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THE THIRD LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184 November 10, 2019

As We Gather ~ *Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ*

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed” (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God’s judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Announcements

(Please stand, if able)

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184

(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

Entrance Hymn “*This Body in the Grave We Lay*”

LSB 759

Gloria in Excelsis**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; 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 be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1–20

1When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” 2So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” 3So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” 6And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

7And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” 9And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

11But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. 13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” 14And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

15Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. 16The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. 17When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” 18But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.”

19And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

20He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place;
they set up their own signs for signs.

**Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

15“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25See, I have told you beforehand. 26So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. 27For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn *“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”*

LSB 658

Sermon

‘Lovely Vultures’

Matthew 24:28

(Please stand, if able)

Offertory

LSB 192

Following the Offertory, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(Please be seated)

Offering

(Please stand, if able)

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

LSB 741

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

(Please stand, if able)

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

LSB 516

(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, leaves the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! Greetings, friends! St. Peter called upon Christians to supplement faith with “brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love” (2 Peter 1:7). Therefore linked together with affection and love, let us boldly approach the throne of grace. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Daniel 7:9-14, 2 Peter 3:3-14 and Matthew 25:31-46.

An offering basket is out for Christmas Program treat bags.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20* and *1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Stewardship: 1 Thess. 4:13 – “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” Christians are different from unbelievers. Our trust in Christ changes us. Our hope in Christ means that we don't grieve in the same way that unbelievers grieve: we know what comes after death. We don't treat our time or money in the same way as unbelievers either. We start each week with a sacrifice of our time as we come to the Lord's House to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. And we also set aside a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income for the support of the Lord's work in His Church. Our faith changes us and our actions ... we don't do anything as others do who have no hope.

Sunday School: The account of “Jacob and Esau” that our children will study in Sunday School today is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism, and family squabbling. Amidst this chaos, God acted with grace toward all of them—and to us. Parents might ask, “How do these sins afflict every family? Why is forgiveness important in families?”

High School Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sunday nights from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Center Street in Marshalltown. The first meeting is October 6th. We will study God's Word, pray, share each other's burdens, and learn about financial freedom and responsibility. There will be fun and food too!

Building Healthy Families for Nov. 10th: “Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3 For over 118 years, LFS has connected children to parents through adoption, and now serves families in a multitude of other ways. In thanksgiving to God for an important person He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Thanksgiving by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift will honor them, and help us serve a child, teen, or family in need this year. It’s easy! Text GIVE to (515) 212-7585 to receive a link to complete your donation. We thank God for your partnership and generosity! Lutheran Family Service is Iowa’s only Recognized Service Organization (RSO) by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for Pregnancy Support, Adoption Services, Family Wellness, Mental Health & Marriage Counseling. Find help at LutheranFamilyService.org ~**Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

Life Quote for Nov. 10th: “In Christ, we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs, we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an emphatic NO!” Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Nov. 17th: Hear “The Dawn Wall” based on Genesis 22 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sacrifice is acting on the hope of a better future by offering up something valuable in the present. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

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2020 Lists for Cleaning, Serving and Ushering Lists are available on the entryway table.

Thanksgiving Potluck Sign-Up is on the entryway table for Wednesday, November 20th.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 11/10—11/16 is **Huedepohl**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 11/17—11/23 is **Johnson**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.



To those of you that “fly” south for the winter and would like your monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church office. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. If you would like to have your newsletter emailed to you, please submit your e-mail address. The newsletter can also be read online at www.immanuelgrinnell.org. Thank You!

Immanuel Lutheran is again participating in the Festival of Trees December 6th at the Drake Public Library. The Evangelism Board is collecting new colored socks size infant to adult, to use to decorate the tree. When the tree is taken down, they will be donated to the needy. Thanks! Board of Evangelism & Missions



ADVENT MEALS

A sign-up sheet is on the entryway table for any individuals or group who would like to volunteer to coordinate the meals (meal preparations, donations, serving and clean-up)

Meals will be Wednesdays at 5:30pm on December 4, 11, 18

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist:	Pam Haase	Esther Huedepohl
Elder:	Steve Haase	Ken Mergen
Greeter:	Thorpe	Baker
Ushers:	Hutch K. & Dwight M.	Dale G. & Gabe G.
Servers:	Kris G. & Dianna K.	Joanie H. & Sharon K.
Acolyte/Crucifier:	Ellie M. & Sloane M.	Sophia L. & Lauren L.

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

November 3, 2019

Attendance	49
Holy Communion	36
General Fund	\$13,582.00
Missions	\$120.00
Sunday School	\$100.00
Treat Bags	\$15.00

BIRTHDAYS

Today...Kiara Petersen, Mariah Reed & Zachary Sittig

Saturday...Esther Huedepohl

WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Council Meeting.....	8:00 a.m.
Third Last Sunday of the Church Year.....	9:00 a.m.
Christian Education/Bible Study.....	10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

No LWML, see you on Dec. 9th.

MONDAY--WEDNESDAY

Pastor at conference in Indiana

WEDNESDAY

No Confirmation

THURSDAY

Bible Study.....	11:00 a.m.
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NEXT SUNDAY

Second Last Sunday of the Church Year.....	9:00 a.m.
Christian Education/Popcorn Sunday/Bible Study.....	10:30 a.m.

I Will Give You Rest

Jesus says: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light." Matthew 11:28-30.

As one journeys through life, we find ourselves caught up in the busyness of the day. We hurry and scurry from one event to the next. Confirmation has probably taken place. Then there are all the graduations and open houses to attend. Throw in a few soccer games, spring concerts and all the other expectations and one can easily become burdened down.

What are the expectations that we face? Pastor's often have to deal with unrealistic expectations and unmet expectations. That can happen when the Pastor states that this is what he is going to do, failing to realize that his ministry is Christ's ministry in that place. For we are all guilty of "unmet expectations" when it comes to what God expects of us according to His Law. We don't and we can't measure up and we have not kept His Law perfectly.

Those unmet expectations leave us weary and weak and heavy-laden. They leave us needing and seeking rest that we cannot find in ourselves. There are also times when our words and actions are not gentle and our attitudes are far from humble. Because of our failures we are not at rest but burdened with sin and guilt.

Into that scenario comes Jesus Christ. He says: "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished." Matthew 5:17-18. All of the expectations of the Law were placed upon Christ Jesus and He fulfilled them all perfectly and completely!

Jesus says to you: I have fulfilled the Law for you. I have met all the expectations of the Law for you. I was weakened and heavy-laden in your place. I was burdened with your sins. I was humbled to the point of death, death on a cross, for you! I was oppressed and afflicted, and I was the innocent Lamb led to the slaughter, for you! I rested in the grave for you and for your salvation. I said that "you are Mine," in the water and Word of your baptism.

Jesus says: "In the midst of your busyness, may your rest be only in Me. Take and eat, take and drink, and I forgive you and I renew you." As you repent, I say to you: "Be of good cheer, your sins be forgiven you." Only Jesus can say: "You are at rest, both now, and for eternity!"

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