

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 15-20, '21**

**Mon Daniel 12:1-3** Even if we don't understand all the visions God gave Daniel, this one seems clear enough – it's the countdown to Judgment Day, when trouble melds into *deliverance* for God's people (1). The *multitudes who are asleep* in their graves shall *awake, some to everlasting life, but others to shame and everlasting separation from God* (2). God has stellar benefits for His dear children who are wise (like the five virgins), and for those who *turn many to righteousness* via Jesus, the Savior.

**Tues John 5:25-29** dovetails well with Daniel's vision, for the Holy Spirit is the author of both. Note: Hearing (not just auditing, but heeding) God's Word is primary; then the Holy Spirit can produce the miracle of believing that Jesus is the Messiah/Savior. God's ultimate purpose is to bestow everlasting life on mortals, as Jesus provides for us His secure passport from death to life (24).

**Wed Hebrews 10:11-18** Many have benefited from this exposé of a church that touts priests *ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins*. And why doesn't that work? Because Jesus has already offered *one sacrifice for sin forever . . . for by a single sacrifice He has perfected (made holy) those who are still growing in sanctification* (13-14). Bottom line: *Where there is remission of sins, there is no longer an offering needed for sins*. No longer! Thank You, Jesus.

**Thurs Psalm 118** *God is good!* How so? Because *His mercy never quits* (1). That bears repeating (2-4). Let's declare ourselves on this (5-9), and even get aggressive about it (10-13). Let's admit where we stand with God (14-18) as our personal confession and affirmation (19-21). We see Jesus in v. 22 and His impact on our everyday life (24). We close with another round of praise for Jesus, *who has come to us in the name of Jehovah* (25-27). *I will praise You; I will exalt You* (28)—and I invite you to join in (29).

**Fri John 8:31-36** Our souls depend on God's Word (a Reformation theme), and if we continue in (persevere in, remain faithful to) His Word, then we are His disciples in the truest sense. Taking God at His Word squares us with the truth, and that in turn frees us from being victimized (31-32). First and foremost, Jesus frees us from bondage under sin and Satan (34-36).

**Sat Hebrews 10:13** Jesus is enthroned in heaven, busy with our prayers and directing angel traffic, but He is also waiting, *expecting*, anticipating the hour when all His enemies get subjected under His feet. The *footstool* image is borrowed from Psalm 110:1 and echoed by Jesus in Matthew 22:44. Well, we are awaiting that hour, too, and so we appeal, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" Amen . . . and Amen!

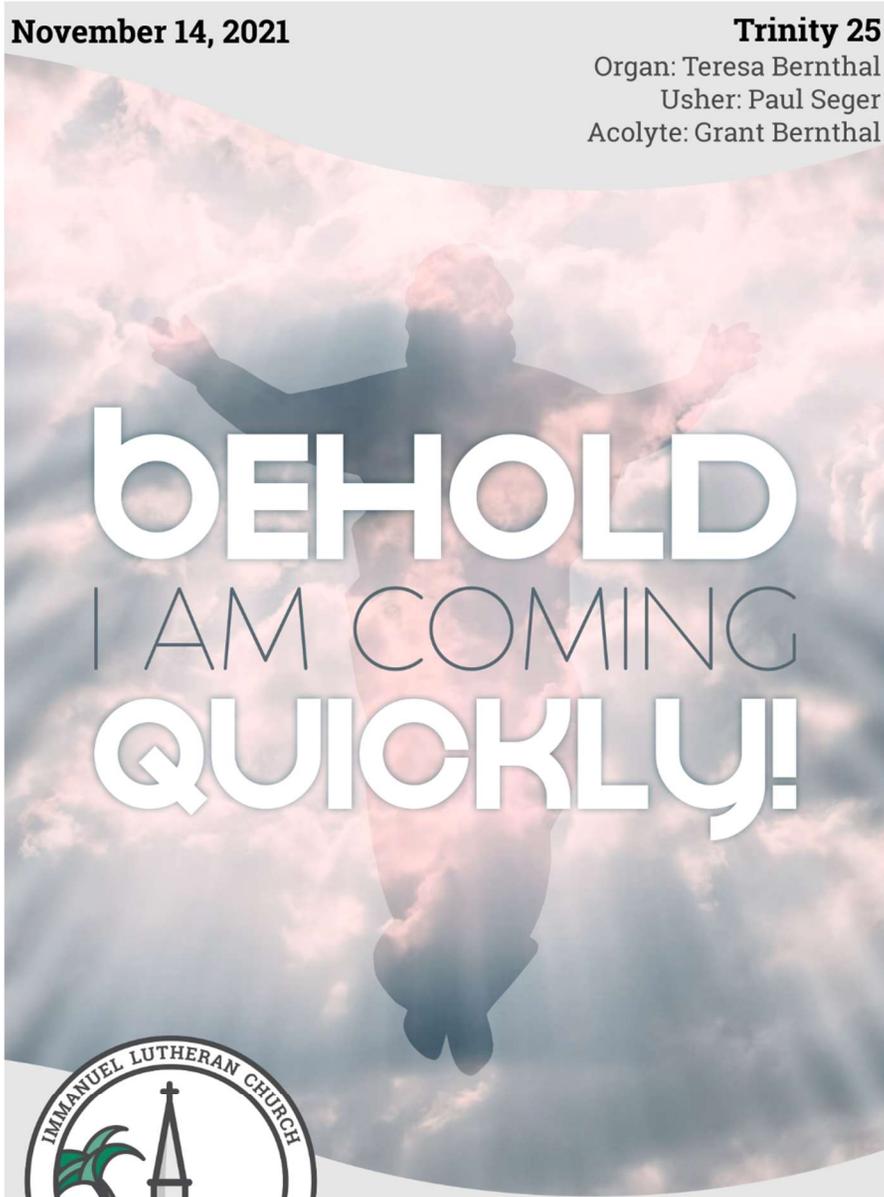
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**Trinity 25**

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**BEHOLD  
I AM COMING  
QUICKLY!**



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## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

## OPENING PRAYER

**Hymn: TLH #360:1,2,4,6 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

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

**G** ♪ A - - - men.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

**P** Pastor

**G** 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.

**G** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**G** ♪ **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.

**G** **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.

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

**CLC Call News** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, *is still considering* the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, *is still considering* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

✠ **Nov. 14:** Orlando Service 8a  
✠ **Nov. 14:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a  
✠ **Nov. 21:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a  
✠ **Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving 10:15a

**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](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa).

**Pastor** traveled to Eau Claire, WI this past week to speak with the Juniors and Seniors of Immanuel Lutheran High School about the preaching and teaching ministry. I also was able to take some time with the Pre-Theology students to encourage them to continue on their path. Please pray for the students of the synod, that the Lord would lead more to consider the Public Preaching and Teaching Ministry.

**Trip to Israel** – A CLC group trip to Israel had been planned for January 2022, but it's been postponed due to COVID. The new dates are now set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like to hear any more information about this trip, please contact to Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602; [nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com](mailto:nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com)). The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.

**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 – 40

**Total Offering** = \$1,526.75

General = \$1,021.75 | Missions = \$50 | Tuition = \$350 | Property = \$105

**Cleaner (11/20):** Custodio | **Acolyte (11/21):** Hayden Morris

<sup>17</sup> `And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. <sup>18</sup> "*Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture-- and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? <sup>19</sup> "And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet." <sup>20</sup> `Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### Rejoice! For Christ's Might Makes Right

#### OFFERTORY

- G** *♩* 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 #263** "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

#### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1** "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- G** *♩* We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

#### PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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, amen, a - men.

**HYMN: TLH #604** "Great God, What do I See and Hear?"

#### INTROIT

*Ps. 39:4-5,7-8,12; 2 Pet. 3:13*

- 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! For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.**

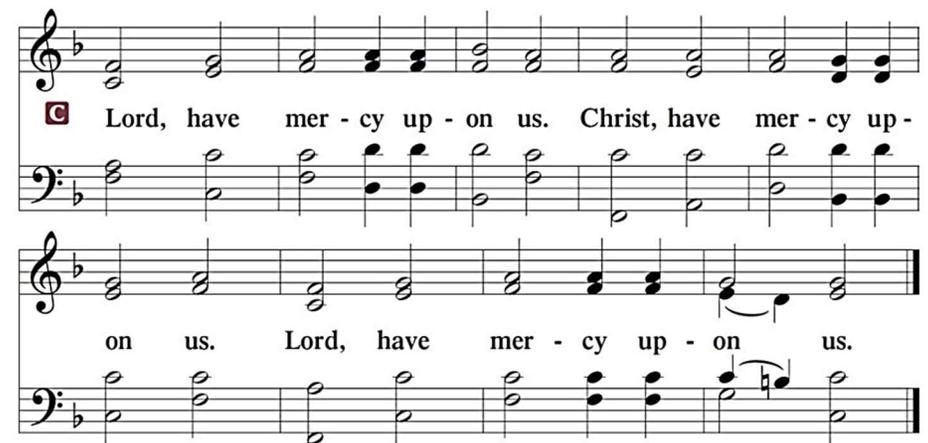


**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Ezekiel 34:22*

- P** Alleluia. Therefore, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be a prey. Alleluia.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**G** ♪ **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!**

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** ♪ **A - - - men.**

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON – Revelation 22:6-15** And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." <sup>7</sup> "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." <sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." <sup>10</sup> And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." <sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON – Matthew 24:37-44** For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away,

so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

### 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 #606**

**"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"**

**SERMON – Ezekiel 34:11-24** For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup> "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. <sup>13</sup> "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."