

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON OUTLINE -- NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Who is the Anti-Christ?

(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

INTRODUCTION: *Anti (against) examples...*

I. WHAT/WHO IS THE ANTI-CHRIST?

- A. Jesus tells us: he is a false messiah who misleads people (Matthew 24:23-25)
- B. John tells us: he comes from within the Church & deceives (1 John 2:18-29)

II. MANY BIBLICAL & SECULAR EXAMPLES

- A. 2 Thessalonians 2 – he opposes & claims to be God
- B. Matthew 24 – many anti-Christ figures
- C. Revelation 13 – Caesar Nero and the “666” number
- D. Outside the Bible
 - 1. 140 AD – a messiah figure
 - 2. 155 AD – the spirit of heresy (false teacher)
 - 3. 636 AD – Mohammed & Islam
 - 4. 1202 AD – false Popes
 - 5. 1550 AD – Roman Catholic Church
 - 6. 1800’s-1900’s – Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm, Hitler, Ayatollah Khomeini

III. AN ANTI-CHRIST or MANY ANTI-CHRISTS?

- A. The key Biblical passage – 1 John 4:1-3 (many false spirits & teachings & teachers)
- B. The key issue: Our ability to identify the anti-Christ spirit & flee his deceptions in our lives today
- C. The devil is behind all of this (1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12)
- D. OK... but what is Jesus’ wonderful promise to us? (Matthew 16:16-18)

CONCLUSION: *A most unusual battle monument in western Russia...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Service at 10:30am on Sunday, Nov 27

Please join us for a special joint (English & Chinese) service on Sunday, November 27, as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent. Come learn more about Advent and some of the promises that God gave His people that Jesus, the Messiah, would come. ***This special service will include songs and skits by the children and youth of the congregation.***

Congregational Meeting at Noon on Sun, Nov 27

Everyone is invited to the congregational meeting in the Church Hall following the Special Service. The Agenda will include:

1. 2023 Budget – Voters to approve
 2. Calling a Pastor – Update
 3. Parsonage – Update
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Youth Christmas Fundraisers

Today is the last Sunday to place an order for a Christmas plant/decoration (from Growing Smiles) or chocolates from Purdys to support the youth in raising funds for the Impact Youth Gathering next summer. If you are not ready to place your order today, please let Samantha know, and an order can be placed before Friday. Thank you for your support!

Young Adults

Young Adults (18-30ish) are invited to meet twice this week!

On Wednesday, join us at 6pm for supper and a video study. This week's video is titled Why the Bible? Why the Bible -- Christians believe that the Bible is God Himself speaking to us, but what makes it stand out as authoritative, reliable and worthy of our attention?

On Saturday, November 19 at 7pm, join us for a night of fun playing card and board games. Please bring your favourite game!