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Saints Triumphant



HE IS NOT  
THE GOD OF THE DEAD,  
BUT OF THE

*Living*



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #215

"Draw Us to Thee"

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

**C** ♪ Amen.

**P** Pastor

### **Confession of Our Sins**

**C** Congregation

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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

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

**C** ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O 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.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution from Our God**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

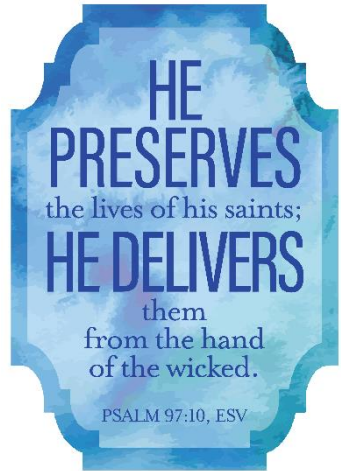
**C** ♪ Amen.

## The Introit

Ps. 115:2-4, 8, 11, 17-18

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
- C** **Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"**
- P** Our God is in the heavens' He does all that He pleases.
- C** **Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.**
- P** Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.
- C** **The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.**
- P** But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
- C** **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.**



## The Gloria Patri

TLH 98:5

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ **Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory Evermore and evermore.**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

## Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

## Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #613

"Jerusalem the Golden"

Luke 20:27-40

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>

and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup> And the second <sup>31</sup> and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup> Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of

Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living ...

Luke 20:38, NRSV



God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

## Is There Life after Death?

I. The Sadducees of this world say NO.

II. God's almighty Word says YES!

### The Offertory

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*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

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**C** ♪ **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.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #206:1-4, 9**

*"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"*

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

### The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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**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.

**C** ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

**Hymn: TLH #463:1-3, 5-6**

*"For All the Saints"*

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**Welcome!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book in the hallway near the entrance. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

**ILC College Visitor's Day** was a success. Pastor was in Eau Claire, WI this past week to present to the ILHS Junior class as well as a number of visitors from other CLC congregations. He also spent the week speaking in small groups with various interested students about the possibility of pursuing the preaching or teaching ministries, as well as encouraging the current Pre-Theology and Teaching college students. Early word has come back that several young people who had formerly not considered ILC for college have notified the school that they're interested in returning for one of the two programs. **Please pray** for the young people of our synod and ask that the Lord would bless their decisions and lead more young people into the public ministry.

**Missionary Ohlmann** is currently in Tanzania with Pastor Nolting. Both men have updated Missionary Ohlmann's blog in the past few days with posts regarding Missionary Ohlmann's visit to D.R. Congo and the pair's visit to Tanzania. Feel free to visit the blog at [missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com](http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com) to get caught up on their work in God's Kingdom overseas. As always, **please pray** that the Lord would continue to keep them both safe and bless their work.

**CLC Call News** - Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, **has received** the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA, **has returned** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, **has received** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, **is still considering** the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

<b><u>November 6<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</u></b>	\$ 2,366.30
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$19,400.28
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$28,987.75
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$63,723.87</b>



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 14 - 19, '22

**Mon Luke 21:5-9** Jesus does not give the requested "sign" for the end of the temple, warns against false hopes in human structures or false Christs. A wondrous building, like the temple of Herod was over eighty years in the building and destroyed less than ten years after it was finished. Similarly would false saviors and other upheavals come and go, but these would not reveal the date of judgment day.

**Tues Luke 21:10-19** While much sounds fearful in those times before the day, Jesus reminds us that this will be an opportunity to witness (v13) and that He is still the King, giving words and wisdom. Even being put to death cannot end the life which He has given us.

**Wed 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10** The patience and faith of the Thessalonians under persecution is evidence of their membership in the kingdom of God. But God will vindicate them and, contrary to present appearances, it is God's enemies who will be removed from the presence of the Lord, and His believers who will be glorified in His presence.

**Thurs Malachi 4:1-6** After graphically describing the different outcomes for the righteous and the unrighteous, the prophet looks forward to the coming of the LORD our righteousness (cp Jer23:6), after the way is prepared before Him by John the Baptist ("Elijah who is to come" Mt11:13-15).

**Fri 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** In view of Christ's glorious return, some concluded that this life didn't really matter, so they quit their jobs and waited for Judgment Day. However, this resulted in their becoming leeches and busybodies. Paul urges them to join the rest in working quietly and not growing weary in doing good.

**Sat Psalm 98** Praise God for his salvation, righteousness, love, and faithfulness (v1-3). Praise Him with joyful voices and instruments, melodious, tender, and strong (v4-6). Let the whole earth praise Him when He comes to judge the world with righteousness and equity (v7-9). "And heaven and nature sing..."