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Last Sunday of the Church Year

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AND LORD OF LORDS



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #266

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - © O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those

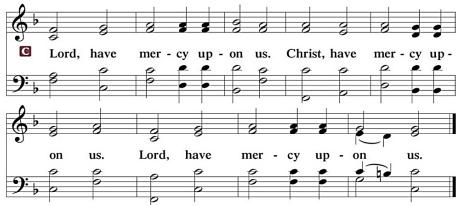
who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

INTROIT Psalm 134

- Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
- P Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!
- **G** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!



Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Alleluia.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

- All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you

gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, 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?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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: TLH #604

"Great God, What Do I See and Hear?"

SERMON – Revelation 19:11-16 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like

blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (NIV)

EVIL ONLY SEEMS TO BE WINNING!

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #341

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & 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.

HYMN: TLH #51

"Now May He Who from the Dead"

♣ Announcements **♣**

Last Week: WH - 23 Orlando - 11 Total Offering = \$616.25

- **Nov. 20** 10:15am WH service
- ♣ Nov. 24 10:15am Thanksgiving Service WH
- ₱ Nov. 26 10am Christmas decorating at church
- ₱ Nov. 27 8am Orlando service 10:15 am WH
- Nov. 30 Special Wednesday
 Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- † Dec. 2 Havendale Christmas Parade
- ♣ Dec. 4 9:15am Bible Class 10:15am Communion Service Christmas Cookie fellowship after church with Church Council, Trustee, and Elders' meetings

General = \$516.25 | Property Improvement = \$50.00 | ILC Scholarship = \$50.00

<u>Poinsettia</u> There is a poinsettia list in the back of church. If you would like to donate money for a poinsettia "In Memory Only," please sign the list and pay Teresa \$10.

Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 24 we will be having our Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:15 am. Come praise and thank the Lord for all the spiritual and physical blessings He has given to us.

<u>Christmas Decorating</u> Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 am we will be decorating the church in preparation for Advent which begins November 27. We will be decorating the tree, the church, and putting up the Nativity scene.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will conduct Bible class December 4 at 9:15 am followed by the communion service. After church there will be the Christmas Cookie Fellowship followed by Church Council, Trustees, and Elders' meetings. The following week Orlando service will be at 8:00 am followed by the Winter Haven service at 10:15 am.

Cleaner (11/26): Bernthal | Acolyte (11/27): Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 21 – Nov. 26, '22

Mon Luke 12:35-40 The message of Christ's second coming on the last day is "Be ready!" We will not be able to predict the time of His coming so we need to be ready at all times. This is not, however, like preparing for a

hurricane, or some other disaster, but rather preparing for a time of great joy and blessing (v37-38).

Tues Revelation 22:6-13 The revelation to John closes as it began (1:8) with the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, promising repeatedly "I am coming soon," "the time is near" (v.7,10,12). Only the One who is coming is worthy of our worship, for He is the eternal One, our Savior God.

Wed Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4 The prophet finds himself in the midst of violence, iniquity, destruction, strife, and contention, and he cries to the LORD for help. The LORD's answer (2:1-4) is that the time of vindication is near, even though it may seem slow in coming. Trust Him!

Thurs James 1:16-18 On a national day of Thanksgiving, many may be recognizing the blessings that have been showered upon us in the form of food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, etc. The child of God is also blessed to know the source of every good gift, and the promise of continued (and eternal) care by Him who is more lasting than the sun, moon, and stars.

Fri Colossians 1:13-20 He whose blessed coming we await is not just our friend, who laid down His life for us, but also the ruler of a kingdom (v13). He is the King of Creation, Son of God and Son of man, in whom all things hold together (v17). There is nothing in the universe, except sin, that is not in some way related to Him.

Sat Jeremiah 23:1-6 Jesus would one day echo the prophet's "woes" upon the religious leaders of God's people, who shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces (cpMt23:13). But the shepherds who destroy and scatter the LORD's flock will be dealt with by the LORD Himself (v2). And that same LORD will gather the remnant of His flock and bring salvation and security under the reign of David's descendant, "The LORD our righteousness" (v6).