

21st Sunday after Trinity - November 13, 2022

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Ushers: Guy and Ken

A Warm Welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us this morning.

Prepare for Worship: Psalm 20 Hymnal pg. 126

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see Your great goodness and sing your praise. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive and rejoice in your forgiveness and salvation. Strengthen us to live as your true children all our days until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 38 The Lord, My God, be Praised

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
 My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
 My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
 And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
 The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
 Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
 And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
 The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
 His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
 Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
 To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
 God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

5. To Him with joyful song Our praises we are bringing
 And with the angel throng Thrice "holy we are singing,
 With one united voice The Church doth Him adore.
 The Lord, my God, be praised Now and forevermore.

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray, Oh Lord, by your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you would be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

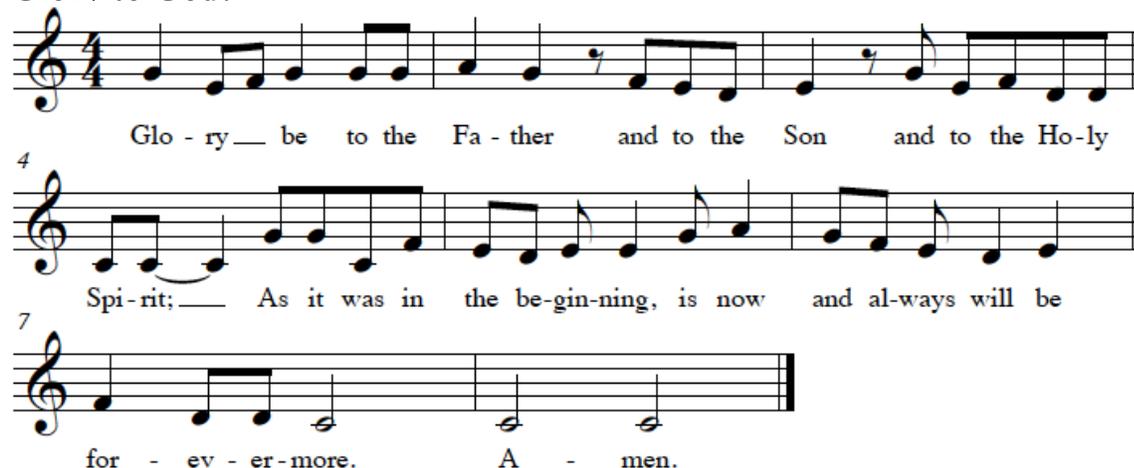
Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

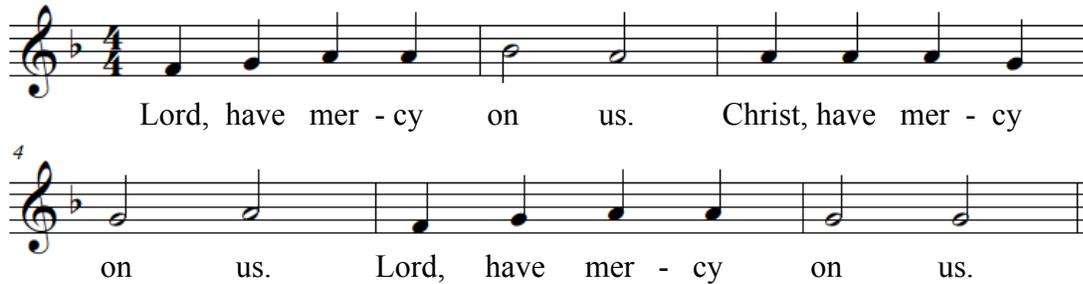
Grant this Lord, unto us all.



Glorv to God:



P: With our sins forgiven, we also have access to the throne of grace to seek God's mercy in all areas of life.



Prayers or Mercy: May God show mercy to Pastor Hein as he battles cancer.

P: The Lord be with you,



Scripture Lessons: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. 20 Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? 21 “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. 22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. 23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Response of Praise:

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

C: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

P: Who redeems your life from destruction,

**C: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah!**

P: Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Hallelujah



Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ 9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ 12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ 13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;
 "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
 Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
 The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take!
 Hallelujah! With bridal care Yourselves prepare
 To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna! The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory; Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.

Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left til the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each another with these words.”

Theme:

Our Glorious Future

1. **It is Certain for it comes from His Own Word.**
2. **It is Based on Jesus’ Death and Resurrection.**
3. **Therefore Death Cannot Deprive us of it.**
4. **It involves several amazing events.**
5. **Therefore Encourage Each Other with these Words.**

Hymn: 604 Great God, What Do I See and Hear?

1. Great God, what do I see and hear? The end of things created;
The Judge of mankind doth appear On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
The dead which they contained before: Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2. The dead in Christ shall first arise At that last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies, With joy their Lord surrounding.
No gloomy fears their souls dismay; His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

3. But sinners, filled with guilty fears, Behold His wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise and find their tears And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
They trembling stand before his throne, All unprepared to meet Him.

4. O Christ, who diedst and yet dost live, To me impart Thy merit;
My pardon seal, my sins forgive, And cleanse me by Thy Spirit.
Beneath Thy cross I view the day
When heav'n and earth shall pass away, And thus prepare to meet Thee.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

6 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

12 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from your pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -

hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean

heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Closing Hymn: 616 Forever with the Lord

1. "Forever with the Lord!" Amen! so let it be,
Life from the dead is in that word, 'Tis immortality.
2. Here in the body pent, Absent from Him, I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent A day's march nearer home.
3. My Father's house on high, Home of my soul, how near
At times to faith's foreseeing eye Thy golden gates appear!
4. Ah, then my spirit faints To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints, Jerusalem above!

5. "Forever with the Lord!" O Father, 'tis Thy will.
The promise of that faithful word E'en here to me fulfil.
6. Be Thou at my right hand, Then can I never fail.
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand; Fight Thou, and I'll prevail.
7. So when my dying breath Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death I shall escape from death And life eternal gain.
8. Knowing as I am known, How shall I love that word
And oft repeat before the throne, "Forever with the Lord!"

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Scripture Treasure to Remember **Titus 2:11-14**

“11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Voter's Meeting after the Service.

Monday - Instruction class at 11:00.

Tuesday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:30

Thursday - Board of Doctrine meeting at 11:00

Friday - Shut-in visits

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15

Voter's Meeting

Our Fourth Quarter Voters meeting is planned for today after the worship service. There will be no Bible Class today. The voter's will be discussing our financial situation and our plans for the future. Please share your thought with them.

CLC Call News

Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. **Pastor Luke Bernthal** of St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call to Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, is still considering the dual call to Redemption in Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA.

*Live every day as if Yesterday was Christmas, Today is Easter
and tomorrow is Judgment Day.*