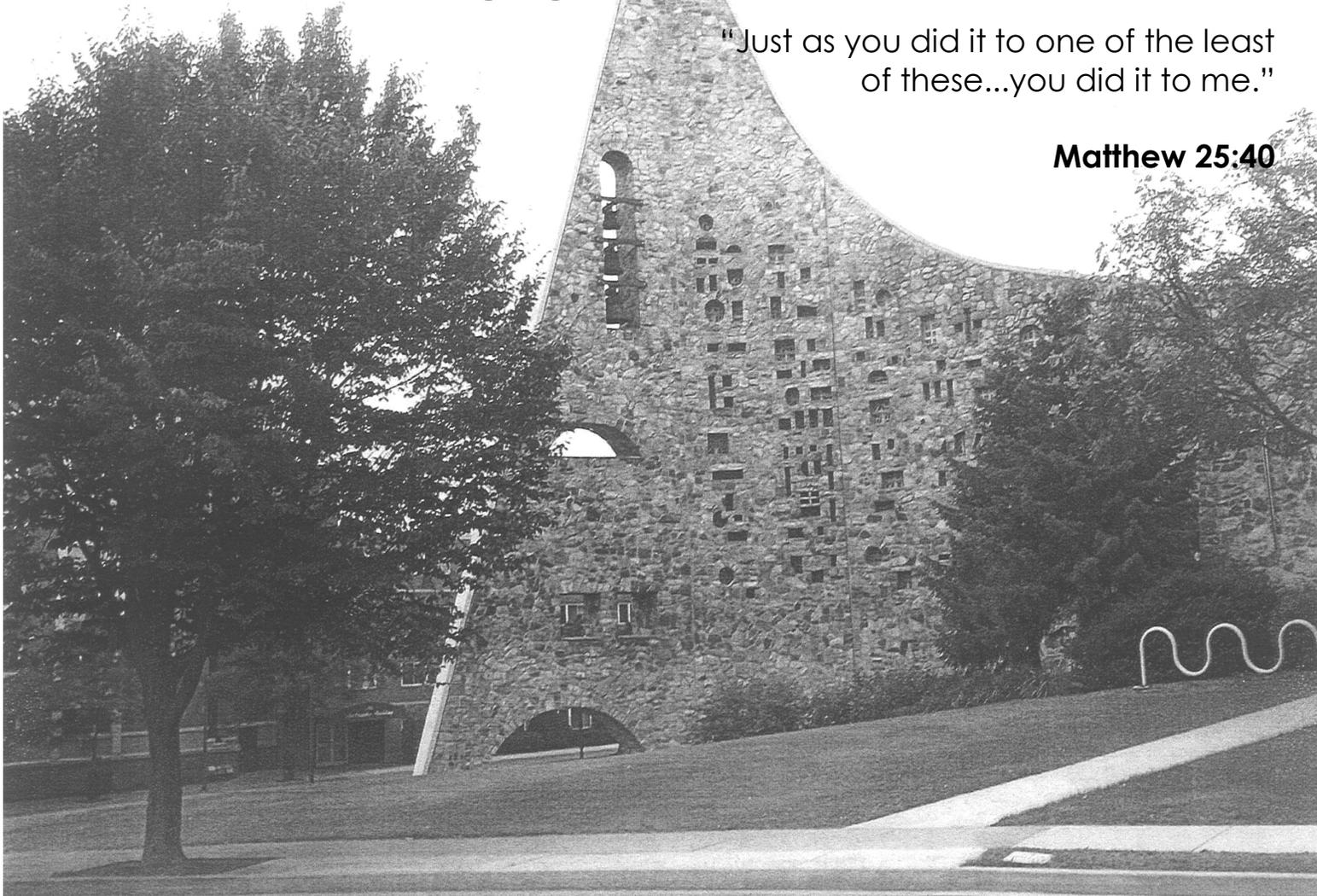


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"Just as you did it to one of the least
of these...you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40



SUNDAY, Nov. 22, 2020
Christ the King Sunday

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ABOUT TODAY'S THEME... On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people. **The Second Lesson:** In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

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State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE

- (8:30) *On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand*.....arr. M. Burkhardt
The Head That Once Was Crowned.....arr. R. Hobby
(10:30) Trumpet Finale *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name*.....Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

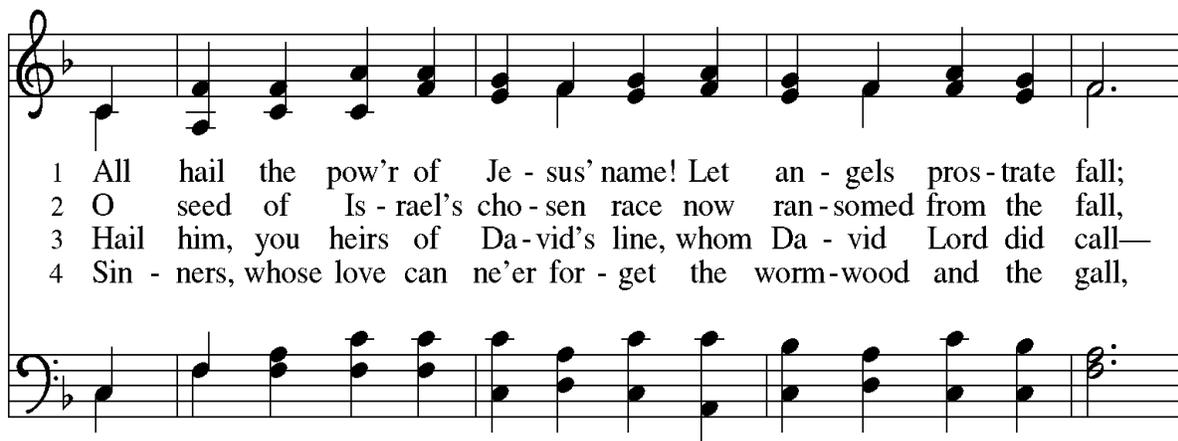
GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

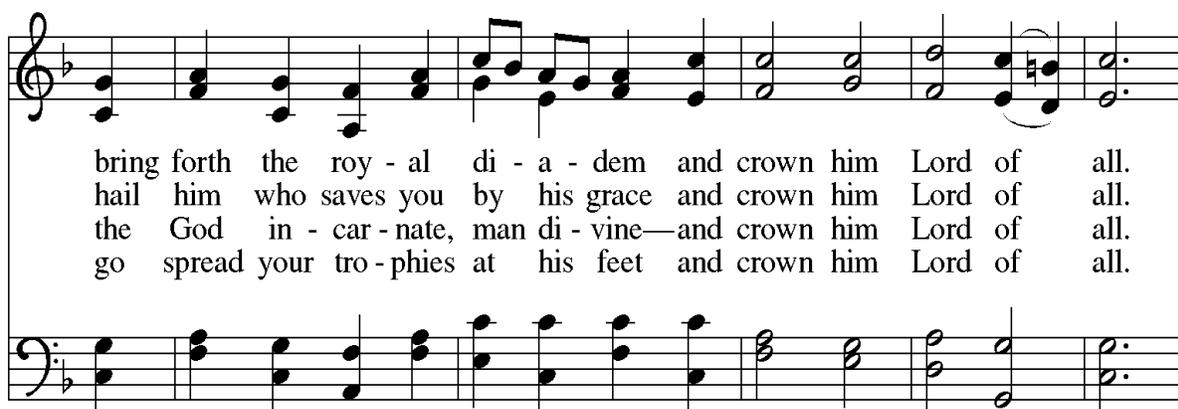
GATHERING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*.....ELW # 634

Versus 1-4

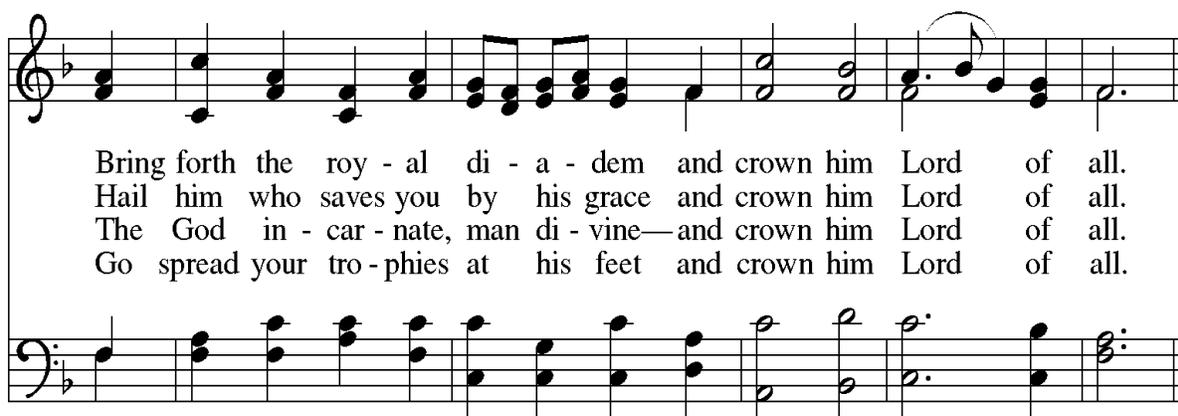
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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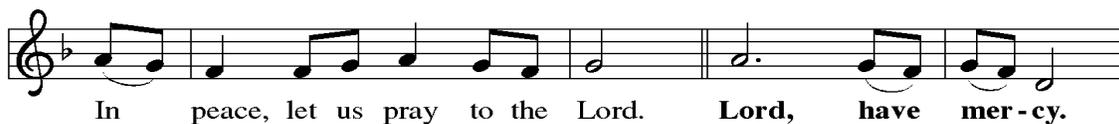
Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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

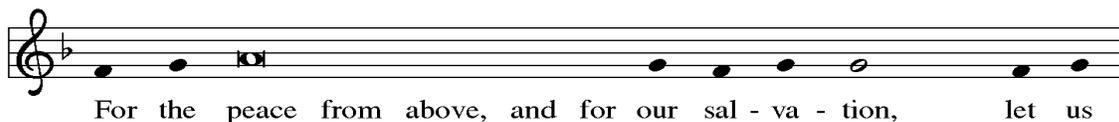
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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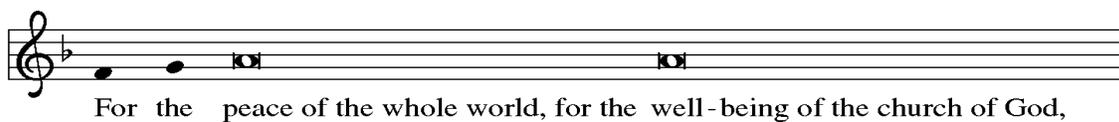
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



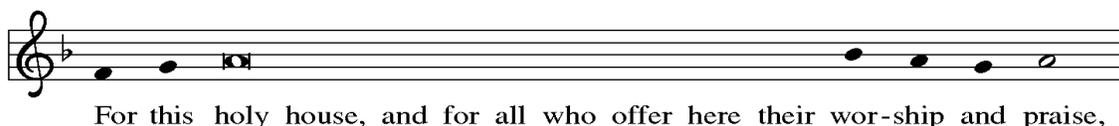
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



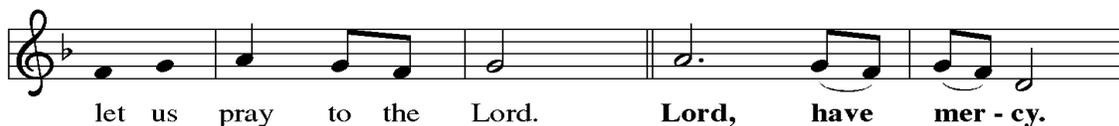
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



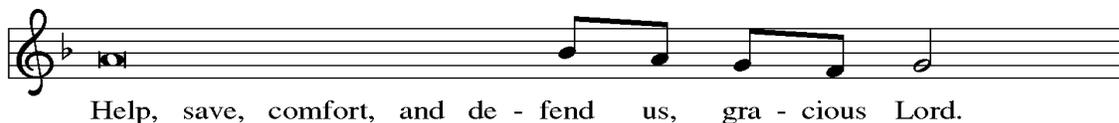
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

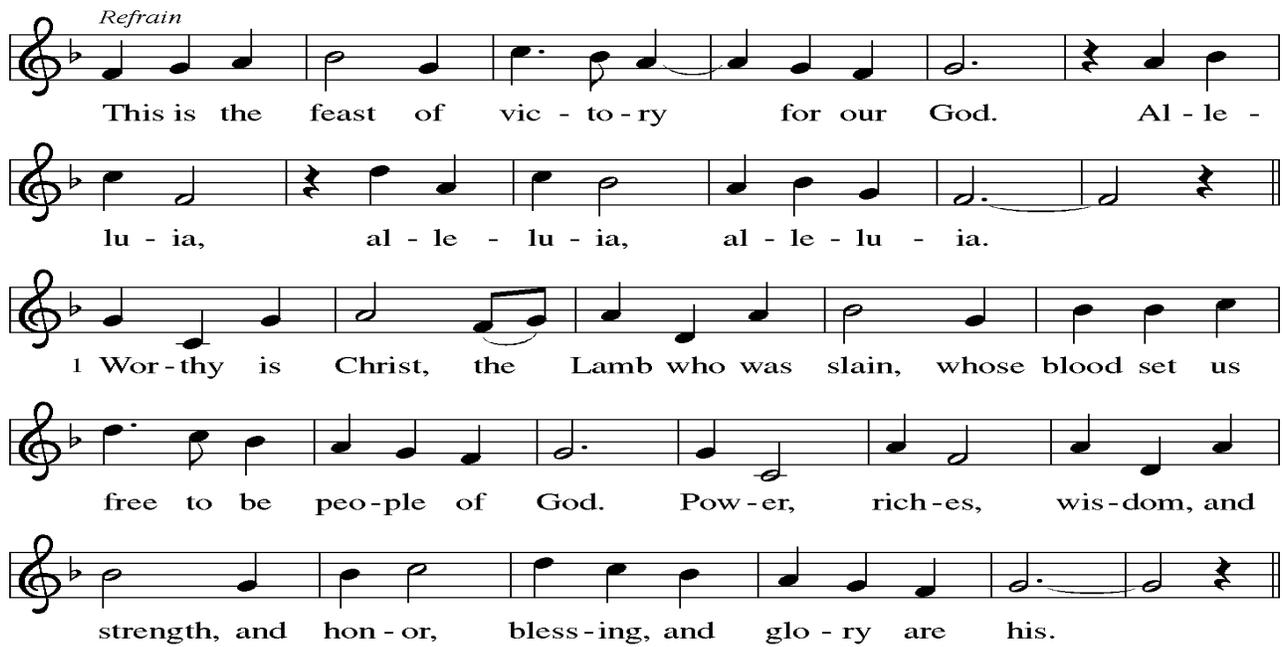


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: 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.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

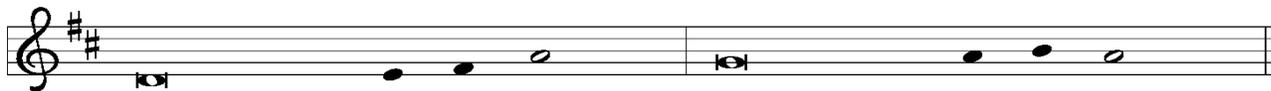
FIRST LESSON.....Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus 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.

PSALM 95 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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P: Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

C: **For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.**

P: In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

C: **The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.**

P: Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

C: **For the LORD| is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep | of God's hand.**

SECOND LESSON.....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.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When 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.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Pastor Schul

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Head That Once Was Crowned*ELW # 432

The Head That Once Was Crowned

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will
come 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 OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

(8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

As We Gather at Your Table.....arr. M. Burkhardt

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

**P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around
your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among
them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance and give
thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and
care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign
and Servant.**

C: Amen.

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

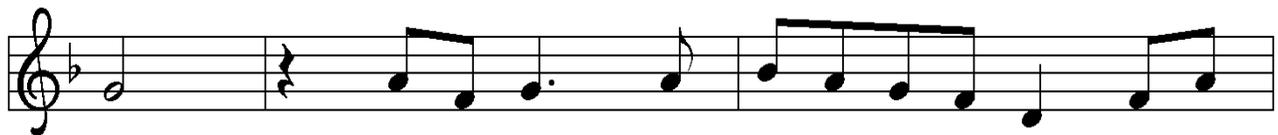
(8:30) **C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C:

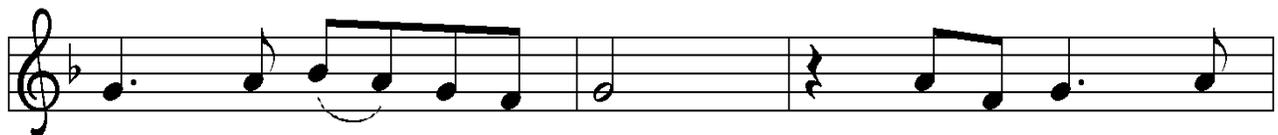
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Beautiful Savior.....arr. R. Hobby

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(ELW # 207)

C:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

C: Amen.

(10:30) **C: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.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - or to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(8:30) *Jesus Shall Reign*.....arr. W. Held

(10:30) *Jesus Shall Reign*.....Burkhardt



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ELW 634 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
ELW 432 The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns
ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign

At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Nov. 22, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all
serving in war-torn countries
Theresa Alves, friend of
Brenda Kim
Deb Baysinger's cousin
Sylvia Belanger, mother of
Joe Belanger
Debbie Bolthouse
Mary & Phil Bucher
Sandy Cassady
Denise Centini
Nancy Chapa
Scott Cocolin
Carol Confer
Cathy Cutter
William Davies
Marie Dallery mother of
Sharon Shurgalla
Damaris Dougherty, daughter of
Bob Hampton
Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of
Rachel Wolkenhauer
Patrick Dugan, grandson of
Paul & Kathryn Mackes
Laurel Sanders and family, upon
the death of Laurel's cousin
John Elliott
Steve Ellis
Craig Evanego
Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of
Holly Stoltzfus
Darrell Engelhardt, father of
Lisa Wiedemer

Vicki Garvin
Alice Griffin
Mary Ann Hanelly and family,
friends of Betsy Will
Shawn Hintosh
Dick Houtz
Bob Igoe
Cindy Keith
Kate Kempf, daughter of
Pete And Angie Kempf &
granddaughter of Merle &
Kathy McCalips
June Krumrine
The family of Wanetta Lohr,
upon her death
Paul & Sandy Larson
Paul Lloyd, son of
Pat Lloyd
Shirley Lucas
Tom Lucas
Paul Mackes
Carol Major, friend of
Brenda Palmgren
Dennis McClure
Danielle McHenry
Kim Marsh
The family of Gertrude Mentzer,
Upon her death
Bob Miller, father of
Julie Miller
Amy Nevling
Dottie Niklos, mother of
Bob Igoe

Allison Peretin, friend of
Elaine Ebeling
Zach Pfeil, brother of
Megan Widener
Margie Prothro, sister of
Ed Jenkins
Sophia Reutzel
Dottie Roberts
Becky Rogers
Bruce, Lynn & Becky Rogers upon
The death of Bruce's father Bill
Margaret Schrock, mother of
Kathy Weimer
Nancy Schuchert, mother of
Joe Schuchert
Lance Schul
Ken Shultz
William D. Snape Sr., brother
of Phyllis Favorite
Emily & Charlotte Spearly
The family of Jean Sutherland. upon
her death
Jack Sylves and family and
grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen
and Dick Brenneman
Karen Tupman, cousin of
Phyllis Favorite
Brenda & Ken Walsh
Greg Weimer
Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Pray this week that God might lead you to specific, particular people to love and serve, that Jesus might be revealed to you with equal particularity.

Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers “Drive-In Worship” each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices, as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

Pastors’ weekly podcasts – We invite you to listen to Grace’s podcast, “A Pocketful of Grace,” where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.



Garden of Readin’ Dec. 15 - The December meeting of Garden of Readin’ (women's book club) will be Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 am remotely via Zoom. (Please note time change.) The next book is *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. The discussion will be facilitated by Susan Hirth. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more info.



Harvest Home



Harvest Home continues to be celebrated during this season of Thanksgiving as a way to share our bounty with those who are in need. Through your generosity, you help ALSM fulfill its mission and touch the lives of those we serve throughout our eight-county region. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran with the memo portion indicating your gift designation for **Harvest Home**. You may also make your gift directly to ALSM online at alsm.org/donate or by mail to 998 Logan Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.



The Jared Box Project It’s Dedication Sunday!

Thank you all for helping to put smiles on the faces of children in the hospital. Forgot your box? Just bring it in Wednesday, Nov 25, 6:00-7:00pm or next Sunday, Nov 29, by 11:30.



“Hopeful Disruptions” Midweek Advent Prayer:

Beginning Dec. 2 and on each Wednesday in Advent, join Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick for a brief time of prayer and contemplation, streaming live on Grace’s YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/GLCYouTube>. Use this time to consider all of the ways Jesus is coming to us in life’s “hopeful disruptions.”

Adult Forum- November 22 and 29: break for Thanksgiving

Masks Needed-Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043.

Support Grace's Ministry: Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpa.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Knit Wits will **NOT** be sponsoring a Mitten, Hat and Scarf tree this Christmas season. However, donations of winter clothing items for local children and youth can be dropped off at the YSB office, located at 325 West Aaron Drive, State College 16803. Face masks are required. YSB's phone number is 814-237-5731.



Sign up to help with Christmas Eve Living Nativity on Dec. 24 in Grace parking lot

Help us tell the Good News of Jesus' birth in a new way as a living nativity scene along with live animals this Christmas Eve in front of the building at Grace. We have costumes or can give you DIY options and more information as you sign up. Please go to our Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod48aef2ea4f5c52-christmas> Review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. While most participants can distance, Joseph and Mary do need to come from the same house. Thank you! Contact pastorhetrick@glcpa.org or faithformation@glcpa.org with any questions.

The Jana Marie Foundation is the recipient of the **November Bucket Collection**. Our Faith Formation team, using an ELCA grant, teamed with the foundation to have programming focused on youth depression, anxiety, and suicide prevention. Some of the training included adults and many of us took advantage of the programs. As a congregation we hope to work with The Jana Marie Foundation again. You may donate through Tithe.ly by going to the church website and clicking on the 'Give' button or by mailing a check with "Jana Marie Foundation" in the memo line to the church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, PA 16801





Substitute Teacher Positions for 2020-2021

**SUBSTITUTES
NEEDED**

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

FROM US TO YOU



Christmas Cards for Inmates

"Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them."
Heb:13:3

Join with Grace and make a Christmas card for inmates.
Pick up a card and instructions from the cart outside the church doors.
M-F 8-2 and Sun at 8:30

Please return cards by Sunday, November 22nd.



Bell Ringing for IHS!

The Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well Campaign will run November 27th through December 23rd. Grace Lutheran has always been a part of this event by ringing bells at Meyer Dairy. Our date is **Tuesday, December 15th**. Bell ringing is fun, will be outside, bundled up, masked, and no singing.

Interfaith

Human Services

Sign-up for hours between 9am to 8pm. Children may help, but must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com to sign up for an hour of this enjoyable activity while helping to support the programs at IHS.



So many of you have contributed to the State College Food Bank via Grace during the ongoing pandemic. It's our response to Jesus' love, isn't it? For now, we'll continue with monetary donations only. Please donate via Tithe.ly at glcpa.org. Click on the 'give' button at the top of the page OR send a check to church with 'food bank' written in the memo line and mail it to 205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at sallykb@verizon.net.

NOVEMBER 22, 2020
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



God's justice cares for the weak and lost.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and goats
Monday	Ezekiel 34:11-24	God, the true shepherd
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	Psalms 100	All lands called to praise God
Thursday	Isaiah 1:16-20	Justice is needed
Friday	Amos 5:10-15	Choose good, not evil
Saturday	Psalms 95:1-7a	Worship and obey the Lord
Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	When the Son of Man appears

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Ezekiel 34:16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we give thanks that you are our God and that we are the sheep in your hand through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 95:7a)

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, to you we make a joyful noise for all that you do, including your gift of this food for us today. Amen. (Psalm 95:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of power and might bless you with joy and peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

When the Poor Ones



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had all the power you could want, what would you want to do?
- What is wrong with the religious leaders in the Bible using their power for themselves?
- Why is it good news to know that God cares for the poor, the sick, and the hungry?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 25:31-46.

The God of the Bible is the God of justice but not just any kind of justice. God's justice recognizes the unfairness of power that abuses the weak. In Ezekiel 34 God has had enough of Judah's unjust shepherds, specifically, the kings who have not taken care of God's sheep. Therefore, God declares the sheep that are lost, strayed, injured, and weak will be cared for by God's power and the fat and the strong sheep—supposedly those well off at the expense of the weak—will be destroyed (v. 16). That is the divine judgment Jesus presents in the parable of the sheep and the goats. God's will—Jesus' will, as seen in the Son of Man in the parable—is to provide for the needs of the hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, or sick. The message is so strong that when anyone has cared for these, they have cared for the Son of Man. The Gospel of Matthew does not shy away from judgment that distinguishes the authentic from the inauthentic life of those who follow Jesus. Matthew speaks against those who abuse their powers, whether religious, social, political, or economic. This final Sunday in the church year recognizes that all evil abuses will end one day and only God's compassion will survive through Christ, the true ruler of all things. How do you live as though Jesus, the Son of Man is with you as you show care and help others in need?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to see you in our neighbors, especially those in need of care through Jesus Christ, the one who is above all rule and authority. Amen.

SERVICE

Whether you live in an urban or rural setting, there are many in need. Donations of time and money are appreciated by those in need and the organizations that help them. Think about how you can help support these individuals or organizations.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Read Psalm 95:1-7a and circle or say the action words like "sing," "make a joyful noise," "bow down," and "kneel." Reread the psalm out loud and act out the parts you highlighted.

Afterward, close with this blessing: *May the Lord God rejoice at the sound of your joyful noise and songs of praise.*



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NOVEMBER 26, 2020
THANKSGIVING DAY



God loves a cheerful giver.

THANKSGIVING DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	The Lord takes care of you
	Psalms 65	Thanksgiving for creation
	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
	Luke 17:11-19	The ten lepers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:

Gracious God, we thank you for your love and bringing us healing, hope, and joy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you that you water the earth, provide grain for food, and place before us the fruit of the earth for this meal today. Amen. (Psalm 65:9)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a generous and thankful heart now and always.



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NOVEMBER 26, 2020

HYMN FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Oh, Sing to God Above

THANKSGIVING DAY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Name or think about something for which you are thankful. Explain.
- Give an example or think about when you have been a cheerful giver.
- How does practicing generosity impact your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 17:11-19.

There is a difference between what one wants to do and what one needs to do. Jesus tells the healed lepers that they need to go to the priests to confirm their healing, and they do. However, only one leper is compelled by an inner desire to return to Jesus and offer thanks. Although all ten are healed, Jesus says to the Samaritan, the outsider who desires to give thanks, "your faith has made you well" (v. 19). These are the same words used by Jesus in other stories in Luke, including the woman at his anointing (7:50), the hemorrhaging woman (8:48), and the blind beggar (18:42). In Luke 7:50 the phrase is translated, "Your faith has saved you." The same Greek words can be translated as "saved you" or "made you well." Health and salvation belong together. A thankful heart belongs to both health and salvation. How is your health strengthened by a thankful heart? How is your faith strengthened by thanksgiving? By cheerfulness?

Pray: God of glory, we thank you for your generosity that blesses us with health and salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Giving with a thankful heart blesses both the giver and the receiver of one's generosity. Practice generosity this week and think or talk about how it blesses you as well as those who are the recipients of your care.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The first Thanksgiving was held in the early 1600's by Puritans and Pilgrims immigrating from England to America. President George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide celebration in November of 1789 "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." Invite each person at your table to name something they are thankful for and then after each person has shared, conclude with: Thanks be to God for the Lord's indescribable gifts! Amen.



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