

~ Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love ~
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Last Sunday Of The Church Year-Christ The King Sunday **November 22, 2020**
The Difference Maker

We pause to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been ignored or mistreated. We are reminded today that Christ has chosen us to be His people, to be heirs with Him of salvation. Such grace gladdens our hearts and emboldens us to help our brothers and sisters in need.

PRESERVICE ANTHEM: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” Handbell Choir

THE BELL ✠ ✠ ✠ CANDLES ✠ ✠ ✠ WELCOME
(Order of service: Divine Service—Setting One, page 151 LSB)

✠ ✠ ✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠ ✠ ✠

OPENING HYMN: “Come Thou Almighty King” #905 [Stand for last verse]

♩ **Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy Name to sing:
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

♩ **Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.**

♩ **Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

♩ **To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sou'veign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.**

INVOCATION:

(P:) In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(C:) **AMEN.**

EXHORTATION:

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
— Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. —

CONFESSION:

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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. **AMEN.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT:

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV
In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy:

Mark 10:47

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~Gloria in Excelsis:

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION:

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.** [Sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.” “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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

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

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE: *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

[Stand]

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: *Tune: “Festival Alleluia”*

♪ CANTOR: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CANTOR: *Christ the King shall reign forever*
As the Lord of the life.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Matthew 25:31-46 — [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. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then 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. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And 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.’ “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.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I 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.’ Then 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?’ Then 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

APOSTLES’ CREED: *Hymnal, inside back cover*
[Sit]

SERMON HYMN: *“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”* #348

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

♪ **Not as of old a little child,**
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

♪ **Oh, brighter than the rising morn**
When Christ, victorious rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

♪ **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!

SERMON: *“The End, Sermon 3(Sheep and Goats)”* *Matthew 25:31-46*

HYMN:

“Beautiful Savior”

#537

- ♪ **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 sorr'wing 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!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Remember in prayer—

Ryan Addison - Mia Balko - Dick Dudley - Ernie Filla - Beverly Filla-Streib - Chuck Fredrikson - Blake Gibson - Mark Holly - Morris Klare - Russell Klare - Evelyn Loewe - Virginia Loewe - Michael Lyons - Bob Markos - Barbara Rapstein - Cyndee Remmert - Lane Rex - Red Robertson - Christina Cobb Rodriguez - Hailey Russell - John Salinas - Ann Shipley - Shane Small - Dixie Smith - Michael Spieglehaur - Helen Witzsche - Judy Wood - Nancy Kieschnick - Joan Miller - Family & Friends of Angie Garcia - Our Military & their Families - Our Nation - Business Owners - Seasonal Weather

LORD'S PRAYER:

(Hymnal, inside back cover)

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, . . .

Matthew 6:9-13

CLOSING COLLECT:

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

BENEDICTION:

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.

AMEN.

[Sit]

CLOSING HYMN:

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

#525

- ♪ **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 virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**
- ♪ **Crown Him the Lord of Love, Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**
- ♪ **Crown Him the Lord of Life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
- ♪ **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**

SILENT PRAYER

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