

All Saints Sunday

John 11:32-44 11-4-18

“He Was Greatly Disturbed in Spirit and Deeply Moved”

A. Jesus does not ignore death....he brings resurrection life....

B. The Church doesn't ignore death either....she lives in resurrection hope.

A Luther Sermon Quotation: [Martin Luther was no stoic.” – Plass. He understood what it was to experience feelings of grief. He understood with gratitude how much he owed the Elector John of Saxony, his ruler and protector. On the occasion of the death of John, he wrote the following in a sermon on August 18, 1532] *A really firm man does not consider himself too strong to be touched by the passing away of a good friend. Rather the Christian is pained at such a bereavement, but in him the spirit dominates the flesh. For God has not created man to be a stock or stone but has given him the senses and a heart of flesh, so that he loves his friends, is angry with his enemies, and commiserates with his dear friends in adversity.* (Plass, *What Luther Says*, 1529, p. 510)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 12:38-44 11-11-18

WELCA Thank Offering Service

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 11-18-18

“At that Time Your People Will Be Delivered”

A. A little bit about the Book of Daniel....

1. What scholars tell us....

2. The message of Apocalyptic writing....

B. The Book of Daniel is Gospel writing

A Luther Sermon Quotation: [Luther in 1530 once wrote the following in a little work titled, "Treatise on Keeping Children in School."] *Figure it out for yourself. Whatever benefit a good ministry and pastoral care produce, your son [or daughter] who faithfully administers this office, certainly also produces. Daily many souls are instructed converted, and baptized by him; they are brought to Christ, are saved and redeemed from sin, death, hell, and the devil; and through him they come to eternal righteousness, to eternal life, and to heaven. As Daniel says (12:3): "Teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever."* (Plass, What Luther Says, 2941, p. 936)

Christ the King

John 18:33-37 11-25-18

NOT FROM THIS WORLD

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'"

John 18:36 (NRSV)

"Are you king of the Jews?"

On this Christ the King Sunday, this is the question Pilate asks of Jesus. Jesus refuses to answer Pilates' charge directly and instead says, *"My kingdom is not from this world."* The subsequent events of Jesus' trial and crucifixion reveal the meaning of Jesus' answer and display:

- The true nature of Jesus' kingship.
- What Jesus' kingship means for us.

It is important for us to recognize the true nature of Jesus' kingship and to courageously and joyfully live under his rule.

"Thy kingdom come."

What does this mean?

*The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself;
but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.*

How is this done?

*When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by
his grace we believe His Holy Word and lead a godly life,
here in time and hereafter in eternity.*

Edwin Plass, *What Luther Says*, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO, 1959, #2456, p. 789.