



Peace Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**

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Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Commemoration Of Saint Martin Of Tours

November 11, 2018

Introduction

100 years ago today “major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.” Until 1954 this day was called “Armistice Day”. Since then it is called “Veterans Day”. The purpose of this change was to celebrate Veterans of all wars. Ironically, today is also the commemoration of Saint Martin of Tours who was a veteran of the Roman Army in the fourth century. Although Martin of Tours detested violence, he became the patron saint of soldiers. Once a year the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod awards to a military chaplain the “Bronze St. Martin of Tours Award” for exceptional meritorious service as a military chaplain. Today we highlight Martin of Tours’ compassion as a soldier, then as a pastor of Jesus Christ. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (1 Samuel 2:35, please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen**

Pastor: I'll establish for myself a true priest.

People: **He'll do what I want him to do, be what I want him to be.**

Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God, who is love,

People: **we confess that we have turned away from Your love by nature and by choice. We have not let Your love have its way with us, and so our love for others has faltered. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and renew us by Your loving Spirit to walk in Your ways with a whole heart.**

Pastor: People of God, you are loved with God's everlasting love. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(We greet one another with the peace of the Lord)

Entrance Hymn - Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (LBW #248, please remain standing)

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.
- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
your blest gospel's consolation,
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, adapt.

First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-3 (Please be seated)

The Spirit of GOD, the Master, is on me because GOD anointed me. He sent me to preach good news to the poor, heal the heartbroken, announce freedom to all captives, pardon all prisoners. GOD sent me to announce the year of his grace—a celebration of God's destruction of our enemies—and to comfort all who mourn, to care for the needs of all who mourn in Zion, give them bouquets of roses instead of ashes, messages of joy instead of news of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit. Rename them "Oaks of Righteousness" planted by GOD to display his glory.

Gradual (John 13:34, Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Let me give you a new command: Love one another.

People: **In the same way I loved you, you love one another.**

Second Reading - Romans 12:9-21 (Please remain seated)

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the

harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Verse

Pastor: Alleluia. You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us

People: **in one stroke he became poor and we became rich. Alleluia! - 2**
Corinthians 8:9

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-40 (Please remain standing)

"When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.' "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.' "Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, sick and in prison, and you never visited.' "Then those

'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?' "He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.' "Then those 'goats' will be herded to their eternal doom, but the 'sheep' to their eternal reward."

Hymn Of The Day - God of Our Fathers (LBW #567, please be seated)

- 1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.
- 2 Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4 Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.

Message

November 11
Isaiah 61:1-3

Hymn Of Response – Eternal Father Strong To Save

(LBW #467, please remain seated)

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. – Brief prayer - Loving God, You are one, and there is no God beside You. Grant that we who have become awakened to Your love return love for You and others who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, You have given us pastors who faithfully speak Your Law and Gospel. Grant that they always speak Your love in truth and Your truth in love, that we come to know and believe how great is Your love for all humanity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, You have appointed earthly rulers for the sake of order in the left-hand kingdom. Grant that all people who bear offices of public trust understand their duty to serve and support all the various kinds of people under their jurisdiction. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, You are the great physician of our whole beings: body, mind, and spirit. Grant that all who suffer in the space between the way things are and the way we wish they were find healing and wholeness according to Your gracious will, discovering through acceptance of hardships the pathway to peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, You come among us for our good in the Supper of Jesus' body and blood. Grant that in turning from following our own ways, we find healing and wholeness in returning to You, trusting Your goodness in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, You are the Father from whom every person is named. Grant that we who have come to know You by faith behold the beauty of Your face together with Martin, Bishop of Tours and all Your saints at rest on the day when Jesus raises us all to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are shared)

Offering Prayer

Lay Minister: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Communion Hymn - Before You, Lord, We Bow (LBW #401, please remain seated)

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow,
our God who reigns above
and rules the world below,
boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise
to you, our king!

- 2 The nation you have blest
 may well your love declare,
 from foes and fears at rest,
 protected by your care.
 For this bright day,
 for this fair land--
 gifts of your hand--
 our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
 each vale and forest green,
 shine in your word's pure light,
 and its rich fruits be seen!
 May ev'ry tongue
 be tuned to praise
 and join to raise
 a grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your maker's voice;
 your great redeemer own;
 believe, obey, rejoice,
 and worship him alone.
 Cast down your pride,
 your sin deplore,
 and bow before
 the Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r he comes,
 oh, may our native land
 from all its rending tombs
 send forth a glorious band,
 a countless throng,
 with joy to sing
 to heav'n's high king
 salvation's song!

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Words Of Our Lord (Please remain standing)

Pastor: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ... In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ... As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor: Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

Song - There Is A Redeemer (WP #140, please remain standing)

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.

Refrain
Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and
send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in E-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the first line of the verse, the second staff the second line, the third staff the refrain, and the fourth staff the final line of the verse. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Eb, Bb/D, Eb, Ab/C, Bb7/D, Eb, Bb/D, Eb, Ab/C, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Eb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bb7sus, Eb, Ab/Bb, Eb, Bb7, Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Bb/D, Eb, Ab/C, Eb/Bb, Ab, Fm7, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names.

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;

There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

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Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Thank You, O Lord, our God, that You are one and that embodying love in the person of Jesus You invite all people to love You back with our whole being. Use Christ's body and blood to root and ground us in Your love and in loving kindness toward the human beings around us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: I'll establish for myself a true priest.

People: **He'll do what I want him to do, be what I want him to be.**

Pastor: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory (LBW #415, please remain standing)

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Announcements

Processional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Mary Ann Griller & Vicki McGowan
Coffee Hour:	Cynthia Smith
Counters:	Beverly Erbel & Vicki McGowan
Lay Minister:	Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	Jerry Locey
Lay Reader:	Don Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 11	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – November 13	10:30 am 9:30-12:30 pm 4:30-5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Brown Bag (LL) Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL) Women's Bible Class
Wednesday – November 14	2:45 – 6:15 pm 4:30-5:30 PM 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH) Council (LL)
Friday – November 16	9:30 am	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – November 17	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 12:30 pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Fireside Dinner Prep (PH)
Sunday – November 18	9:30 am	Service of the Word

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Anniversaries - Christ's blessing to those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Today - Don & Beverly Erbel

Birthdays – Christ's blessing to those celebrating Birthdays this week.

Saturday - Scarlet Kate Rotting

The Giving Tree - Once again, we are supporting our friends and neighbors at Fireside this Christmas. We are asking for:

32 ~ \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards (Seniors)

18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards (Families)

Monetary Donations (Make checks out to Peace Lutheran Church, writing Fireside in the "For" section)

The last day to bring gift cards: Sunday, December 2 (You may continue to make monetary donations throughout December...and the year for this ministry.)

As you know, we have been partnering with Fireside for many years. They are all so appreciative of what we do for each of them. Giving these low income seniors and families a gift at Christmas truly brightens their holiday season. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Speaking of Fireside – Join the gang as they prepare ‘Brown Bag Dinners’ for the people at Fireside, the Tuesday, 10:30 am in the Lounge.

Women’s Bible Class – This Tuesday, November 13, the Women’s Bible Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the lower lounge.

Men’s Bible Class – The men’s Bible Class is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 7:00 pm in the lounge. The Topic is Vocation. See you there!

Sunday Servers –We need November and December servers. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance. The list for November is available today. We still need the following:

November 25 (Thanksgiving weekend) – Coffee Hour, Ushers

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

November 11 - November 17, 2018

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – November 12

Psalm 94
Ruth 1:1-22
1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tuesday – November 13

Psalm 94
Ruth 3:14-4:6
1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wednesday – November 14

Psalm 94
Ruth 4:7-22
Luke 4:16-30

Thursday – November 15

Psalm 16
Daniel 4:4-18
1 Timothy 6:11-21

Friday – November 16

Psalm 16

Daniel 4:19-27

Colossians 2:6-15

Saturday – November 17

Psalm 16

Daniel 4:28-37

Mark 12:1-12

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Thanksgiving****Joel 2:21-27****Psalm 126****1 Timothy 2:1-7****Matthew 6:25-33****Commemorations**

November 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397: Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

November 11 - Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855: Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

November 17 - Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231: Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.