

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 24 *Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*

Liturgy Page 5 ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious, now we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!
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Epistle Lesson Revelation 20:1-10 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, bound him for a thousand years, threw him into the abyss, locked it, and set a seal on it, so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years come to an end. After this he must be released for a short time.

Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be released from his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations that are in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. They are as numerous as the sand of the sea. They came up over the broad expanse of the earth, and they surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the Devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur,

where the beast and the false prophet are. There they will be tormented day and night, forever and ever. (EHV)

Gospel Lesson John 5:24-29 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Hymn 465 *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Sermon Isaiah 2:1-5 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

A Lutheran View of the End Times

The Millennium is Now

The Offertory

Hymn 467:1-4, 7 *Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 613 *Jerusalem the Golden*

SURGERIES We thank our gracious Lord for watching over Alfred last Tuesday. The surgeon was able to insert a stent in one of the arteries that was blocked. May the Lord grant him renewed strength and vigor.

We are also grateful that the Lord blessed Sophie with successful heart surgery on Monday. “Sophie had a modified Norwood operation at Children Hospital in Omaha. The goal with this hybrid method is to repair and recover the left ventricle in her heart that is responsible for carrying blood to the body. She is one week into a 3-4 week recovery period. As of Friday, her breathing tube was taken out. She will have a feeding tube until she gains more strength. We are extremely blessed for all the prayers and support we have received during this process. Every step of this journey has been an answered prayer. The Lord has blessed Sophie and all those around her with necessary strength. Psalm 46:1-3” – Nathan and Mary

GREETING CARDS The shipment has arrived. Please see Jolene about picking up your order.

THANK YOU We thank Ed Leistiko for providing more paper and a variety of items (including boxes of disposable masks and other supplies for the church). We appreciate his kindness.

ILC COLLEGE VISITORS' DAY “Sadly, COVID constraints are affecting our annual College Visitors' Day on Friday, November 20. Due to restrictions Immanuel is unable to issue an open invitation to off-campus visitors, as we normally do. However, if you are a young person or parent who wants to find out more about Immanuel Lutheran College, you may view the Visitors' Day presentations streamed live starting at 10:30 a.m., link available on the home page at ILC.edu. If you still wish to attend in person on Nov. 20, or would like an individualized tour of campus at another time, please contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann to discuss possible arrangements (715-836-6636, or paul.naumann@ilc.edu).”

CLC NEWS Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Sleepy Eye, has returned the call to Eden Prairie. Terry Springer has successfully completed the first round of the colloquy process and is eligible to serve in vacancy work.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) The Boernsens and Liepolds
The Luecks, P. Strike