

ailments. **Loye Issitt** is building back her strength. **David Kleinschmidt** is rehabbing at home. **Teresa Bernthal** is recovering from surgery.

**Last Week** WH – 33

General = \$1148 | Property Improvement = \$100 | Missions = \$50  
ILC Scholarship = 100 **Total Offering** = \$1,398  
**Nov. Usher:** Darrin | **Cleaner (11/28):** Bernthal | **Acolyte (11/29):** Seth

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 23-28, '20.**

**Mon Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24** Since the clergy had cheated on the LORD God and His people, God disowned them. Did that leave them shepherd-less? Not at all, for God pledged to *search, seek, deliver, bring, gather, feed, bring back, bind up, and strengthen His needy, hungry, injured, battered, and bleeding sheep* and establish Jesus (pictured as David) as Prince over the flock. Clergy defections sully all chapters of history; our chapter is still being written.

**Tues Matthew 27:27-31** Hardly anybody understood that the King of kings was deliberately lowering Himself as Substitute for sinners—which led to this black parody of a royal coronation. He endured the torture and scorned the pain by focusing on sinners like you and me; for our sakes He stayed on course, steadfast and resolute. We thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

**Wed 1 Corinthians 15:20-28** Topping our list of Thanksgiving blessings are these: Jesus not only corrected Adam's default (21-22), He also lined us up for Judgment Day (23), trumped Death (26), and stands astride the Universe as co-regent with God the Father Almighty. We thank You, holy Trinity.

**Thanksgiving Day: Deuteronomy 8:10-18** When you push away from the table with a full stomach, you *should bless the Lord, your God for the good land He has given you, your beautiful home, and your affluence* (10-13). Now, don't forget the Lord who rescued you from your sins and turned your disasters into blessings (14-16). God (not you) deserves the credit for your successes (17), and don't you forget it! Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus!

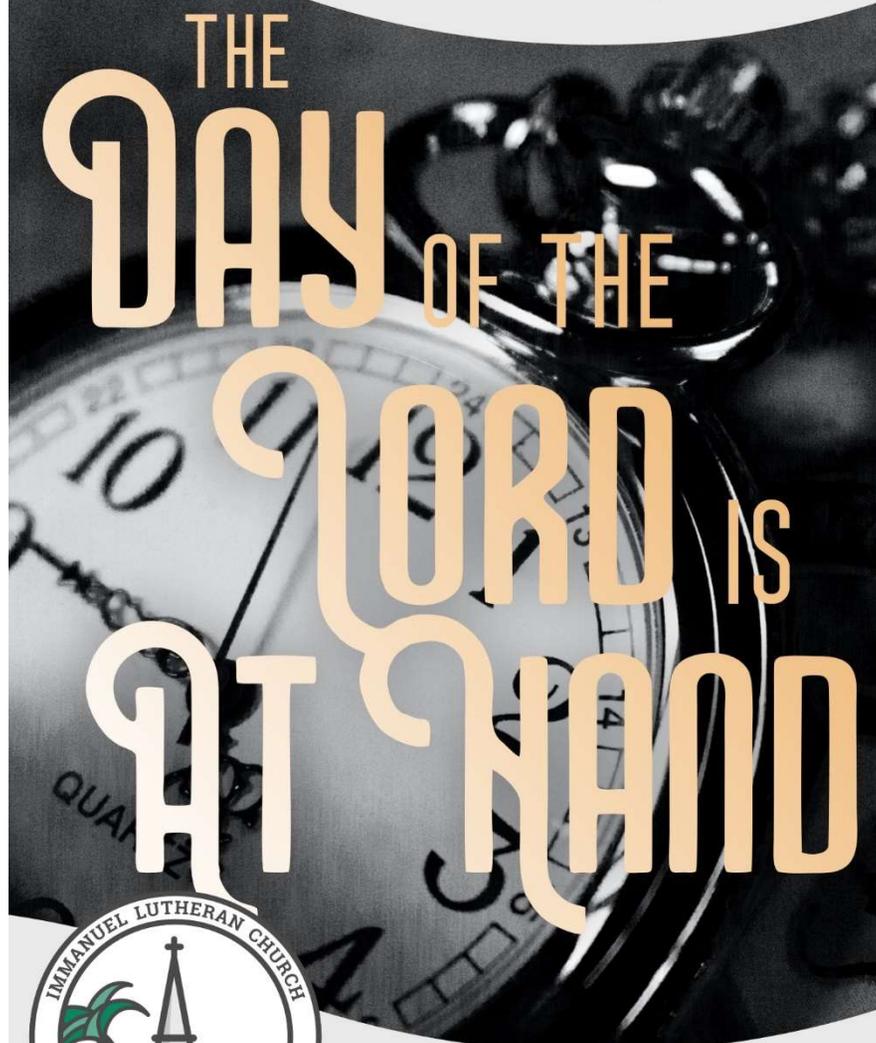
**Fri Luke 17:11-19** Jesus had mercy on those suffering humans and sent them (with renovated bodies) to the public health officers to be inspected and to receive certification that they had been cleansed (11-14). Question: Since God has cleansed our souls, where do we fit into the parable? Do we return to thank Jesus—or just head out in another direction?

**Sat Philippians 4:10-20** Even though Jesus had toughened Paul to endure a lot in life (11-13), Paul wanted his friends to know that Jesus was using them to help him survive another hour of need. They deserved to know that he appreciated their thoughtfulness, their tender hearts, and their generous gift—which arrived at just the right time (14-18). Thanks! *May God supply all that you may need, gifts that Jesus withdraws from His account* and parcels out from His personal storeroom (19).

November 22, 2020

Last Sunday of Church Year

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 95

<sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #13:1,3-4 "Before Jehovah's Awe-full Throne"**

1. Before Jehovah's awe-full throne, Ye nations, bow with sacred joy. Know that the Lord is God alone; He can create and He destroy.
3. We are His people, we His care, Our souls and all our mortal frame. What lasting honors shall we rear, Almighty Maker, to Thy name?
4. We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs, High as the heavens our voices raise; And earth, with her ten thousand tongues, Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

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

**G** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- G** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us pray.
- G** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful

**HYMN: TLH #219:1-4 "The Head that Once was Crowned"**

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now; A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords Is His, is His by right, The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is given; Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heaven.

**PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**G** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: TLH #616:1-4 "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!

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Pastor has been called** by Living Savior Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, MN. Please feel free to speak with me about this, and please keep me in your prayers.

### Shut-in/Encouragement

**List** Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ Nov. 22: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ Nov. 25: Zoom Bible Class 6:30 pm
- ✠ Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Service 10:15
- ✠ Nov. 29: Masks-on Service 9 am

**SERMON – Matthew 25:31-46** "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."



### **Judgment Day is Jesus' Day**

- I. The Day of Jesus' Glory
- II. The Day of Jesus' Justice
- III. The Day of Jesus' Joy

**mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **INTROIT**

*2 Peter 3:13, Ps 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
- G** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!**
- P** Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You.
- G** **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**
- P** Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- G** **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!**
- P** For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will



seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of

Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>20</sup> "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in

subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

## CONFESSIO OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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: TLH #611:1-3,5 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"**

- 1. The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed, Shall with great majesty appear As Judge of all appointed. All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase, As Scripture truly teacheth.**
- 2. A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken. Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken; But all that live shall in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r Be changed at His commanding.**
- 3. A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling What each hath done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling; And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been In tho'ts and words and actions.**
- 5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay And for my sin wast smitten, Within the Book of Life, oh, may My name be also written! I will not doubt; I trust in Thee, From Satan Thou hast made me free And from all condemnation.**