

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"O That I Had a Thousands Voices"

(LSB 811)

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

### EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8-9*

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*John 20:19-23*

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

✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a (antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13)*

- P But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.
- C **“Show me, LORD, my life’s end  
and the number of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.**
- P You have made my days a mere handbreadth;  
the span of my years is as nothing before you.
- C **Everyone is but a breath,  
even those who seem secure.**
- P “But now, Lord, what do I look for?  
My hope is in you.
- C **Save me from all my transgressions;  
do not make me the scorn of fools.**
- P “Hear my prayer, LORD,  
listen to my cry for help;  
do not be deaf to my weeping.
- 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 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

**C** 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  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

# SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**      *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*      *(The Lord Will Search for His Sheep)*

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"      (arr. Dan Forrest)  
*Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*      *(Christ Reigns Supreme)*

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

*John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 25:31-46*      *(The Final Judgment)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN**      "The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns"      (LSB 532)

**SERMON**

"Jesus, the Shepherd"  
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Matthew 25:31-46)

**CREED**

Apostles' (8:30) *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
Nicene (11:00) *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERING**

*Several opportunities are available for you to support your church and its ministry. You can simply place your tithe/offering in the collection plate at the door as you leave the service this morning, drop your offering off at the church office during the week, or log onto our website ([www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com)) and click on the "electronic giving" link for giving electronically. Thank you for your support!*

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

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

*Brief silence*

For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, and for the strengthening of God's people in this true faith and their baptismal life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For God's people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, and for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our president and governor, our newly elected leaders and all in authority over us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that with God's strength they may kept through patience and delivered to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the grieving, that they may have hope, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] 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:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own 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.
- C **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.**

The 8:30 am service continues on page 9 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✘ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✘

**PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.



Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

**G** 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.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(LSB 709)

"The Lamb, the Lamb"

(LSB 547)

## DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

*(Please stand)*

### THANK THE LORD



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



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

### 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 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.

### BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**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.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"The Man Is Ever Blessed"

(LSB 705)

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Our Christmas Eve services will look a little different this year. In an effort to keep our members as safe and comfortable as possible, we are **increasing the number of services on Christmas Eve**. This will not only give our members increased options about the time of day that they worship but it will also allow us to keep the total number of worshippers low enough to allow social distancing between groups.

**Christmas Eve services will be held at:  
11:00AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM, and 7:30PM**

In order to ensure that each service has an appropriate number of worshippers, we are asking that **each member would sign-up for a specific service time**. This can be done online by visiting our website or by phone (calling the church office). When a specific service time is full, we would ask that our members choose another time. This helps us to keep our members spaced apart and as safe as possible.

For those who prefer to worship at home, we will be live-streaming our 5:00 service. You can join us online during that service (just like Sunday morning), or you can view the service later during the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our members to join together, either electronically or physically, to remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please wisely consider which of these options you may want to use.

