

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 ♦ 9:00 am

Come,
inherit the
kingdom
prepared
for you

MATTHEW 25:34



GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 📖 Blessed be God: Father, Son, ✝ and Holy Spirit.
- 📖 **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

- 📖 Let us confess our sin, asking God to forgive us.

(silence for meditation and reflection)

- 📖 Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have resisted Christ's reign in our hearts, minds, and lives.
- 📖 **Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.**

P We have often failed to do the good we know is right and have done the evil we know is wrong; there is no excuse for our sin.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, good Lord.**

P Lord, You know well our sins—even the secret sins of our hearts. We are truly sorry for all our sins and seek your help to amend our sinful lives.

C **Have mercy on us, good Lord. According to your steadfast love, cleanse us from our sin, relieve us from the weight of its guilt, and guide us to know and delight in doing your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of the Word I therefore announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN “Oh, Worship the King” (cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2)

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

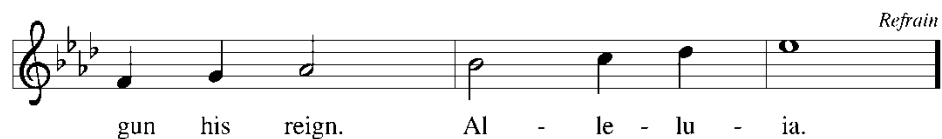
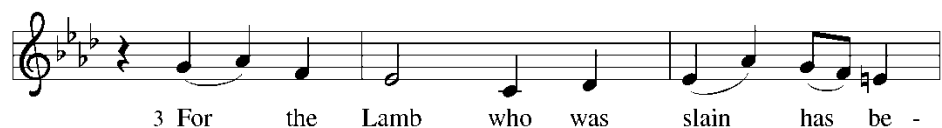
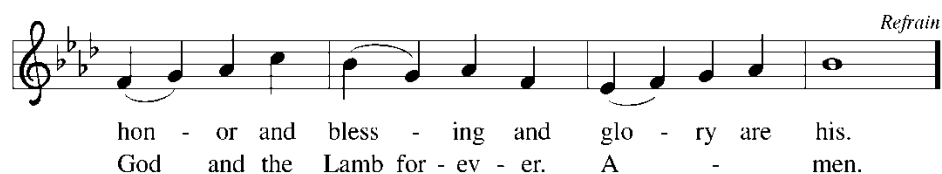
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” (verses sung by cantor: **ALL SING REFRAIN**)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

AI **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I 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, the LORD, have spoken.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ALLELUIA VERSE (ALL SING)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it

that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

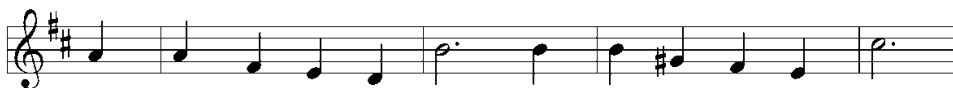
HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (cantor sings stanzas 1 and 3; **ALL SING STANZA 4**)



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

APOSTLES' CREED

AI I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

AI 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

BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen

P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord is King” (cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

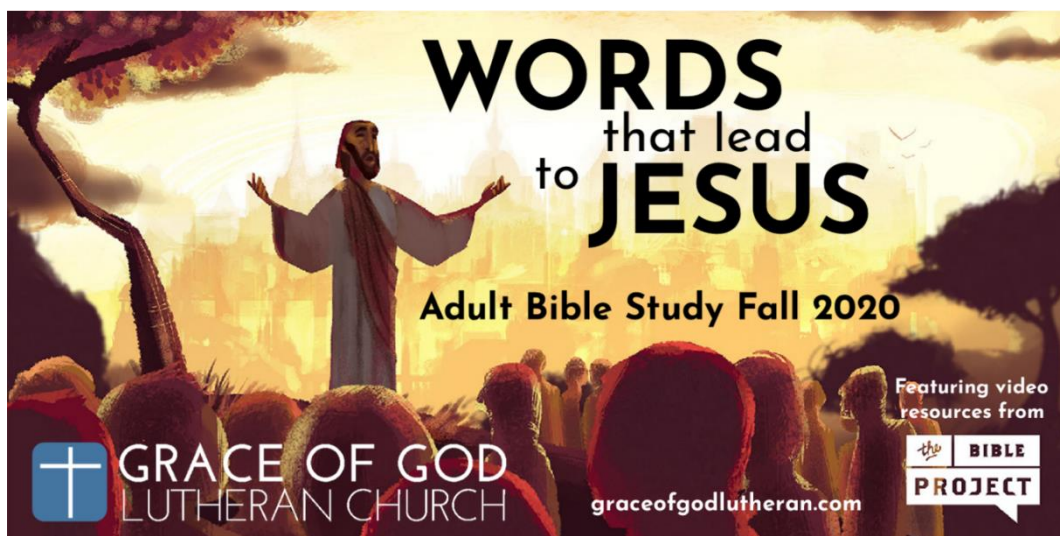


Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings.
 You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the
 church or make your offering online.





TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
Live in-person at church and also live-streaming



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm

We will be collecting non-perishable foods for THE HELPING PLACE in St. Paul.
Shopping list available on the tables in the entryway today. And also on the church website.



in your
LIGHT
we see light

Advent Evening Prayer 2020



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December 2, 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm

LIVE STREAMING ONLY (No in-person gathering)

A GIFT CARD KIND OF CHRISTMAS

We have “adopted” 2 seniors and 3 families with children for Christmas gifts this year. The gifts will all be GIFT CARDS. Tree with tags is in the entryway at church. Take one or MORE tags. All the cards are in \$25 increments. Remember, Rick Dinesen is selling Scrip cards!! Attach the tag to the gift card and return to church no later than December 6. You may place gift card in a Christmas card, but do NOT seal envelope. There will be a basket by the tree to place your cards in.



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shines in the darkness

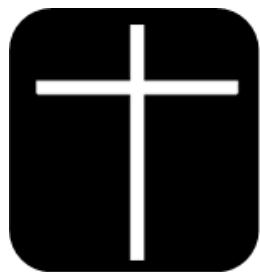
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24 at 4 and 6 pm



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