

*The Last Sunday of the Church Year*  
Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL  
Sunday, November 22, 2020, 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Marcus Manley  
Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel  
Acolyte: Alec Jahraus; Book Bearer: John Manley  
Ushers: Jeff Alwardt, Ray Braasch

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Prelude** – “*Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment*” - Tune: New Malden

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*(Please stand)*

♪ **Versicles** *(Common)*

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**PSALMODY** ♪

♪ **Antiphon** *(Proper 26-29, Trinity 25-27)*

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C: **O come, let us wor-ship Him.**

♪ **Venite** – “*O Come Let Us Sing*”

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**Psalm 149 (antiphon: v.2)** *(congregation responds with the words in bold)*

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*

**let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*

**his praise in the assembly of the | godly!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*

**let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with | dancing,\*

**making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!**

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;\*

**he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in | glory;\*

**let them sing for joy | on their beds.**

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be | in their throats\*

**and two-edged swords | in their hands,**

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the | nations\*  
**and punishments on the | peoples,**  
<sup>8</sup>to bind their | kings with chains\*  
**and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,**  
<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment | written!\*  
**This is honor for all his godly ones. |**  
**Praise the LORD!**

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*  
**let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**

*(Please be seated)*

**Office Hymn #516 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying***  
*(November 2020 Hymn of the Month)*

## **Readings**

### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

P: A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

*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.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: A reading from 1 Thessalonians, the fifth chapter. *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: A reading from St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. *Matthew 25:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also,

saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Responsory** (*Common*)

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## **Sermon**

Text: Isaiah 65:17-25

Title: “*Fully ReNewing Folly*”

Outline: **JESUS WILL RETURN TO FULLY RENEW HIS CHOSEN SERVANTS...**

I. ... into full joy [vv. 17-20].

II. ... into full security [vv. 21-23].

III. ... into full peace [vv. 24-25].

*(Please stand)*

## **Canticle**

**Te Deum - #941** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

**Offering** – *Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*

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

## **Prayer**

♪ **Kyrie**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

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♪ **Collects**

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## **Collect for the Last Sunday of the Church Year**

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## **Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

*Response after each petition of the prayer:*

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **Amen.**

## **Collect for Grace**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father...

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## ♪ **Benedicamus** - ♪ **Benediction**

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**Hymn to Depart #514** *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

## ♪ **Closing Prayer**

## **Announcements**