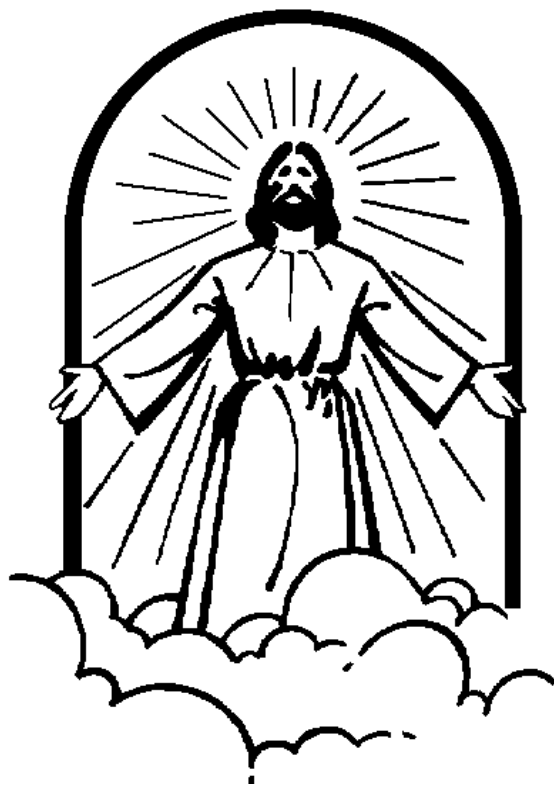


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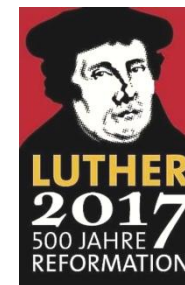
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## The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

*“Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 124:8)*

**VISITORS:** It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord’s Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 146 (page 156 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 798** (Worship Supplement) *“God, We Praise You”*

The Order Of The Confessional Service, pages 46-48 (The Lutheran Hymnal)

**FIRST LESSON:** Daniel 4:28-37

<sup>28</sup> All *this* came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup> At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. <sup>30</sup> The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?” <sup>31</sup> While the word *was still* in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! <sup>32</sup> And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.” <sup>33</sup> That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ *feathers* and his nails like birds’ *claws*. <sup>34</sup> And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom *is* from generation to generation. <sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and *among* the inhabitants of

the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?" <sup>36</sup> At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 33

M: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

C: SING TO HIM A NEW SONG; PLAY SKILLFULLY WITH A SHOUT OF JOY.

M: For the Word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth.

C: HE LOVES RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE; THE EARTH IS FULL OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.

M: By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

C: LET ALL THE EARTH FEAR THE LORD; LET ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD STAND IN AWE OF HIM.

M: For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

C: THE LORD BRINGS THE COUNSEL OF THE NATIONS TO NOTHING; HE MAKES THE PLANS OF THE PEOPLES OF NO EFFECT.

M: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

C: THE LORD LOOKS FROM HEAVEN; HE SEES ALL THE SONS OF MEN.

M: From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth.

C: HE FASHIONS THEIR HEARTS INDIVIDUALLY; HE CONSIDERS ALL THEIR WORKS.

M: No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

C: BEHOLD, THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, ON THOSE WHO HOPE IN HIS MERCY,

M: to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

C: OUR SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

M: For our heart shall rejoice in Him because we have trusted in His holy name.

C: LET YOUR MERCY, O LORD, BE UPON US, JUST AS WE HOPE IN YOU.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:13-17 *rise*

<sup>13</sup> Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, as to those who are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men – <sup>16</sup> as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

<sup>17</sup> Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

The Nicene Creed (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 26 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Praise The Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*"

SERMON: John 19:11a

**THOSE IN GOVERNMENT ARE ONLY THERE BECAUSE GOD ALLOWS THEM TO BE**

**1. Don't get too encouraged or discouraged over who is in office**

**2. Open your eyes of faith to see GOD'S hand controlling governments**

**Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above."**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 528:1-3, 13-15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*If God Himself Be For Me*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung*

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 577 (stand) (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*God Bless Our Native Land*"

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Rick Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we're in the book of Psalms.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY: The Kestersons and David Windsor will be helping pass out VBS fliers in Pana, IL, with members of Word Of God Lutheran

Church and a CLC Traveling VBS team.

FRIDAY: No North Aurora Bible study this Friday.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. North Aurora service: 3:00 PM, Batavia Rehab Center service: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's offering was \$936.00; attendance was 20.

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has called Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, to be its second pastor

Immanuel has also called Kayla Wendt, a member of the congregation, to teach part-time K-6

music, Spanish, and high school choir. Teacher Amy Osborne of Holy Trinity Lutheran

School, West Columbia, SC, returned the call to Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ.

Teacher Nathan Wales of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.