

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, November 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

1861-2021 - zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Tim Laatsch

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Dayton Tabbert; Acolyte: Garrett Flood; book Bearer: Easton Caraway

Ushers: Justin Durbin, Mark Durbin, Jerod Ruffner

Preservice Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude – SLANE – Tune: Irish; Setting: Carlton R. Young, b.1926

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three ✠

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Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance of the nave.



Processional Hymn LSB #738 Lord of All Hopefulness

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

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Introit for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity

Ps. 54:3-5, 7; antiphon: v.1-2 (respond with the words in **bold**)

O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen a- | gainst me;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

♪ The Gloria Patri

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♪ Kyrie

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♪ **Gloria in Excelsis**

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♪ **Salutation**

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Collect for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity

P: Let us pray. O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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: Daniel 7:9-14

⁹As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music – *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*
– *Kinderchor with soloist, Preston Kroening*

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:3-14

³[Know] this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

C: ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly,

I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day LSB #508 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46 Title: "Faith Fruit"

Outline: **HOW DO CHRISTIAN WORKS WORK?**

- I. Christian works work only and always as fruit of their mother: faith in Christ.
- II. Christian works work freely not optionally.
- III. Christian works work unconsciously automatic.

Please stand

♪ **Offertory**

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Please be seated

Offering

Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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♪ **Preface** - ♪ **Sanctus** - ♪ **Lord's Prayer** - ♪ **The Words of Our Lord** -

♪ **Pax Domini** - ♪ **Agnus Dei**

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Please be seated

Distribution

LSB #621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (November 2021 Hymn of the Month)

LSB #698 *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

LSB #706 *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living*

LSB #696 *O God, My Faithful God* stz. 1-4

Please stand

♪ **Nunc Dimittis** - ♪ **Thanksgiving** - ♪ **Benedicamus** - ♪ **Benediction** p. 200-202

Announcements

Recessional Hymn LSB #696 *O God, My Faithful God* stz. 5-6

Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).

Postlude