

*November 21, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.*  
*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

“He will separate  
people one  
from another as  
a shepherd  
separates  
the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



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**Welcome Visitors and Guests!** Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 21, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.

## AS WE GATHER

This Sunday has also been known as Christ the King Sunday. We acknowledge that Christ is both King of Creation and the Shepherd King of His people. Though the image of Christ as King may cause us to fear, we remember that the same Lord who sits on His eternal throne is the Lord whom we know as the Savior who suffered for us on the cross. He comes not to condemn us but to separate the sheep from the goats, the faithful from those who refuse Him, and to lead us to the eternal light and life He has prepared for us. As we rejoiced in the joy of His resurrection from the dead, so we come to this day to anticipate our own resurrection with Jesus, wearing the glorious bodies He already wears, to live with Him in His eternal kingdom.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

**PIANO PRELUDE**    *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*    *George Job Elvey*

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 95:1–3a, 6–7*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**People:** **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**Pastor:** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

**People:** **For the LORD is a great God.**

**Pastor:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

**People:** **For He is our God,**

**Pastor:** and we are the people of His pasture,

**People:** **and the sheep of His hand.**

## HYMN

***"Crown Him With Many Crowns"***

**(v 1, 3, 5)**

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Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n;  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is King of all.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us, and we confess our sins before Him and one another.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.**

Pastor: Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep.

Pastor: By Christ's death and resurrection, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You care for all people regardless of their wealth or heritage, and You have made us heirs of Your salvation. Strengthen us, that we care for the poor, weak, and lonely, and that all our neighbors may know Your gracious love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24* (*God will search for His sheep.*)

<sup>11</sup>“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup>I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup>I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. <sup>23</sup>I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

**People: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28** *(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)*

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46** *(The separation of the sheep and the goats)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

<sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

<sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

<sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *“Beautiful Savior”*

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Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

**SERMON: “Faithful Sheep and Unfaithful Goats Before Christ the King”**  
*Matthew 25:31–46*

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, You promise to seek the lost. We pray for all those who have wandered away from Your Church. We pray that You would strengthen us to reach out to them, to receive them with open arms and open hearts when they return home. We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, You promise to strengthen the weak. Send Your strength and courage to all those who need it, to the aging, the lonely, the tired, and the vulnerable. Protect and defend them from the wolves of this world. We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, You promise to feed Your sheep with good pasture. Raise up faithful servants and shepherds to share the nourishment of Your Word and Sacraments with all Your sheep. We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, You promise to rescue Your flock from all enemies. Guard and keep us from the enemies of sin, death, and Satan. Lead us away from temptation and always closer to the arms of our Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: (Special petitions) We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, by Your Word You have told us that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead, we still grieve and mourn when the enemy of death strikes our friends and family. Be near all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially* . . . Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. We pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer**

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

**People: Amen.**

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He has brought us back from our wandering to be the people of His pasture and heirs of His kingdom forever.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### ***“You are My All in All”***

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#### **REFRAIN:**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel.  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

#### **(Refrain)**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless Your name.  
You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up.  
When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

#### **(Refrain)**

## THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You gathered us together once more to share in the joys of this Sacrament, and we pray that You would strengthen us by Your Son's body and blood that as heirs of Your kingdom, we may ever serve You and our neighbors; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN

### ***“The King Shall Come”***

**(v 1, 4, 5)**

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The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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*Wednesday, November 25, 2020*  
*7:00pm*

*\*No worship Thanksgiving Day\**