandler (712-882-2560) (712-880-1449) or Lin Scott (712-208-0004). The ladies will be putting the cookies together on November 23rd at the church.

The <u>last quilting days</u> for Helping Hands will be November 10 and the 17th, until next year.

Are you reading your Bible as much as you should? The One Year Chronological Bible (NLT) is an easy, readable Bible arranged in daily, chronological readings. Talk to Christina LaBoube by 11-22-21 about ordering. Large Print (\$17.11) or regular (\$17.00)

A <u>very special thank</u> you from Fred and Gloria Fletcher for everyone's prayers. Fred is home but still has a very long way to go to get his strength back. Thank you also to Pastor LaBoube, we have the best church family. We thank God for all of this because without Him, none of this would have been

possible.



11-07-2021	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
11-14-2021	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
11-21-2021	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
11-28-2021	Leo Dose	712-880-0000

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11-28-2021	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

# Memory Verse for 11-14-2021 John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

-John 1442

	Week of Schedule 11-15 to 11-21	
	Pastor's Family Day	
Mon 15		
Wed 17	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm ( <u>last day</u> )	
Sun 21	Last Sunday of the Church Year Services 9:30 w/HC Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.	

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 11-07-21	\$2,086.00
Thank Offering for 11-07-21	\$2,015.00
Sunday attendance 11-07-21	57
Attend Communion	47
Children in Church 11-07-21	6
Visitors 11-07-21	13
Bible Class 11-07-21	12
Sunday School 11-07-21	8
In the Word 12-05-21	

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAXS

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Leo Erlemeier	11/7/1961
Mary Greiner	11/30/1954
Ramona Weber	11/4/1961
Mardelle Vandevanter	11/26/1951
Diane Brahms	11/2/1988
Jason Divis	11/27/1981
Donna Goslar	11/30/1948
Maverick Goslar	11/11/2010
Chana Hinrickson	11/6/1949
Vernon Jahn	11/2/1969
Cole Jensen	11/13/1997
Andy Kaderabek	11/6/1988
Dan Kovarna	11/27/1951
Emily Lamb	11/13/1979
Lynette Larson	11/24/1966
Erika McGrain	11/23/1993
Jerry Means	11/16/1951
Trista Ohlmeier	11/28/2006
Drake Paulsen	11/2/2014
Chad Rickert	11/16/1980
Kade Rotnicke	11-29-1080
David Schrader	11/24/1962
Tyler Soukup	11/3/1988
Beth Trucke	11/30/1968

**Terrance Wood** 

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we were
adopted into the
family of

God

through the washing of the Holy Spirit.

# 80 + Birthday God's Blessings

JoAnn Thoreson	11/07/1940	80
Carolyn Sexton	11/02/1939	81
Selma Schrader	11/12/1929	91

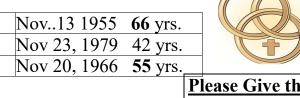
# NOVEMBER BAPTISMS Melvin Schrader Nov 21, 1926

	Melvin Schrader	Nov 21, 1926
	Leo Dose	Nov 26, 1932
	Kachin Tweet	Nov 07, 1937
	Delores Tweet	Nov 05, 1939
	Belinda Bartels	Nov 12, 1950
	Karen Krusen	Nov 04, 1951
	Darlene Albers	Nov 16, 1952
	Robert Conyers	Nov 06, 1955
	Donna Shaw	Nov 09, 1958
	Roger Hinrickson	Nov 16, 1958
	Wendy Buss	Nov 13, 1966
	Bryan Fritz	Nov 03, 1968
	Jeffrey Stoll	Nov 09, 1969
	Matt McKibben	Nov 26, 1969
	Chad Rickert	Nov 30, 1980
	Jason Divis	Nov 29, 1981
	Ben Hinrickson	Nov 20, 1983
1	Craig Riesberg	Nov 15, 1987
	Kaitlyn Goslar	Nov 13, 1994
	Tari Miller	Nov 23, 1994
	Michael Jacoby	Nov 04, 1995
	Abby Larson	Nov 12, 1995
	Mollie McKibben	Nov 26, 1995
	Clint Lamb	Nov 24, 1996
	Christopher LaBoube	Nov 01, 1998
	Michael Carley	Nov 04, 2000
	Kaylee Goslar	Nov 20, 2005
	Johannah McKibben	Nov 08, 2008
	Zachary Arndt	Nov 07, 2009
	Schalee Schrader	Nov 02, 2014
	Boston Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
	Chelsey Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
	Harper	Nov 18, 2018

### God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

11/18/1977

Robert and Roberta Conyers	Nov13 1955	<b>66</b> yrs.
Leo and Shari Erlemeier	Nov 23, 1979	42 yrs.
Gary and Judy Kuehl	Nov 20, 1966	<b>55</b> yrs.





Please Give the office a call or the Pastor
Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans

Please continue to pray for our church leaders.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Pomans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

FRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call Alice Miller phone number 712-880-2380.

*Members* of *St. Matthew* with Special Needs and Concerns

Carol Dose Nazaria Kaderabek Myrna Gosch Melvin Schrader Selma Schrader Fred Fletcher Alan Bruhn Larry Wunschel

Shawn Hamann Fern Jacobson

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; Lynn Smith friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; Jazmin Mauch, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; Penny Mauch friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; Cheri Moe, niece of Dorothy Wessling. Jerri Haindfield daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Kevin Reitz**, son of Caroline & Dis; friend of Kay Johnson. **Sharon Kuehl Henning** nice of Judy & Gary Kuehl;



Those who serve in the military:

**TristonTwedt** (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army @ Ft. Lewis, WA

**Ryan Trucke** (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force @ FE Warren AFB in Wyoming.

**Jackie Cardwell** (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce @ Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett TX

**Marcus Roupe** serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934 Main Street Apartments 516 Main Street Apt 2 Mapleton, IA 51034

**Delores Boysen** 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave. Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

815 Ring Street Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living 404 1st St.

Battle Creek, IA 51006

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2,1932

41134 110th Street Mapleton, IA 51034 Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934 Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

<u>Myrna Gosch</u> 80 yrs. Jan 9,1941 Pleasant View Care Center

200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108 Whiting, IA 51063

Melvin Schrader 95 Oct. 29, 1926

21 Ohm Drive Mapleton, IA 51034

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12,

1929 21 Ohm Drive

Mapleton, IA 51034

Our prayer List

Nazaria Kaderabek 310 S. 6th St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave Mapleton, IA 51034

**Sharon Kuehl Henning** 

312 Highcroft Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher 1225 B Ave.

Danbury, IA 51019

Larry Wunschel

819 Ring St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!



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Worship time: Sunday

9:30am Worship Service 10:45 Bible Class 10:45 Sunday School

In His Footsteps:
It is not in receiving but in giving that you will find lasting joy of living. For share your heart

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am every Sunday am at the church. Facebook page-.St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton—Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org—Our services posted weekly Mission Central... www.missioncentral.us Lutheran Family Service: www.lfsiowa.org WEB SITES: Jowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp Okoboji—www.campokoboji.org "THY STRONG WORD" is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page "THE GOOD SHEP-HEARD HOUR airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM Lutheran Family Services: wwwlofsiowa.org MainStreet Living— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of "This is the Life" The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Thank You Jesus for being our true friend always. You proved your love and friendship to us by sacrificing your life for us. Assure us that we can always come to You with our hurts. In your precious name, Amen