

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 8-13, '21

Mon Malachi 4:1-2a The final chapter of the last book of the Old Testament lends itself to the End Times; God leaves no doubt about the purpose and effect of the FIRE, and the fuel feeding the flames is/are people. More specifically, those people who are *wickedly* proud against God. On the other hand, those who *revere God* will be warmed (not incinerated) by the *Sunshine* of God's generosity. We say Amen to that and Hallelujah!

Tues John 5:18-24 The nubbin of ungodliness is not trusting God's good judgment when He authorized Jesus to represent Him on Earth (18). How far does Jesus go in representing the Father? Far enough to raise the dead (21) and to preside over Judgment Day (22). The Son deserves the Father's honor, and those who dishonor the Son are dishonoring the Father who delegated Jesus to represent Him (23). [The escape clause follows in v. 24).]

Wed Hebrews 9:24-48 This letter from God clarifies that Jesus is superior to every High Priest by reason of His entering a superior Temple (24) and by His self-sacrifice superseding all other sacrifices (25). That's how the sin-compensation ritual got capped off. Once. For all. So, when Jesus shows up on Earth again, it won't be to bear sins but to carry us home (28).

Thurs Psalm 90 goes straight to God, who is what He is from eternity to eternity, who sees where mankind is headed and tries to turn the tide (5) for humans whose time of grace is fleeting (4-6). As for ourselves, because we are rightly *terrified by our iniquities* (7-8), and because our lifespan is soon spent (9-11), *we beg You, O LORD, to have compassion on us*, reform our hearts (14-16), and make our lives count for something worthwhile (17).

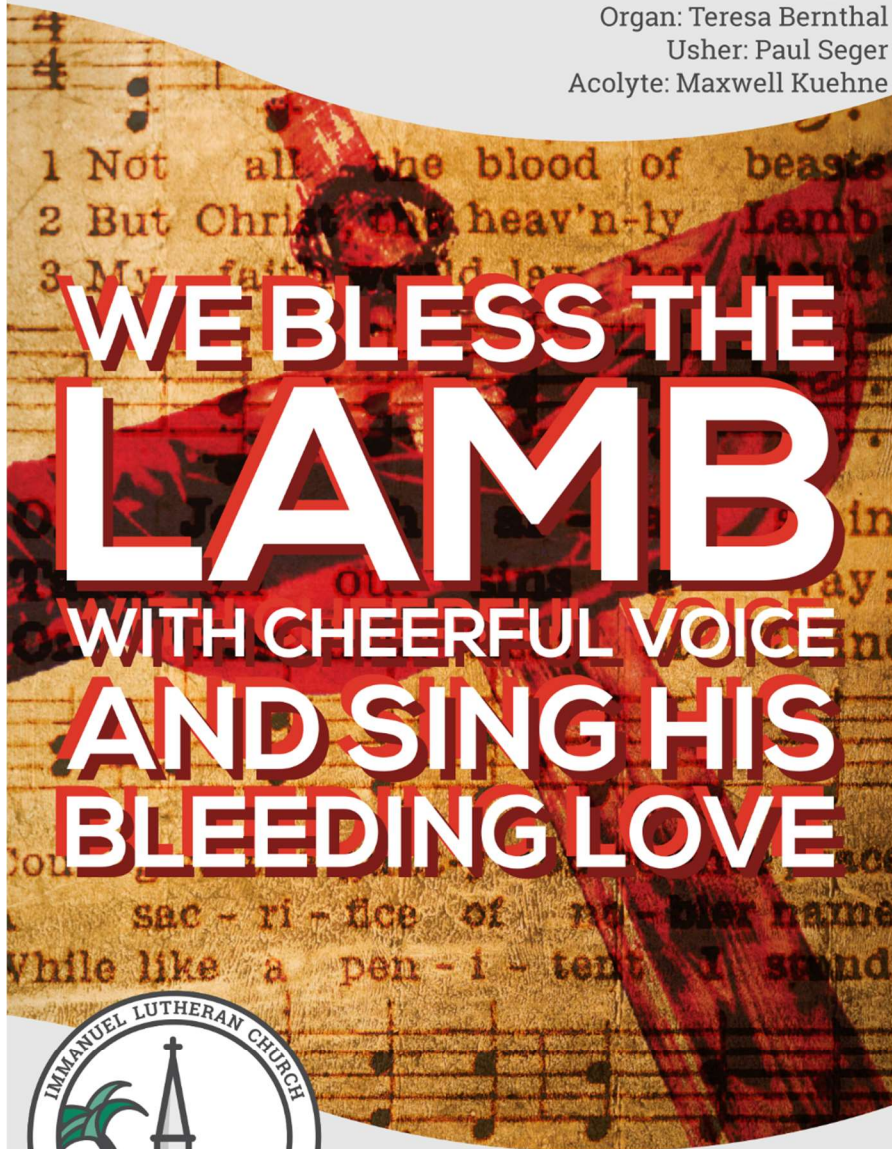
Fri John 10:24-29 How Jesus could be genuinely human and genuinely divine at the same time is a mystery—but we revere Him for what He is, true God and true miracle-worker (24-25). No sense arguing the case with those who have already disowned Jesus (26). Note: When Jesus asserts that His hand keeps us safe just as His Father's hand does (28-29), that leaves no room for doubt about Them working hand-in-hand for our benefit.

Sat 1 Peter 3:18-22 Student Peter became Professor Peter, and from his podium he reveals a dark secret – that following upon Good Friday, Jesus in His glorified body took a side trip into enemy territory. Why? In order to provide visible (and audible) proof that He was alive and well, superior to Satan, and could come and go as He wished—no matter where (19). Too late for those lost souls, but not too late for those whom God claims for Himself via the washing of Holy Baptism (20-21). Jesus is in the right position to make it happen. Thank You, dear Lord and Savior!

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 119:1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! ² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, ³ who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! ⁴ You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. ⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. ⁸ I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #439 **“O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

INTROIT

Ps. 89:1-4; 9:1

P I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

C **I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

Ongoing Reformation

True or false? It's been a method of testing for generations. You read the statements on the page and decide whether they are correct or not, true or false? It's simple and straightforward. It can be verified that it's one or the other. It can't be both.

But it isn't always that easy in real life. There is a tragic accident on the freeway. A driver crosses over the median into the oncoming lane and hits another vehicle head-on. The police suspect alcohol was involved. Further investigation, however, reveals the wrong-way driver had a medical emergency and lost consciousness.

In spiritual matters it can seem even more uncertain. Do you know someone who has given up on ever being sure of who God is or how to be certain of their standing with Him? There are so many conflicting claims as to what is true. In the end, does everyone worship the same God? Are there many paths to heaven? Is it arrogant to say that we know the truth?

At the time of the Reformation there was also tremendous uncertainty. The Pope claimed absolute authority as the dispenser of truth. But Martin Luther and others had questions. Were all the teachings of the church true? Are good works necessary for salvation? How could one know? How can we be sure?

Luther became so sure of the truth that he tirelessly preached and defended salvation by faith in Jesus alone, even though it put his life in constant danger. It didn't sway his confidence when the highest authorities in the government and church told him he was wrong. He had a greater authority to rely upon—God's holy Word. "All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16). Jesus prayed, "Father...sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (Jn. 17:17). The Bereans "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11).

What about the coworker's thoughts over lunch about Jesus' second coming? Does the religious podcast have it right? Can we be sure we have it right when there are so many who disagree? The ongoing blessing of the Reformation is that it directs us to unfailing, absolute, eternal truth. Jesus assures us, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matt. 24:35). True or false? "If you abide in My word...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:31-32). It's that simple.

Pastor David Naumann and his bride, Christy Mattson, were joined together in holy wedlock last Sunday. If you recall, Pastor Naumann's wife, Desiree, was called to heaven in January. Christy's husband also passed away within the past year. We praise the Lord for providing healing to their hearts with one another. Please keep Pastor Naumann and Christy in your prayers, that God would richly bless their marriage!

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

Offering Envelope Funds As a reminder of the various funds that appear on your offering envelopes and their uses: **Home Funds** are offerings that go to support the work of our local congregation. **Synodical Funds** are offerings that go to support the work of our synod as a whole. **Home Operating Budget** – The recurring expenses to keep the church and school running, such as payroll, insurance, maintenance, etc. This is our most used fund. **Building Fund** – Special large ticket items such as air conditioner replacement or plumbing repairs. **Property Improvement Fund** – Special large ticket improvement items for church buildings. **ILC Scholarship Fund** – Tuition assistance for children of church members to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. **Tuition Grant Fund** – Tuition assistance for children to attend our own school here at Immanuel. **Benevolence Fund** – Used to help families (primarily church families) with any special needs. **CLC Offerings (Missions)** – Support for Immanuel Lutheran College operations and CLC Mission endeavors. **ILC Building Fund** – Supports new or updated buildings at Immanuel Lutheran College. **CLC Student Aid Fund** – Tuition assistance for students who attend Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. **Other** – All other funds not listed above, such as Memorials or Petty Cash or Kinship.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **Shirley Rosenberry** is struggling with severe knee pain which has greatly limited her mobility. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and suffered a recent fall. **Craig and Kay Owings** are recovering well from their bouts with COVID. **Gail Sedberry** is still looking for a diagnosis for several ongoing health problems.

Last Week: WH – 42 **Total Offering** = \$2,003.75
 General = \$1,303.75 | Tuition = \$400 | Property = \$200 | ILS Schol. = \$100

Cleaner (11/13): Naumann | **Acolyte (11/14):** Grant Bernthal

- ☐ For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
- ☑ **You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:**
- ☐ ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- ☐ Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, cleanse us by the power of Your redeeming blood that in purity and peace we may worship and adore Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☑ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 6:1-9 "Now this is the commandment-- the statutes and the rules-- that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 7:23-28 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since



he always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6:24-26

☐ 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.

☑ Amen!

HYMN: TLH #390 "Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest"

✠ **Announcements** ✠

Voters' Meeting Today: We have a special voters' meeting following the service this morning. This should not be a long voters' meeting, but we do have some important decisions to make regarding the parking lot and other property matters. If you are a voter, please stay for the meeting!

- ✠ Nov. 7: Special Voters' Meeting
- ✠ Nov. 7: Communion Service
- ✠ Nov. 7: Bible Class & SS 9:15am
- ✠ Nov. 10-12: Pastor out of town
- ✠ Nov. 14: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ Nov. 14: Bible Class & SS 9:15a

CLC Call News Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, **has received** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN + Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, **has returned** the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, **is still considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON – Mark 12:28-34 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Am I “Not Far” from the Kingdom of God?

- I. Yes, according to Jesus, the “right” teacher
- II. No, according to Jesus, the “right” Savior

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** *♩* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

HYMN: TLH #429:1-2 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”



– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:



OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 “Lord, You Love...”

- ☞** *♩* **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them up to the Lord!**

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *♩* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
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 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

The Order of Holy Communion

