

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

People of His Pasture
November 21 & 22, 2020
5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

8:00 BELLS *"Rejoice! The Lord is Near!"*

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP STORY – Gary Knight / Joe Ross

"The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations." Psalm 33:11

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #348 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

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!

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, 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 so 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. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE #709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

Musical Interlude

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24* (God will search for His
sheep.) ¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I
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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of
my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I 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. ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them
abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge
between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant
David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I,
the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am
the LORD; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 BELL ANTHEM *“Come, Just As You Are”*

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

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the
resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made
alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God
the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must
reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed
is death. ²⁷For “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. ²⁸When 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SONG "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

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I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures lead me;
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

(Rise)

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.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² 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. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ 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.' ⁴¹ "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. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ 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.' ⁴⁴ 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?' ⁴⁵ 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.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

SERMON

"We All Want a Shepherd"

(Rise)

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.

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OFFERINGS Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and elevator room for gathering at the end of the service.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Pastor: For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, for the strengthening of God's people in true faith and in their baptismal life in Christ, and for God's guidance for Pastor Noah as he deliberates God's call on his life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church; for all who faithfully confess the saving name of Christ; and for the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For God's people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, for God's blessings upon our Generations United in Mission ministry expansion campaign, and for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all the schools of our church body, for the seminaries where our pastors are being trained for service, for St. Paul's Lutheran School both students and staff, and for the campuses where our young people are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God's people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God's Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For a right reception of the true body and blood of Christ, for grace to use well what we receive here in Christ's name, and for the day when no division of doctrine and faith will hinder our communion together at the Lord's altar, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our president and governor, our newly elected leaders, for our soldiers who protect our nation, for our police officers who serve and protect, and all in authority over us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical field; for supervisors and laborers; and for all who use their God given abilities to work and serve their neighbor, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the hungry and homeless, for the unemployed and underemployed, for those who work in disaster relief, and for the social-service agencies of our church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For a giving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor nor fail to provide resources for Christ's Church to fulfill His bidding and spread the Gospel to every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, especially Rolland, John, Edith, Arlene, Margie, Don, Jan, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, June, Jerry, Cindy, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah, that with God's strength they may be kept through patience and deliverance to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the grieving, that they may have hope, especially the family and friends of Pat Lamp, for those who remember loved ones, especially John Gieschen as he remembers Sue on her birthday, and for those near the end of their earthly lives, that they may be sustained in faith to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation, and His glorious resurrection, drawing strength from Him who stands for us as our great High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #547

“The Lamb”

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

Musical Interlude

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Wait for the usher to direct you to come forward. Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #542 “When I Behold Jesus Christ”

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

**Refrain What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.**

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. **Refrain**

You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. **Refrain**

What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God-This I owe To You, and You alone. **Refrain**

HYMN #641 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food.
Refrain

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

Musical Interlude

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
Refrain

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. **Refrain**

HYMN #623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven’s high and holy feast.

COMMON DISSMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #512 “At the Name of Jesus”

Verses 1,2,3,6,7

At the name of Jesus Ev’ry knee shall bow,
Ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, All the hosts of light,
Thrones and bright dominions, Stars upon their way,
All the heav’nly orders In their great array.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners Unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious When from death He passed;

Musical Interlude

Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again
In His Father’s glory, With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit’s love
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

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