

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he

has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “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. ²⁸When 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

³¹[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. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then 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. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’

⁴¹“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. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you

Matthew 25:34



About the Cover: As this Church Year comes to a close, we know a new one is on the horizon. Likewise, Jesus' glorious return with the angelic host on the Last Day will be the setting of this life as we know it and the dawn of a new day where we will be welcomed into the inheritance of the Kingdom that has been prepared for us. It has already been secured for those who believe because the judgment against sin has been rendered on Christ's cross. The darkness of Good Friday gave way to the light of Christ's resurrection on Sunday morning.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/15 (Wed): 33	Comm.: 27	Offering: \$415.00
Attendance 11/19 (Sun): 58	Comm.: 45	Offering: \$1,351.13
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		
S.S. – 6	Staff – 3	B.C. – 8

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (11/29) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship
7:45 p.m. – Council
SAT (12/2) 9:00 a.m. – Church decorating
SUN (12/3) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – **Worship**
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Simon & Rhonda Geiger in honor of their anniversary.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – The ornaments are on the tree in the coat room. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the gift. Gifts need to be wrapped when you bring them in.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the card room.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Dec. 10 & 13 after services sponsored by Ladies Aid. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you wish to help by donating homemade Christmas cookies. Bring them to church by 9:00 a.m. on December 9th. PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR COOKIES IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, TO INFORM THOSE WHO ARE ALLERGIC TO THESE INGREDIENTS. Thank you for your help! (Profits will go toward the Boiler & Blacktop Funds).

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Order forms are on the table in the narthex or from the church office. You can drop off your order form and payment to the church office. Deadline is Sunday December 3rd.

BRATS FOR SALE – Stewardship is selling brats in packages of 6 and 12. Cost is \$21 for 6 and \$42 for 12. They are available for purchase after church services and also during the week during church office hours.

ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS – If you would like to use your Thrivent action card for the women's bathroom renovation, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

FOOD-N-MORE collection box is in the coatroom. You can bring nonperishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion. Deadline is Sunday November 26th.

ADVENT MEALS will be served on Wednesdays December 6, 13 & 20. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board for attending and hosting.

CHURCH DECORATING will take place on Saturday December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. This will be both interior decorating as well as putting up the outdoor nativity. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Alice Koerth for interior decorating and Hank Horn Jr. for the outdoor nativity.