



# **Traditional Worship Service**

## **Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**Saturday, November 21, 2020     5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 22, 2020     8:30 a.m.**

**MESSIAH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH





(Hymns from the *Lutheran Service Book*)

PRELUDE

“Tocatta on Aberystwyth”

Portman

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

(Please Stand)

“Christ is Surely Coming”

#509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,  
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:  
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;  
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!  
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!

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INVOCATION *(Greeting and Reminder of our Baptism)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**THE INTROIT**

Psalm 95:1-7a

*(Meaning "entrance" as we begin our worship)*

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

P: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

P: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**C: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

P: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

## GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## KYRIE *(Asking God to help us in our daily living)*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

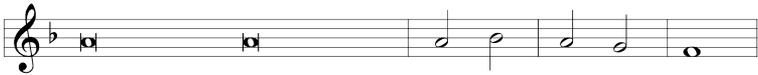
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



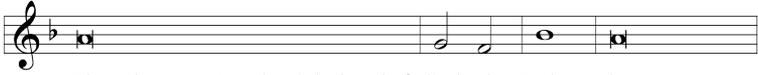
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

### *(Prayer of the Day)*



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And with thy spir - it.



☐ 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.



☑ A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*(Reading about God's relationship with His people)*

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Last Sunday of the Church Year is from the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 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. 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.**

## THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 15:20-28

*(Reading of God's Word in action, accomplishing what it says)*

P: The Epistle Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians.

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



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

*(Reading of an account of Jesus and His ministry)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 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. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 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. 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, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and

you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 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.' 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. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 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.' 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?' 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## APOSTLES CREED

*(Brief statement of what we believe and teach)*

**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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN

## "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

#508



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.

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## MESSAGE

*"The Final Verdict"*

Pastor Milton Berner

*(We learn what our reading means for us today)*

## VOLUNTARY

(5:30)

"Here I Am, Lord"

Marianne Reed

(8:30)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Diane Magill

## THE PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*(The prayer taught to us by Jesus)*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

## BENEDICTION



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”

#511



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, Warn - ing  
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and  
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.  
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

*Refrain*



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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## POSTLUDE “Toccatà on God Father, Praise and Glory” Picher