LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 21, 2021 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty. dominion and power, both now and forever. (imen.

Jude 1:24-25

#### LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

#### **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/ Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord Jesus, as I wait for Your return, lead me by Your Spirit to remember that I am Your people. Build me up in this most holy faith, and keep me in Your love as I wait for Your mercy that leads to eternal life. As those who have received mercy, I ask You to empower me to be merciful. As You have saved me by grace through faith, work through me as You save others by snatching them out of the fire; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our

King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

#### **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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#### WELCOME

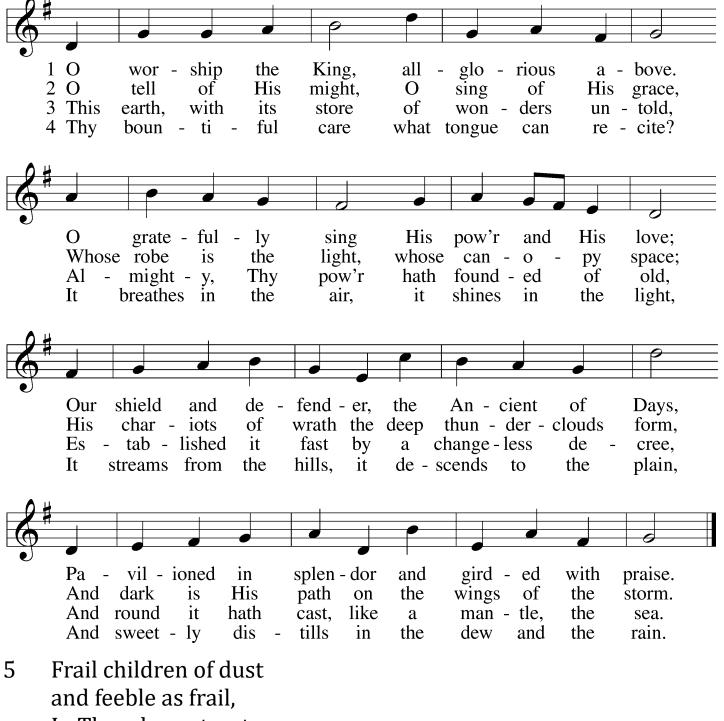
#### PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

**OPENING HYMN** 

*O* Worship the King

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In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend! 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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## INVOCATION

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE*

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## walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

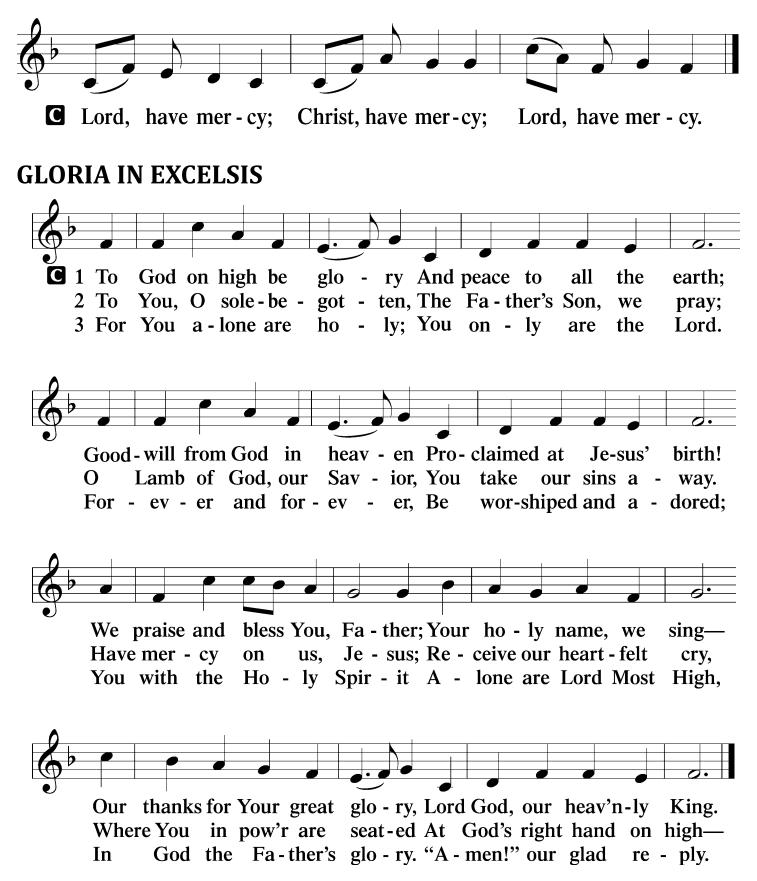
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### **INTROIT** *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b*

- P look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- C "Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am.
- P Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You;
- C "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.
- P Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.
- C "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears;
- All 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
- P look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**KYRIE** 



## SALUTATION

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

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray. Lord God, You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 51:4–6

(Keep your eyes open for Jesus—righteousness draws near. 4 "Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait upon Me, and on My arm they will trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM** *Psalm 93*

- P The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed,
- 8

He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

- C Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
- P The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
- C The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.
- P Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house,
  O Lord, forever.

## **EPISTLE** Jude 20–25 (Remember your identity in Christ.)

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And on some have compassion, making a distinc-

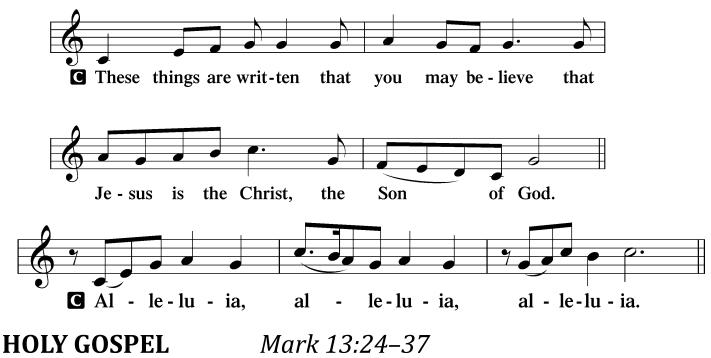
tion; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

# **ALLELUIA and VERSE**





(The end is near.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

#### C Glory to You , O Lord.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! 30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants,

and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

All 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.

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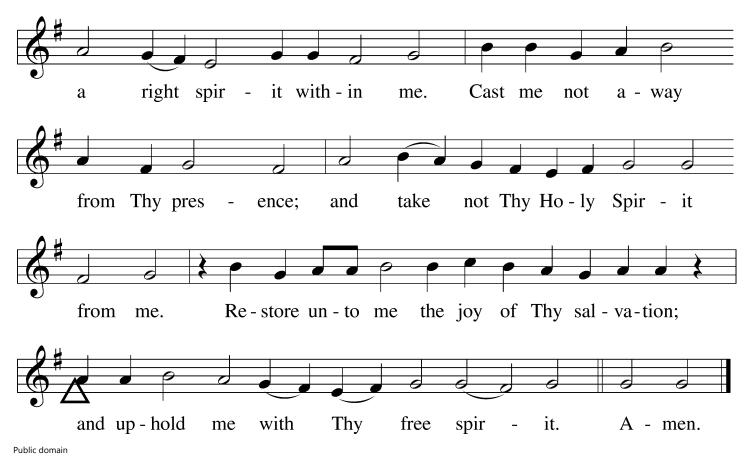
HYMN OF THE DAY All People That on Earth Do Dwell LSB 791 Accompanied by Brass Ensemble; Ken and Debbie Eilers Sing 1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, to the 2 Know that With - out the Lord is God in - deed: our 3 O ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with en \_ 4 For why? The Lord His God is good: mer our cy 5 To God Fa - ther. Son. and Ho ly Ghost. The whom Lord with cheer ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His \_ aid He did make. We His folk. He us are Praise, His courts to. laud. and bless His joy un times is for ev er sure. His truth at all heav'n and earth a dore, From us and from the 6 6 praise forth - tell; fore Him and Come ve be joice. re doth feed, And for His sheep He doth us us take. al For is seem - ly do. name ways, it -SO to shall from firm - ly stood And age dure. to age en gel host Be praise and glo - ry an \_ ev er \_ more. Public domain

"All Glory to God our Savior, now and forevermore?" (Jude 20–25)

#### **OFFERING**

**SERMON** 





# SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you"(John 20:21)(Sharing American Sign Language)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
  Lord Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. Your salvation will be forever,
- C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.
- P As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [especially . . .], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,
- C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.
- P You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who

serve as first responders in our communities. Your salvation will be forever,

- C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.
- P As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy. Your salvation will be forever,
- C and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. Amen.

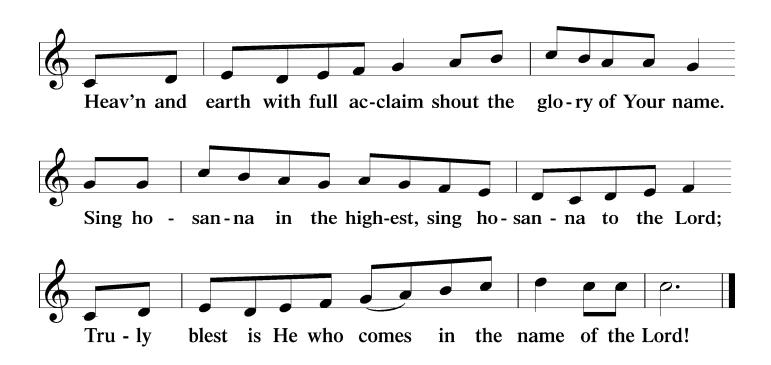
## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord God, King of the universe, for You are the ruler of all things and are enthroned in majesty. As we lift our eyes to the heavens, we are reminded that You came to earth in the person of Your Son, Jesus, who came to give us life to the fullest through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. As we watch and wait for His return, we thank You for Your Spirit, who calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, makes us holy, and keeps us in the one true faith. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS





## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Ρ Blessed are You, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, for You have had mercy on us and given Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not perish but have life everlasting with You in Your kingdom. In Your righteous judgment, You condemned Adam and Eve's sin and have rightly judged their rebellious children. Yet, in Your great mercy, You have promised salvation through the sacrifice of Your life on the cross and Your glorious resurrection. Thank You for the Table You have set for us with the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully enjoy the fruits of His labors and be presented blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

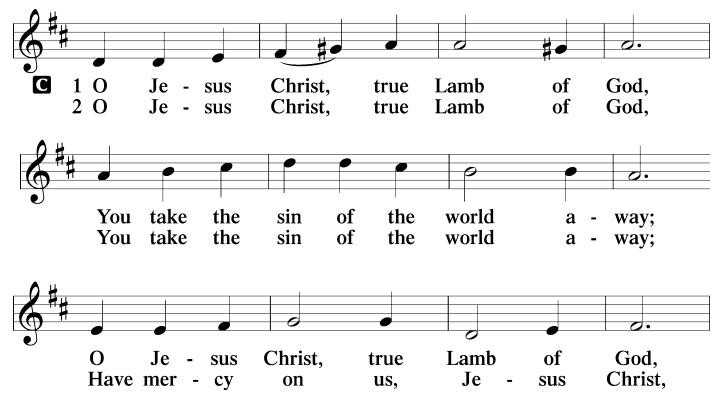
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

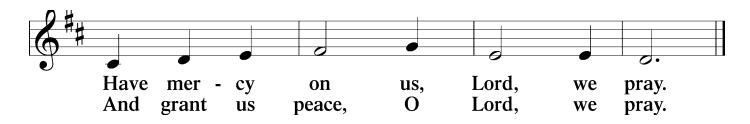
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**





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## SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION





#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P Let us pray. O Lord, our righteousness and our salvation, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### BENEDICTION

#### (Numbers 6:24–26)

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

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**SENDING HYMN** 



Crown Him with many crowns

As thrones before Him fall;

Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,

For He is king of all.

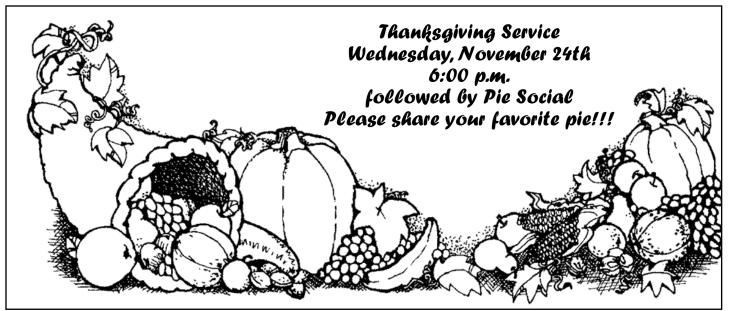
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# DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

# POSTLUDE

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*Advent Midweek Sermon Series: "God's People Prepare for Christmas"* 



**5:00 p.m. Soup Supper** Please join us. We'd love to taste your favorite soup. Please sign up to share your soup!

#### 6:00 p.m. Service

 (Pastor Goetz will be preaching the first three Midweek Advent series sermons and Pastor Weber the fourth.)
 December 1st - "People of the Old Testament Prepare for Christmas" December 8th - "Elizabeth Prepares for Christmas" December 15th - "Mary Prepares for Christmas" December 22nd - "Joseph Prepares for Christmas"
 Christmas Eve Service, December 24th @ 6 p.m.





**Portals of Prayer** for October to December 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Goetz will be leading the class.

# Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: Psalm 96:2

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.



Winter Texans

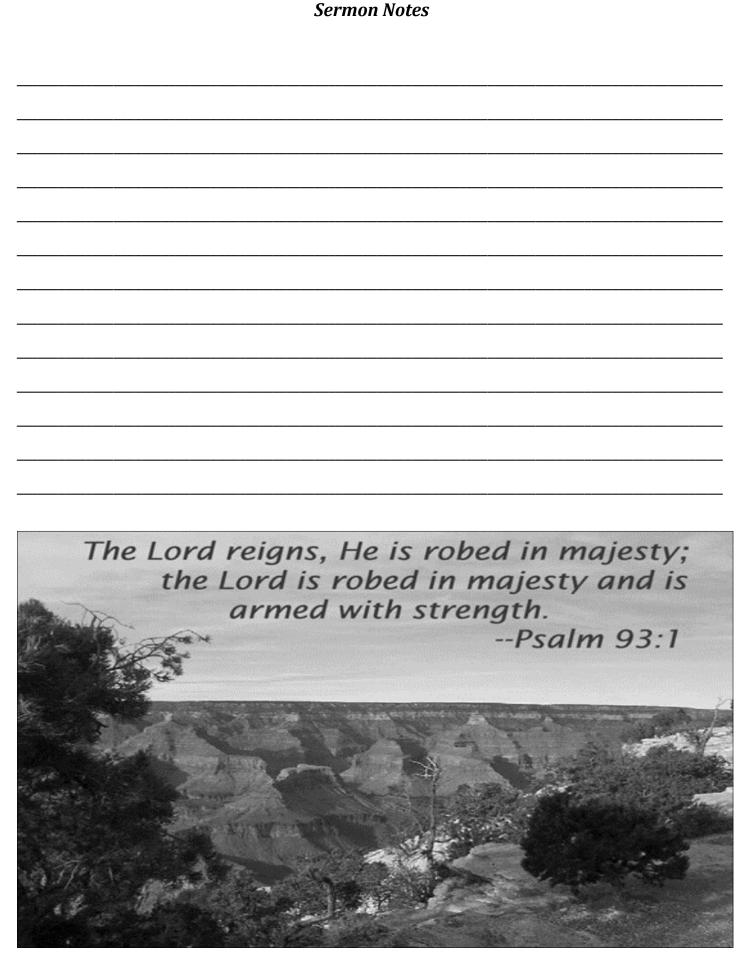
We ask the Lord for safe travel for the Winter Texans who will be joining us later during the coming months.

<u>Reminder</u>

Church Council Budget/Nominating Meeting Tuesday, November 23,2021

7:30 p.m.

Thank You, Thank You A Big Thank You to Pat Fick, Director of Can Do Ministry and her Concordia students for helping us repaint the playground equipment.



#### In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that "heaven and earth will pass away." But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). He is "the firstborn of the dead," who in His great love "has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because "his dominion is an everlasting dominion" and His kingdom "shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ "a light to the peoples," which "will never be dismayed" because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He "is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory," so wait upon "the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 20–24).

11/14/2021			First Sunday in Advent
Sunday Worship	42		Readings:
Plate:		\$ 350.00	C
Envelopes:		\$ 2 <i>,</i> 656.00	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Memorials:			Psalm 25:1-10
			1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
	Total:	\$ 3,006.00	Luke 19:28-40 or Luke 21:25-36
Bible Class:	23	\$ 20.00	
	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	November Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus		
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling		
Music:	Bonny Winston		
This Week	Last Sunday of the Church Year		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	lay: Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am		
Next Week	First Sunday in Advent		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am		
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am		