

Divine Service Setting Four
The Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22nd, 2020

As We Gather: Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured. **TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY!**

Voluntary:

"He Shall Feed His Flock" From "Messiah" G.F. Handel,
1685-1759

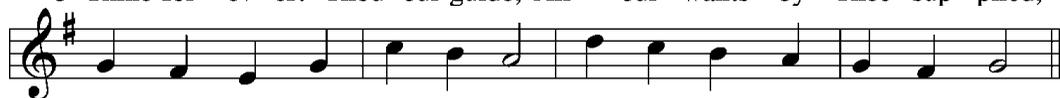
Arr. by Ross Anderson. Based on Ezekiel 34:15

+ CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: "Thine Forever, God of Love" LSB 687



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep These Thy frail and trem - bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav' n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.
All our sins by Thee for - giv' n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav' n.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our

prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C let me know how fleeting I am!

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

C and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C My hope is in you.

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

C For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

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 In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

“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.

Psalm

Psalm 95:1–7a

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P For the LORD is a great God,

C and a great King above all gods.

P In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C the heights of the mountains are his also.

P The sea is his, for he made it,

C and his hands formed the dry land.

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P For he is our God,

C and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

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 and Verse



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

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of three phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia,' 'al - le - lu - ia,' and 'al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. 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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" LSB 532



- 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, is His by 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.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Those we remember in our Prayers: Louis & Eyvonne, Georgia, Beth, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, Brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, George, Wendy Jo, Andrea, Dennis and the Luhrs family at the passing of Walt.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Holy Communion: We, the members of this church believe that in, with and under the bread and wine we receive the very body and blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith. Since it is the Lord's Supper, all those who have been baptized, taught, and call

Him Lord are invited to His table, considering the warning given us in scripture by His servant Paul:

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself.”

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for
You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten
Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but
have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of
Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly
barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet,
in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second
Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His
cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns: "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
 ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Closing Hymn: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Sending:

P Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

NEWS & NOTES

“A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE...” (Ecclesiastes 3:7) A friendly reminder to all that our Board of Elders has requested that we observe a time of total silence for prayer and meditation after the bell is rung at 10:55.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE Wednesday, November 25th @ 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT RECITAL Our organist, Dale Stanton will offer a recital next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. The theme is “Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.” The program will consist of selections based on the familiar Advent hymns in LSB. Attendees will follow the standard coronavirus precautions. As always, the recital is free and open to the public.

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**Devotions this week:** keep your bulletin from today and read and then pray as the Lord moves you. Monday: The Old Testament (or 1st reading), Tuesday: The Psalm, Wednesday: The Epistle (or Second Reading), Thursday: The Gospel Reading, Friday: The Prayer of the Day, and Saturday: The lessons for the coming Sunday The First Sunday in Advent; Is. 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 1 Cor. 1:3-9, Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37.

## DAILY LECTIONARY

This outline is a devotional reading plan that covers the entire Sacred Scriptures each year. The selections are

based on ancient models and are generally in harmony with the liturgical church year. The average reading is three chapters daily. A seasonal canticle is assigned for each month and is scheduled to replace the psalm on the first and last days of the month. All of the psalms are read twice a year.

- Nov. 22** Dan. 2:24-49, Rev. 19:1-21
- Nov. 23** Dan. 3:1-30, Rev. 20:1-15
- Nov. 24** Dan. 4:1-37, Rev. 21:1-8
- Nov. 25** Dan. 5:1-30, *Dan. 7:1-8:27*, Rev. 21:9-27
- Nov. 26** Dan. 6:1-28, *Dan. 9:1-27*, Rev. 22:1-21
- Nov. 27** Is. 1:1-28, 1 Peter 1:1-12
- Nov. 28** Is. 2:1-22, *Is. 3:1-4:6*, 1 Peter 1:13-25

**Attendance Last week: 29**

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LORD'S WORK  
AT OUR SAVIOR FROM LAST WEEK:**  
Envelope **\$560.00**, Plate **\$2.00**, EFT **\$100.00**,  
Total **\$662.00**

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Those in His Service

Elder on Call: Don Baldus
Trustee on Call: Scott Siemsen



FULFILLING OUR MISSION, here is our CONGREGATIONAL ACTION PLAN...

Guided by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we will respond:

- **Spiritually**, by our study of Scripture and prayer as we participate in the work of the Lord.
- **Inwardly**, by inviting all our members to be faithful in worship.
- **Outwardly**, by sharing Christ with those who don't know the LORD and His mission or our Congregation.
- **Sacrificially**, by giving not only of our treasure, but also our time and talent, so that His light shines through us to draw His People to Him.



Pentecost

About the Cover: Two thousand years ago, Jesus came in humility, born of a virgin in a stable, and took up a cross, suffering and dying. But there will come a day when He comes again in glory, and every knee shall bow and tongue confess that He is Lord. We look forward to that day because His cross has brought forgiveness, and His glorious return will complete the restoration of all things.