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Lutheran Church



HIS KINGDOM ...  
SHALL NOT BE  
DESTROYED.

DANIEL 7:14, ESV

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# ✠ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost ✠

November 19, 2017

## Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 50:1-15

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah <sup>7</sup> “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. <sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. <sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. <sup>12</sup> “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, <sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

## Hymn #611 – The Day is Surely Drawing Near

### Invocation – WS p. 12

*[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]*

### Confession & Absolution – WS p. 12

*[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]*

### Introit – Psalm 54:3–5, 7; antiphon: vv. 1–2

*[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]*

- P** O God, save me, by your name,
- C** and vindicate me by your might.
- P** O God, hear my prayer;
- C** give ear to the words of my mouth.
- P** For strangers have risen against me;
- C** they do not set God before themselves.
- P** Behold, God is my helper;
- C** the Lord is the upholder of my life.

- P** He will return the evil to my enemies;  
**C** **in your faithfulness put an end to them.**  
**P** For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
**C** **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**  
**P** O God, save me, by your name,  
**C** **and vindicate me by your might.**  
**P** O God, hear my prayer;  
**C** **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

### **Gloria Patri**

*[Latin for "Glory to the Father" ~ We glorify the Triune God]*

- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
**C** **as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

### **The Kyrie – WS p. 13**

*[Greek for "O Lord" ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]*

### **Gloria in Excelsis – WS p. 13**

*[Latin for "Glory in the Highest" ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]*

### **The Salutation**

*[A liturgical dialogue of mutual greeting. Pastor and people bless each other as a sign of the bond of love that should reside among God's people.]*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with your spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day – WS p. 14**

*[The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer]*

### **Epistle Reading – 2 Peter 3:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. <sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a

thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

### **The Gradual – Psalm 50:4, 6; Isaiah 35:10a**

*[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]*

- P** He calls to the heavens above
- C** **and to the earth, that he may judge his people.**
- P** The heavens declare his righteousness,
- C** **for God himself is judge!**
- P** Alleluia. The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
- C** **they shall obtain gladness and joy. Alleluia.**

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my

brothers, you did it to me.’<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’<sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’<sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### **Alleluia – WS p. 14**

*[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]*

### **Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – TLH p. 12**

*[We boldly confess what we believe]*

### **Hymn #763 – At the Name of Jesus**

#### **Sermon Text – Daniel 7:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

#### **Sermon Theme – The Son of Man Reigns**

I. With All Power

II. For All Eternity

#### **Offertory – WS p. 16**

*[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]*

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

*[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]*

#### **General Prayer & Lord's Prayer – WS pp. 16-17**

*[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]*

#### **Hymn #657 – Beautiful Savior**

#### **Prayer for the Church**

*[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]*

#### **The Benediction – WS p. 21**

*[We receive God's blessing for another week]*

#### **Hymn #17 – Oh, Worship the King**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Sunday Bible Class** – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will pick up where we left off in the spring with our study of Luther’s Large Catechism. Today, we begin our study of the Lord’s Prayer.

**Midweek Bible Class** – There is no Midweek Bible Class this week.

**Thanksgiving Day Service** – Our Thanksgiving Day Service is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Christmas Decorating** – Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Christmas decorating after the worship service. There will also be a fellowship meal.

**CLC Contractors** - Our ILC Facilities Manager is seeking contractors within the CLC willing to be on a list available to the Immanuel Maintenance Department. The list could include contractors for roofing, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, concrete, carpentry, drywall, painting, flooring/carpet installation, etc., who could be called upon for expertise or to submit bids on large projects to save money for Immanuel. Some of the work would require the contractor to be licensed and bonded. But such a list would still obviously be helpful. Those interested can contact Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

**CLC Call News** - The Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has returned the call as co-pastor to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

Fruits of Faith: 11/12/17

Worship Attendance: 20

Bethel Home: \$795.00

CLC CEF: \$100.00

