OPENING HYMN  # 71

OPENING SERVICE
P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.
C: The light no darkness can overcome.
P: Stay with us, for it is evening.
C: And the day is almost over.
P: Let your light scatter the darkness.
C: Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
For everything there is an appointed time. There is an appropriate time for every activity under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot plants, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace and a time not to embrace, a time to search and a time to stop searching, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to rip and a time to sew, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

What does the worker gain from his hard work? I have seen the task which God has given the children of Adam to keep them busy. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Yes, he has also put eternity in their hearts, yet it is not possible for man to understand the work that God has done from beginning to end.

12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy good things while they live. 13 Also, when anyone eats, drinks, and experiences the good things that his hard work leads to—this is God's gift.

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 90 (page 99)

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 12:16-21
He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. And I will tell my soul, “Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’

20 “That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

HYMN  # 70

SERMON - Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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Holy Communion will be offered in our service tonight. We practice Close Communion. Visitors from our sister congregations in the WELS and ELS are welcome to commune with us. If you are a guest and wish to commune, please speak to the Pastor before the service.

We thank Sarah Berg for playing the organ tonight.

Beginning this Sunday, January 5th, there will be changes to our worship service and Sunday School times:
- 8:30 am – Sunday School at Trinity
- 9:30 am – Worship Service at Trinity
- 10:00 am – Sunday School at St. John’s
- 11:00 am – Worship Service at St. John’s
The service in St. Clair will be at 8:00 am.

Holy Communion will also be offered in all of our Sunday morning services.

January calendars and St. John’s offering envelopes are available.

We wish all of you a most blessed New Year!

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