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Pastor Mark Anderson, who served Word of God from 2006-2013, left this earthly life and went to be with His Savior on Oct. 24. This was his newsletter article that he wrote for the Nov/Dec newsletter in 2006. He often talked about Jesus coming.

“He says: Yes, I am coming soon!” Revelation 22:20a

Christ Jesus the Lord spoke these words to His beloved disciple, John, about two thousand ago when the Book of Revelation was written as inspired by the Holy Spirit. The main purpose of that statement was, and still is, to encourage the children of God to stay strong in faith even in face of extreme difficulties of life. What is more, the main theme of the Book of Revelation is that while we are enabled by the Holy Spirit who uses Word and Sacrament (the Holy Bible, the Holy Baptism and the Lord’s Supper) to be faithful, Jesus comforts us that He is the King of all kings. That means that Jesus has everything under complete control and He is coming soon.

Yes, Jesus perfectly knows everything about each of you as His brother/sister, all past, all present and all future. He deeply cares for each of you and wants the very best things for you. Actually, Jesus does not talk about us having the best material (worldly) blessings but rather spiritual – complete forgiveness of sins, salvation from sin, Satan (the devil) and Hell, and, finally, eternal (forever) life with God and His children.

At this very moment, a very large number of our brothers and sisters in Christ are experiencing horrible times in some certain countries where they are not permitted to worship the Lord God. But they still go ahead and worship Him anyway, even though they could be killed just for their faith. Countless of them had already died and many more will die in time. At the same time, they are looking forward to seeing Jesus finally come in full glory as they are saying at all times:

COME, LORD JESUS, COME! (Rev. 22:22b)

Jesus is not really postponing His coming but rather waiting for everyone in the world to repent (change mind and feel sorry) and be wise unto salvation. He wants to save everyone so that they can live with Him in Heaven forever and ever. He will come soon! Even now!

Pastor Mark

Dive Into God's Word

The Table of Duties

What the Bible says to Parents and to Children

Martin Luther's Small Catechism has a section named the "Table of Duties." The Table of Duties reminds us what our responsibilities are and how we live as Christians in the roles that God puts us in. God gives us different relationships with many different responsibilities in family, church and society. Some people say the most important responsibilities are at home, in the family. God created the family as the foundation of society. God tells parents and children how to live together as family. *Answers are on p. 4*

To Parents

Martin Luther only chose one passage about parents – Ephesians 6:4. We will add one more Bible verse. (The fill-in-the-blank parts mostly use the *God's Word to the Nations* translation.)

1. Ephesians 6:4. Fathers, don't make your children _____ about life.
No father wants to do that, right? But sometimes it happens. What is one way a father might make his children bitter and upset?
 2. Ephesians 6:4. Instead, bring them up in Christian _____ and _____.
How is this good for the children?
 3. Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIrV translation). Israel, listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only _____. _____ the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your _____. Love him with all your _____. The commandments I give you today must be in _____ hearts.
Moses said this to all of Israel, but this is especially for the adults. How are these words important for the adults?
 4. Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIrV translation). Make sure your _____ learn them (the commandments). _____ about them when you are at _____. Talk about them when you _____ along the road. Speak about them when you go to _____. And speak about them when you _____.
- How should parents teach their children God's word? Where and when?

To Children

1. Ephesians 6:1. Children, obey your _____ because you are _____. This is the right thing to do.
Why should children obey their parents? Why is that the right thing to do?
2. Ephesians 6:2-3. "Honor your _____ and _____ that everything may go well for you, and you may have a long _____ in the land." This is an important commandment with a _____.
Obeying God's law can't earn eternal life. We don't follow the commandments and then get to go to heaven. But there are earthly blessings when we follow God's commandments. What is God's promise with this commandment?



Pastor Mark Anderson was installed as the pastor of Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf on Jan. 8, 2006. He served until heart problems forced him to stop preaching in October 2013. He was a faithful servant of Jesus and many people loved him. Pastor Anderson never told you what you wanted to hear; he always told you what God wanted you to hear. He reminded you that God baptized you and made you His child, that Jesus died to take away all of your sins, and that Jesus will come again soon to raise His people alive so we can live with Him forever. We thank God for sending Pastor Anderson to serve His people. At this time, there is no funeral or memorial service planned, but there may be a memorial service soon. Pastor Eckert will announce when he learns more about the memorial service.

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ God’s Son came first at Christmas to save us. Jesus will come again to judge the world and save us forever. Pray that all Christians will be faithful and ready for Him to come again, and that more people will trust in Jesus and look forward to Him coming.
- ✦ Pray for the families of members and friends who passed away. Pastor Mark Anderson, Luella Graupmann, and Terry Ann Check all went to be with the Lord in October. Thank God for the victory He gives us over death and that Jesus will come to raise them and all believers alive again. Pray that God will give their families His peace.
- ✦ Ask God to give us good leaders in the November elections. Pray that He will lead people to vote agreeing with what He says is good and right.
- ✦ Pray for the countries of Ukraine, Russia, and all other places in the world where there is fighting or the threat of war. Ask God to give people peace.
- ✦ Ask God to bless people with trust and health: Mollie Schmitz, Doris Harris, Shirley Green, Susan Green, Barbara Zimmerman, Norma Jean Mangrich, James Weber, Jerry Hanson, Curtis Bethurum, Kathy Anderson, Gerald Mitchell, Arlene Ritze, Chris Wrage, Ricky Moore, Sharon Pope, Paula Slavin, Jeanette Kern, and many family members and friends.
- ✦ Pray for people who are studying to serve God and His church: Vince Mroz, Dan Wallis, and Pastor Luvisha in Kenya (as pastors), and Becky Jungklaus, Nola Gray, and Peggy Gott (as deaconesses).
- ✦ Pray for the church in Kenya, that God will protect and bless them. Also pray for safe travel for the leader of their church, Archbishop Joseph Omolo, who is coming to Iowa in November and will be visiting us.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



November

- 1 Agnes Mundhank
- 4 David Legg
- 5 Kathy Anderson
Lisa Oelberg
- 6 Tracey Shepard
Gary Lewis
- 12 Wanda McAllister
- 14 Chris Wrage
- 15 Doris Ciha
Nova Love
- 19 Vicki Morris
Pastor Tim Eckert
Mike Check



- 20 Melody Schulte
- 22 Josh Hoover
- 23 Shirley Hampton
- 25 Arlene Ritze
- 28 Paula Slavin
- 30 Rhonda Wegenether

December

- 1 Jennifer Legg
- 11 Sheri Pohlman
- 25 Jesus Christ

Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

To Parents

1. "Fathers, don't make your children bitter about life." There are many ways a father might make his children bitter and upset – if he doesn't love them, or he is too harsh (too strict) with them, that can make them bitter. A life of all law and rules and no love is not a good family life.
2. "Instead, bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction ." You might think Christian discipline is all rules and punishment and no love. That is not true. Christian discipline and instruction is teaching, correcting, and guiding in love. True, sometimes discipline is no fun, but it is good in teaching the children. The most important thing is that this discipline and teaching leads them to Christian faith and life.
3. "Israel, listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God . Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul . Love him with all your strength . The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts." Notice what Moses says! The commandments must be in your hearts. Before parents can teach their children to trust Christ and follow Him, the parents themselves should be Christian. The parents should be faithful in going to church, and regularly study and learn God's word and apply it to their own lives.
4. "Make sure your children learn them (the commandments). Talk about them when you are at home . Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed . And speak about them when you get up ." Parents teach their children God's word all the time! Parents talk about God in every part of their life – getting up in the morning, going to bed at night, when working, cleaning, eating, doing school work, and going places. Being a Christian isn't just for Sunday morning. We are a Christian every minute of every day, and parents are the example and the teachers for their children to see that.

To Children

1. Children, obey your parents because you are Christians . This is the right thing to do. There are several reasons children should obey their parents. First, they obey because God said to obey. God created the family for the parents to teach and raise the children. The parents have experience and wisdom. Children still need to learn that. That is one reason why God said children must obey their parents. The second reason Christian children obey is because they are Christians. When we honor our parents, we are also honoring God. God gave us parents. We want to honor God by obeying our parents.
2. "Honor your father and mother that everything may go well for you, and you may have a long life in the land." This is an important commandment with a promise. God promises that when you honor your father and mother, you will live a long time in the land. What land? The promised land. God first gave that commandment and promise to the Israelites before they entered the promised land (Canaan). If the Israelite children obeyed their parents, then they would grow up to do right and honor the Lord. Then God will bless them and they can live a long time in the land. But if they didn't honor their parents (and didn't honor God), then they will worship other gods and God will punish them. We don't live in Canaan, but this promise is for us. When we honor our parents and God, then we learn the right way to live, and life goes better. If you rebel against your parents and you lie and cheat and steal, your life will be hard. When you honor your parents and learn from them to be honest and kind and work hard, your life will be better.

November 2022

		1 7:30 QC – Sign Class	2 7:00 WL – Worship	3 7:00 CR – Bishop Joseph Omolo at Bethany Luth. Church, 2202 Forest Dr. SE, CR	4	5 10:00 QC – Worship/Study 5:00 WL – Bishop Omolo at Immanuel
6 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	7	8 7:30 QC – Sign Class	9	10	11	12 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study
13 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	14	15 7:30 QC – Sign Class	16 7:00 WL – Study	17	18	19 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
20 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
27 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	28	29	30			

BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4th Sunday worship at 3:00 p.m.
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 - 29th St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 QC – Quad Cities. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1705 E. Locust St., Davenport. Every Saturday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Study at 11:15 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1st Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., 3rd Wednesday study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2nd Saturday Study at 1:00 p.m.

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25 * See below for worship and Bible study times. Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!	26	27	28	29	30	31 10:00 QC – Worship/Study

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Jesus Comes Again

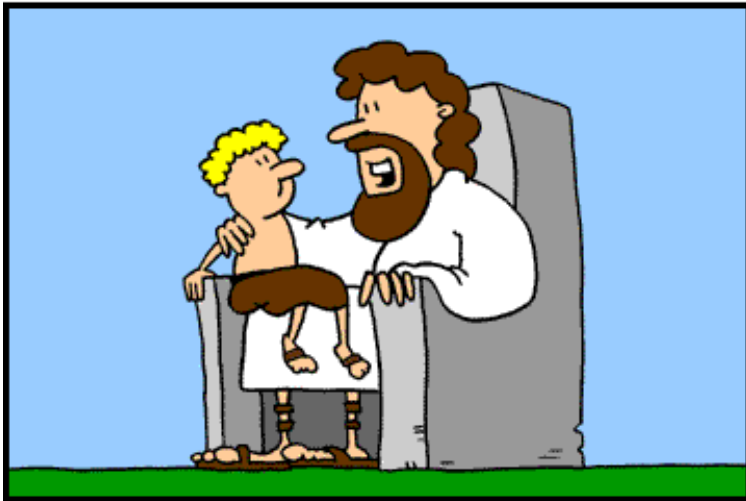
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Jesus came once to die for all people, to forgive all sin. He will come again to judge and save His people and live with us forever. All Christians look forward to that! This world and its sin, troubles, sadness and death will be over. We will live with God and with each other in perfect peace and joy forever. That is why we want Jesus to come, and we say the words of Revelation 22:20, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" The words of the puzzle are from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

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Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to be ignorant about those who have died. We don't want you to grieve like other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and came back to life. We also believe that, through Jesus, God will bring back those who have died. They will come back with Jesus. We are telling you what the Lord taught. We who are still alive when the Lord comes will not go into his kingdom ahead of those who have already died. The Lord will come from heaven with a command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the dead who believed in Christ will be raised. Then, together with them, we who are still alive will be taken in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. In this way we will always be with the Lord. So then, comfort each other with these words!

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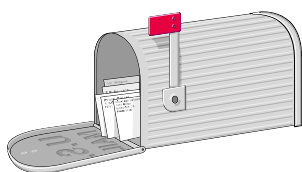


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