

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

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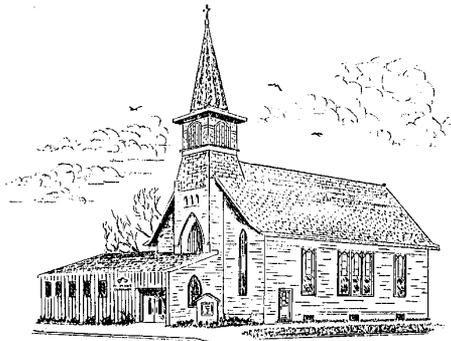
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins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

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**Prelude** Mrs. Debra Mayhew

**Hymn** 606 *O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking*

**Liturgy** page 12 ff. in the front of the Worship Supplement.

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**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** 604 *Great God, What do I See and Hear?*

**Sermon** Daniel 7:1-3 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened."

## **Prepare to be Audited...**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Hymn** 794 *Jerusalem, Jerusalem*

## **The Benediction**

**Hymn** 207:2, 4 *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

**THANK YOU** We offer our thanks Mrs. Debra Mayhew for filling in on the organ this morning. She is one of the Teachers in the CDS in Sleepy Eye, and serves as the editor for Branches magazine. We appreciate the work she has done for us today.

**WITH THE LORD** Two of our fellow Christians, Herman and Alfred Eigenberg were crowned with eternal glory last Sunday. Herman's time of grace on this earth included 90 years, 9 months, and 2 days. Alfred lived for 87 years, 7 months and 18 days. We praise the Lord for keeping both men steadfast in their Christian faith and thank the Lord for the blessing they have been to all of us. May the Lord comfort all who mourn their passing with the certain hope of His Word.

Herman's funeral was held yesterday morning. Alfred's funeral is set for 10:30 on Tuesday morning. *"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"*

*"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."* (Revelation 14:13)

A special thanks to all who helped with the funeral and dinner yesterday. We appreciate the willingness and nice attitude of all who served.

**SOPHIE UPDATE** Sophie underwent a special surgery on Thursday morning. The Heart Specialist was able to remove scar tissue that had built up and successfully switched the Pulmonary and Aortic arteries of her heart. The blood from her Left Ventricle will now go to her lungs, while the blood from her Right Ventricle will be pumped throughout her body (the normal heart has these reversed). We praise our gracious God for preserving her through this surgery and ask His continued blessings during the recovery process. Her family is grateful for your prayers and concern.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** The assignments for the Christmas Eve service will be made in the very near future. Parents, please help your children with them.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Rob Sauers, Fond du lac, WI has the call to St. Louis. Pastor Neal Radichel, Mankato has the call to Eden Prairie.

Missionary Evensen sent the following on Thursday morning: *“South-east India, where the BELC is located, is currently being hit by heavy rain that is causing massive flooding. Many of our BELC pastors are surrounded by flood water and unable to leave their homes and unable to do their daily work to earn their livelihood. This heavy rain is expected to continue until the 16th of November. Chennai has particularly hard-hit.*

*While the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have set up some flood relief shelter in Chennai and major cities, they are neglecting the villages where most of our pastors and fellow Christians live.*

*Please keep the people in these hard-hit areas in your prayers!*

*I have not heard anything from the CLCI. They are more north than the BELC, and so they might be escaping most of the flooding, but I know they have some churches along the cost that may be impacted as well.*

**ISRAEL TRIP** The group trip to Israel, which was postponed until January 2022 due to COVID, has been postponed once more. 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 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.

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11/28 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.

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