

**November 22, 2020**  
**Last Sunday of the Church Year**

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.

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**WORDS OF INVOCATION**

**P** <sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.  
*(Revelation 19:11–13)*

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

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

**P** "At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." (Hebrews 2;8b-9)

MEN: Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.

WOMEN: His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

**P** <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**C** "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13)

MEN: 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.

WOMEN: Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

**P** In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**C** **the home of righteousness.**

**P** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

**C** **let me know how fleeting I am!**

**P** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

**C** **and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

**P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

**C** **My hope is in you.**

**P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**C** **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

**C** **For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

**C** **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.**

**P** In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**C** **the home of righteousness.**

### **KYRIE and WORDS OF PRAISE**

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**C** “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14)

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

**P** The Old Testament reading is taken from Ezekiel Chapter 34.

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 95:1–7A

- P** <sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- P** <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- C** <sup>7</sup>**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20–28

- P** The Epistle reading is taken from 1 Corinthians Chapter 15.  
<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every 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 “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. <sup>28</sup>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.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

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- C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:31–46*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and

welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>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.'

<sup>41</sup>"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. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>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.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" LSB 826**

Piano Prelude

**MEN:** Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,  
"Who will go and work today?"

**WOMEN:** Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
Who will bear the sheaves away?"

**MEN:** Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.

**WOMEN:** Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

MEN: Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
WOMEN: While the multitudes are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
ALL: Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Piano Postlude

## SERMON

OFFERTORY PRAYER "Offering" – sung by Cantor

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

**P** It is truly meet, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

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**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

HYMN "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LSB 507 v.4 -sung by Cantor

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LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P** 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

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- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

## HYMN "THE LAMB" LSB 547 refrain – sung by Cantor

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## POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL



### NUNC DIMITTIS

- P** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
**C** Your word has been fulfilled.  
**P** My own eyes have seen the salvation  
**C** which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
**P** a light to reveal You to the nations  
**C** and the glory of Your people Israel.  
**C** 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.

## THANKSGIVING

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- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## **SALUTATION**

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## **BENEDICAMUS**

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**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## **HYMN “THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR” LSB 508**

MEN: The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God’s anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.

WOMEN: Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.

MEN: May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.

WOMEN: Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

MEN: O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.

WOMEN: O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev’ry evil.

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**Closing Chorus:** Lion of Judah

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