



## “He Will Wipe Away Every Tear ”

*Tear-wiping is not a mass event, or machine-driven. In the End, God’s care for us remains personal.*

### **Autumn Greetings to all of you in the Name of our risen Lord Jesus!**

I don’t know about all of you, but for me, early Fall is the most beautiful time of the year. I remember driving home from the church office a few days ago and simply thanking the Lord for His creativity, and for giving us the capacity to enjoy all of it! I thought, “If there is this much beauty now- I wonder what Eternity will be like?”

I did a quick inventory in my mind about what the church calls “The Last Things”- heaven, hell, death, Christ’s final victory over Satan, the Day of judgment, the wedding feast of the Lamb, the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven, the promise of God’s “dwelling place” being with humanity forever- that’s a lot of thinking, and mind you, it’s only a six-minute commute!

The thought of all this- of God’s plan for humanity becoming a reality- is wonderful. The blessed hope- that someday we can live in and enjoy Eternity together with our beloved Savior- is too immense to imagine. And yet, you may wonder- as I do- whether we individuals- you and I- ultimately *matter*, in this wonderful world God is preparing. To put it succinctly: Is the victory of Christ and the consummation of all things just a big “stadium” event- exciting, but not very personal? Large public events- whether they are Superbowls or stadium concerts- can be thrilling, but in the end, can leave a person feeling a bit hollow- even if there are friends and loved ones there with you. You bask in the euphoria- and eventually, you go home. Justin Jefferson or Taylor Swift probably don’t even know you were there.

When it comes to the Bible, there are no “personal” angles, no “human interest” stories, when it comes to the end-times material. True-the New Jerusalem DOES make an appearance in Revelation- she is “as a Bride” (Revelation 21:2)- but she is a collective image of the church, the whole people of God. Once again, this is a mass event. What happens on a personal level? Perhaps, like me, you’ve wondered: is there any place in all these glorious end-times scenes for poor mortals like you and me? In the End: Do we matter?

We do. Oh yes, Beloved, we do! And that is indicated by one verse: **“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:4).”**

Of course, John’s language is poetic. The Lord’s victory will turn our tears of grief into tears of joy. Eyes will dry, as mourning turns to dancing. You could dismiss Rev. 21:4 by saying John is just being poetic. But I don’t buy that! All you parents know that the wiping away of tears is one of the most intensely personal

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your  
calendars for  
a  
Town Hall  
Meeting  
October 12 at  
6:30pm



## “He’s Been Faithful” Continued....

things a Mom or a Dad can do for their child.. Tear-wiping is not a mass event. There’s no tear-wiping machine. No- in the Final Day, God deals as personally with our mourning, crying and pain as He did in this life. Even more so, in fact! Our position is not to explain HOW God does this- just to accept, believe and rejoice in the fact that He does. God *cares* for you, dear one! His care for you is more intensely personal than you care for your children. And He cares for you *throughout Eternity!* This is what Jesus has won for us through His own very personal suffering and death upon the Cross, and His own very personal resurrection and ascension.

Fall, as beautiful as it is, is impersonal, if we do not connect it to the Creator who gave us this beautiful world. Like every natural phenomenon- like Jefferson and Swift, for that matter- the leaves don’t care whether you see them or not! But on the Last Day, when all is said and done, Jesus cares whether or not all our tears are dried, all our hurts addressed, all our pain and suffering assuaged. You can count on it. It’s in the Bible: “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Amen.

Blessings and love to you all in Christ, Pastor Eric

### Rite of Confirmation, October 29 at the 10:45am Service

Confirmands: Addison Buenger, Owen Honstad, Trey Jenzen, Gahvin Nowacki, Daries Powell

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

### YTD & Carried Forward Designated Funds as of August 2023:

#### GREETERS & USHERS FOR OCTOBER

(1st Service)

Oct. 1: Paul & Deb Bruderie

Oct 8: Dan & Bonnie Heyer

Oct 15: Alice Siems and Marlene Good

Oct. 22: Ken & Peg Olson

Oct. 29: Elaine Breck

1st Service Oct Ushers:

*Jim & Carol Carter*

2nd Service Ushers:

*Chris & Mindy Jackson*

*Ted & Megan Johnson*

Building:	1,381.01
Adult Education:	(53.50)
Sunday School:	25.00
Scholarship:	314.88
Youth Group:	(2525.50)
Memorial:	8,974.58
Mission tithe:	11,345.37
Mission Offering:	388.00
Quilters:	1,257.81
Property:	1705.78
Property Sub Account	
Building Impr.	270.00
A.C. Fund	\$ 300.00
Pastor’s Fund	5,000.00
Audio/Visual:	3,474.06
Evangelism:	13.23
Evangelism Sub Acct	
Pastor’s Moving	25.00
Light House Worship	12,516.24
Office Tech. Fund	666.72
Worship Fund:	<u>126.49</u>
TOTAL DESIGNATED	45,205.17

#### Year-To-Date General

Fund Budget Totals as of  
8/31/23

#### Budget

GF Offering: \$145,947.83

GF Budget: \$166,428.20

GF Short: (\$20,480.37)

#### Actual

GF Offering: \$145,947.83

GF Expense: \$149,645.99

GF Short: (\$3,698.16)

## Time, Talent & Treasure



How can you help? In the Gathering Area are Committee Signup Sheets . . . Your Time and Talents are absolutely vital for us to continue to do God's will in our communities, Locally, Regionally and Globally!

The real core of our church's ministry is rooted in YOU, our people. PLEASE prayerfully consider donating your Time and Talents to do Christ's work in this world. With your Time and Talents in hand, we . . . Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waseca, can effectively use the many treasures that we have been given in order to expand God's Kingdom here on Earth and the population of God's Eternal Heaven. Seize this stewardship opportunity to make a difference in our church. Signup during this Fall Stewardship Rally for the Committee or Committees of your choice. And please remember that your church family needs YOU to make a difference in our Church's many Ministries! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR ACTIONS**

## BIBLICAL ROOTS OF COMMON PHRASES

**Phrase:** "Threescore and Ten"

**Meaning:** A "score" is equal to the number twenty, so threescore is equal to sixty (3x20) plus ten would equal the number seventy; biblically the normal span of a human life.

**Origins:** "Threescore" used to be used as a word for the number sixty, in the same way that we still use dozen for twelve and occasionally use score for twenty. "Threescore" is used 92 times in the Bible. For example, in Genesis 46:27 we read that "all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten." (KJV) Most modern biblical translations just use the number "seventy". The most famous use of "threescore and ten" comes from Psalm 90:10 where we read "the days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (KJV) So in this verse the normal lifespan of a human being is 70 years, with only the strong living for 80 years. As with many other biblical phrases, "threescore and ten" was picked up by Shakespeare. In Macbeth, 1605, we have: "Threescore and ten I can remember well: Within the volume of which time I have seen hours dreadful and things strange; but this sore night hath trifled former knowing." It's an odd fact that although Shakespeare took numerous phrases and examples of imagery from the Bible, the word Bible doesn't appear in any of his plays. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word "threescore" developed "presumably from the practice, in counting sheep or large herds of cattle, of counting orally from 1 to 20, and making a score or notch on a stick, before proceeding to count the next 20." Finally, this method of biblical tally was still in use in the 1860's, for who can forget Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which begins with "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."?

(Oxford English Dictionary and KSV Bible)

THERE ARE MANY COMMITTEES AND GROUPS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AT OUR CHURCH. ALL COMMITTEES AND GROUPS COULD USE MORE PEOPLE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENTS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING. NO INVITATION NEEDED, JUST SHOW UP.

PROPERTY:  
OCTOBER 2, 6:30PM

STEWARDSHIP:  
OCTOBER 3, 5:30PM

WORSHIP:  
OCTOBER 4, 5PM

SAT., OCTOBER 14  
MEN'S BIBLE: 8 AM

WOW: 9:30 AM

EVANGELISM:  
OCTOBER 24, 6:30PM

EDUCATION:  
OCTOBER 24, 6:30PM

QUILTERS:  
TUESDAYS 10:00AM

CHOIR:  
WEDNESDAYS @  
6:30PM

## Bible Studies

7am Wed. Men's  
Bible Study

9:30am Thur.  
Women's Bible  
Study

7pm Oct 3 & 17  
Bibles & Brews

6pm Oct 19 Parent's  
Group

8am Oct 14 Men's  
Group

9:30am Oct 14  
WOW

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Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who contributed so generously to our School Supply donation boxes!!!!

The following is a list of your gifts to Hartley Elementary School students and teachers for their

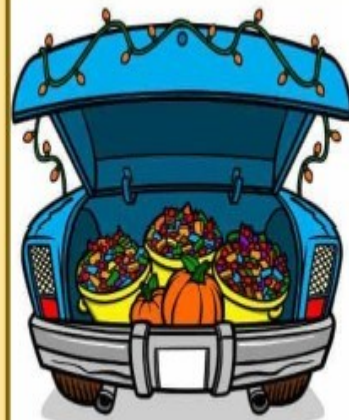
use this year:

39 boxes of crayons	1 ream card stock
30 packages of pencils	1 UNO card game
3 pens	6 pouches
41 spiral notebooks	11 erasers
9 composition books	12 tissue boxes
17 boxes of colored markers	12 scissors
3 yellow highlighters	5 large glue sticks
6 packages of multi-highlighters	\$20.00
22 boxes of colored pencils	1 dry erase marker
38 packages of regular and small glue sticks	
5 bottles of Elmer's glue	
40 small tissue packages	
4 individual pencil sharpeners	
2 pencil top erasers	
3 Clorox wipes containers	

Our Christ the King family certainly made this local mission support project a success, so again,

**THANK YOU!**

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**Christ the King Parking Lot**

**"Trunk or Treat"**

**Come join the FUN!!**

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm**

**Halloween Outreach for  
Waseca Churches**

