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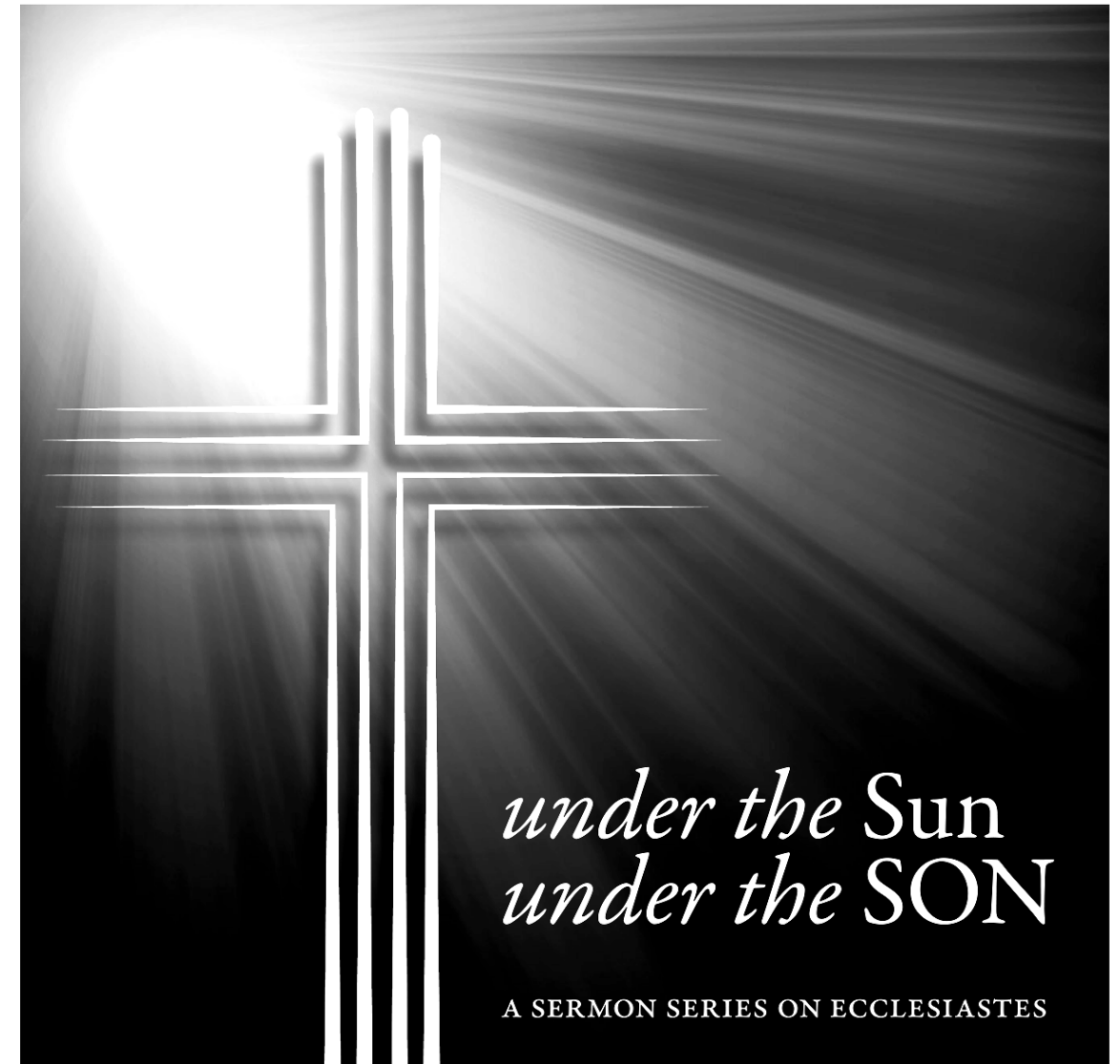
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Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope you will find a warm welcome and experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.



The Luther Rose

The pulpit banner before you is a recreation of the seal that Martin Luther designed for his personal coat of arms.

Luther, a priest and professor in Wittenberg, Germany, had come to believe, through his study of the Psalms and Paul's Epistles, that salvation came from faith in Christ alone, a free gift. When a Catholic official came into Luther's region selling indulgences (purchasing penance for sin with money) Luther was outraged. He nailed the Ninety-Five Theses (protesting this matter and others) to the church door on October 31, 1517—the event we celebrate today as Reformation Sunday. The devotion of Luther, John Calvin, and others to the authority of Scripture, salvation through faith, and the individual's access to God through Christ led to a separation from the Roman Catholic Church and the beginning of Protestantism.

In Luther's seal, the cross is black to represent the mortification Christ suffered for us, and the heart red for his shed blood. The white Messianic rose symbolized the joy of faith. The blue background represents the joy of heaven, and the ring of gold stands for eternal blessedness in Christ.

ADULT EDUCATION
SESSION 2 (November 4 - December 16)

World Christian History through Biographies Sanctuary

This class uses biographies to highlight the great shift in world Christianity from a predominately Western to a majority non-Western faith. Each week includes a capsule account of major Christian developments in a specific region of the world. But the main emphasis will be on exploring the biographies of exemplary, but little known believers, from that part of the world.

Carolyn Nystrom spent much of her career as a working writer and some-time editor. "A career highlight was working with Mark and Maggie as we studied together the lives of the little-known Christian leaders who are the subject of this class." Mark Noll is a retired history professor who has been privileged to teach courses in the history of world Christianity at Wheaton College, the University of Notre Dame, and Regent College (Vancouver).

Living as a Christian in the Modern World Ministry House

Our world is increasingly dominated by new technologies that are transforming communications, decision making, transportation and health care. How should Christians respond to these new technologies? What implications do increasingly capable machines have for humans created in the image of God? Our class will discuss a different question each week, exploring biblical principles and historical parallels and asking how we can be a Christian witness in our world. Knowledgeable guests with a moderator in panel discussion will address these questions.

Ron Netzel (Wheaton College, University of Illinois) works as a technology architect for Bank of America, where he has helped run and build technology for over 20 years. He and Dee have a daughter, Sophie. Dee and Sophie help Ron think creatively about what it means to live as a Christian in our world and how we can take our faith to a new world that, though radically different than our parent's world, is no less in need of a Savior.

El Evangelio de Juan Annette's office (upstairs)

El Evangelio de Juan ha enriquecido la vida de los cristianos y cristianas a través de los siglos. Por ello, aquí proveemos una introducción a las secciones mayores y los temas y figuras más prominentes de cada capítulo. Reflexionaremos sobre las implicaciones del mensaje de este Evangelio para nuestra vida personal y comunitaria.

For this introduction to the Gospel of John in Spanish we welcome those with even a basic knowledge of the language. We will read the text, paying attention to the main characters and theological themes, discussing implications of the message of the Gospel to contemporary life.

Carlos Sosa Siliezar was born and raised in Guatemala, Central America, and currently teaches New Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Gaby, are recent new members of Immanuel. They have two sons, Scott and Daniel.

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
A Mighty Fortress

arr.by Smith
arr. By Rodriguez
ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SCOTT SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

IMMANUEL CHOIR

* INVOCATION

* *Congregation stands*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

*All Sing: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

*All Sing: Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People: **God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

A word from Mark Noll about "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place": It was a privilege to write a paraphrase of Psalm 90 to mark the beginning of Immanuel's life in our new Warrenville building—and even more to have Howie add a wonderful musical setting. A suggestion from Mary Hopper, who had urged Immanuel folk to write something special for our new building, bore fruit for me when I was reading Psalm 90 in a hotel room in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In the NRSV the psalm begins with a wonderful 4-beat iambic line, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place." From there my attempt at a "common meter" paraphrase was deeply influenced by what our congregation had been experiencing: a wrenching start for a new congregation needing to be built from the ground up. Then, even as construction went forward on the new building, we lost several much-loved Immanuel friends, way before their time. I found the Psalm intensely realistic ("For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed"), but also deeply, deeply encouraging ("Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days"). The psalm ended with hope for the future ("and prosper for us the work of our hands--O prosper the work of our hands!").

The Luther Rose banner was made by Maggie Noll. (*See page 15 for a description.*)

All men are invited to join us for our next **men's breakfast, which will be Saturday, November 3 at 7:45 a.m.** The food will be catered by Honey Milk restaurant, and the cost is five dollars. Stu Johnson will be our guest speaker. **Sign up today in the Gathering Place.**

Parenting Workshop (Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) Immanuel parents are invited to a morning of teaching, encouragement, discussion about your calling from the Lord to shepherd his children, and how this impacts your family in the day to day and long term. Susan Garrison and Annika Durbin will facilitate discussions based on *Parenting* by Paul David Tripp. Purchase of the book is encouraged but not required. Please sign up in the Gathering Place today or RSVP to annikadurbin@gmail.com. Childcare will be provided (please include children in your RSVP!).

A baby shower will be held for Jenna Wall Beuttler in the Ministry House, on Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. Jenna and Frederick are registered at Target and Amazon. RSVP to Jane by email at ameliasteffler@hotmail.com.

- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Lew Luttrell will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Rob Noll, Steve Wall, Jonathan Mullins, Priscilla Witte, Immanuel choir

The rosebud at the front this morning celebrates the birth of Oliver Andrew Abernethy, born Tuesday to Katie and Andrew and big sisters Anna and Bethany.

No adult ed or Sunday school classes today. Join us downstairs after worship for a baked potato lunch.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	College Fellowship at Bretsens', 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton.
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Fall party with dinner provided.) Earlier start time.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p. m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (childcare) Food pantry open Women's Bible Study Pioneer Clubs (downstairs)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Saturday	7:45 a.m. 9:00 - noon	Men's Breakfast Parenting workshop

All Sing: And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

Leader: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

People: God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All Sing: That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison) MARK NOLL

In every age, God has raised up men and women to live and die in faith.
We need God's forgiveness for our indifference to his will.
He has commanded us to speak, but at times we have been silent.
He has called us to do what is just, but at times we have been fearful.
We need God's mercy when we are indeed faithless servants.
May we be encouraged by the faithful lives of those that have gone before us;
May we be empowered to overcome sin by the Spirit who is within us;
May we be emboldened to stand for truth because God is for us.

SONG OF CONFESSION (sing 3 times)

Fernando Ortega

5 Ho - ly_ God. Ho-ly and might - y.

7 Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, Have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

* ACCLAMATION (Gloria Patri)

HYMN 735

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

* CLOSING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory

All: 1. God of grace and God of glo - ry,
Choir: 2. Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us
Choir: 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness;
All: 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion

on your peo - ple pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient
scorn the Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that
bend our pride to your con - trol; shame our wan - ton,
to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of

chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r.
long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. NIV

2 Timothy 1:6-10

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *God’s Sovereignty Amidst Our Uncertainty*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *You Are God*

David Cherwien
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age,
You are God!

May the graciousness of the Lord
our God be upon us;
Prosper the work of our hands;
From one generation to another,
from age to age,
You are God!

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

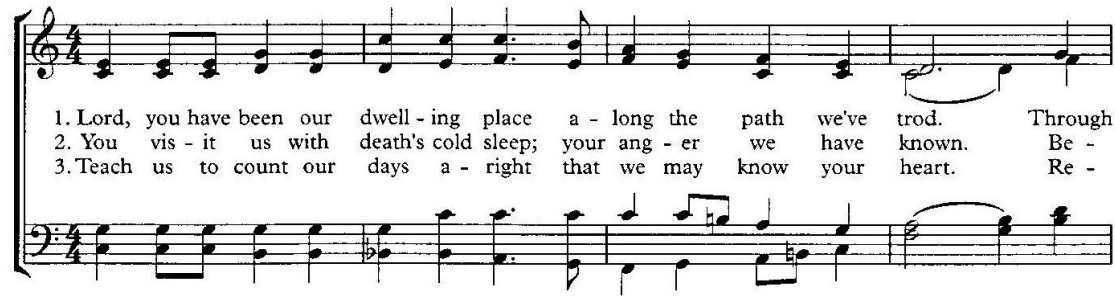
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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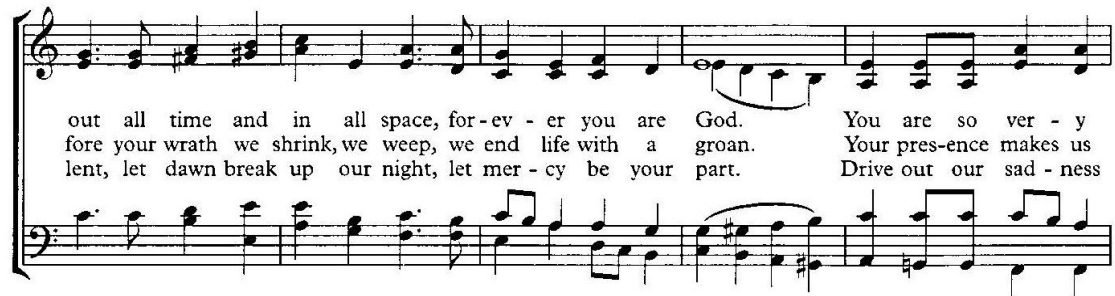
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PASTORAL PRAYER

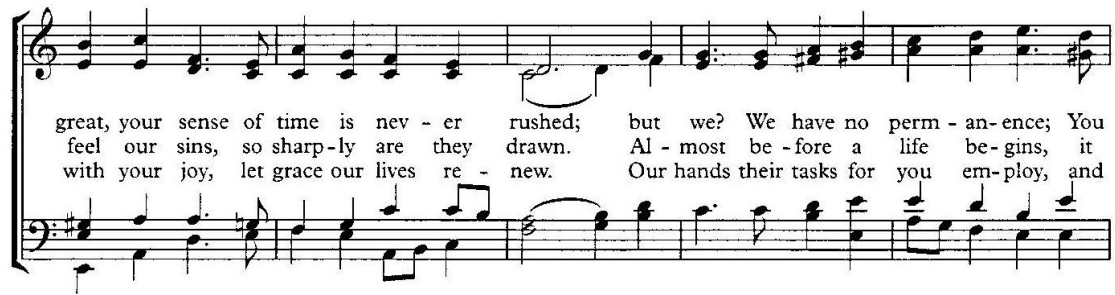
(Choir sings verse one and two; congregation join on verse three.)



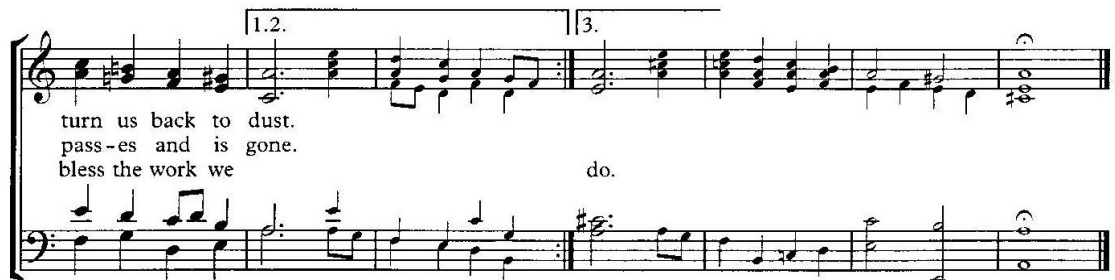
1. Lord, you have been our dwell - ing place a - long the path we've trod. Through
 2. You vis - it us with death's cold sleep; your ang - er we have known. Be -
 3. Teach us to count our days a - right that we may know your heart. Re -



out all time and in all space, for-ev - er you are God. You are so ver - y
 fore your wrath we shrink, we weep, we end life with a groan. Your pres-ence makes us
 lent, let dawn break up our night, let mer - cy be your part. Drive out our sad - ness



great, your sense of time is nev - er rushed; but we? We have no perm - an-ence; You
 feel our sins, so sharp-ly are they drawn. Al - most be -fore a life be-gins, it
 with your joy, let grace our lives re - new. Our hands their tasks for you em-ploy, and



1. 2. 3.
 turn us back to dust.
 pass-es and is gone.
 bless the work we do.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: JEFF AND MARILYN SANDS

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 3:9-22*

⁹ What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³ That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

¹⁵ Whatever is has already been,
 and what will be has been before;
 and God will call the past to account.

¹⁶ And I saw something else under the sun:
 In the place of judgment—wickedness was there,
 in the place of justice—wickedness was there.

¹⁷ I said to myself,
 “God will bring into judgment
 both the righteous and the wicked,
 for there will be a time for every activity,
 a time to judge every deed.”

¹⁸ I also said to myself, “As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. ¹⁹ Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. ²⁰ All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. ²¹ Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?”

²² So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them? NIV

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