

"Living, sharing and teaching the Love of Christ as we reach out to all people" "Viviendo, compartiendo y ensenando el Amor de Cristo mientras alcanzamos a toda persona"

# Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING** 



# MORNING PRAYER

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord;

People: In the morning my prayer comes before You.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**People:** and with Your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: And praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

People: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

- Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- People: Let my cry come to You.

# PSALM 95:1-7A

- Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

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

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Pastor: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

People: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Together: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and To the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

# **OPENING HYMN**

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

# Chorus: How great is our God sing with me How great is our God and all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb the Lion and the Lamb **Chorus:** 

Bridge: Name above all names worthy of all praise My heart will sing how great is our God

# **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Indeed, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us, and we confess our sins before Him and one another.

### Silence for reflection

- Pastor: Heavenly Father,
- People: we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.
- Pastor: Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus came to seek and to save the Lost (*Luke 19:10*). He laid down His life for the sheep. (*John 10:11*). By Christ's death and resurrection, God

forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\bigstar$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.

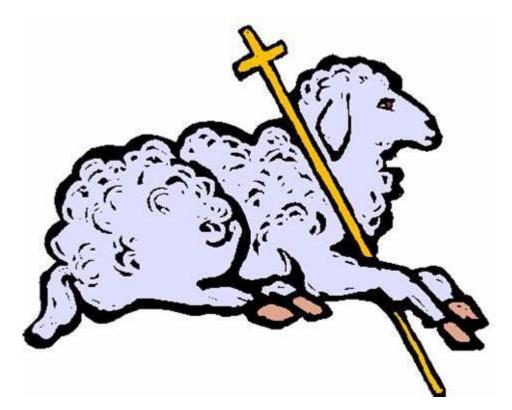
Hymn

I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB [LSB#740]

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Together: Heavenly Father, You care for all people regardless of their wealth or heritage, and You have made us heirs of Your salvation. Strengthen us, that we care for the poor, weak, and lonely, and that all our neighbors may know Your gracious love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### FIRST LESSON

EZEKIEL 34:11–16, 20–24

<sup>34:11</sup>"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken. Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND LESSON

### 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

<sup>15:20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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.

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

PRAISE HYMN

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

// Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord I lift your name on high. //

\\\ Lord I lift your name on high. \\\ 3x

#### Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

#### Glory be to You, O Lord. **People:**

# HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46

<sup>25:31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the aoats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my kingdom Father. inherit the you prepared for from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you а stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you,

Hijo del hombre venga en su gloria, con todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono alorioso. 32Todas las naciones se reunirán delante de él, y él separará a unos de otros, como separa el pastor las ovejas de las cabras. <sup>33</sup>Pondrá las ovejas a su \*derecha, y las cabras a su izquierda. <sup>34</sup>»Entonces dirá el Rey a los que "Vengan estén а SU derecha: ustedes, a quienes mi Padre ha bendecido; reciban su herencia, el reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo. <sup>35</sup>Porque tuve hambre, y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; fui forastero, y me dieron alojamiento; <sup>36</sup>necesité ropa, y me vistieron; estuve enfermo, y me atendieron; estuve en la cárcel, y me visitaron." <sup>37</sup>Y le contestarán los justos: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos, sediento v te dimos de beber? <sup>38</sup>¿Cuándo te vimos como forastero y te dimos alojamiento, o necesitado de ropa y te vestimos? <sup>39</sup>¿Cuándo te vimos enfermo o en la cárcel y te visitamos?" <sup>40</sup>El Rey les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo aue hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aun por el más pequeño, lo hicieron

<sup>25:31</sup>»Cuando

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as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>"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. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>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.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

por mí." <sup>41</sup>»Luego dirá a los que estén a su izquierda: "Apártense de mí, malditos, al fuego eterno preparado diablo y sus ángeles. el para <sup>42</sup>Porque tuve hambre, y ustedes no me dieron nada de comer; tuve sed, y no me dieron nada de beber; <sup>43</sup>fui forastero, no me dieron y alojamiento; necesité ropa, y no me vistieron; estuve enfermo y en la cárcel, y no me atendieron." <sup>44</sup>Ellos también le contestarán: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento 0 sediento, forastero, 0 como 0 necesitado de ropa, o enfermo, o en la cárcel, y no te ayudamos?" <sup>45</sup>Él les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, tampoco lo hicieron por mí." 46»Aquéllos irán al castigo eterno, y los justos a la vida eterna.

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Pastor:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Apostles' Creed

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.

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Note:** If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.

OFFERING HYMN

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST [AGPS#78]

Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend. Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King! Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.

# Refrain: And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed; Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost; That God in His mercy would save; All His people from death and the grave. **Refrain**:

Lord, teach us how to proclaim All Your goodness, Your love and Your name! Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live. Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. **Refrain**:



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SERMON HYMN

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT [LSB#710]

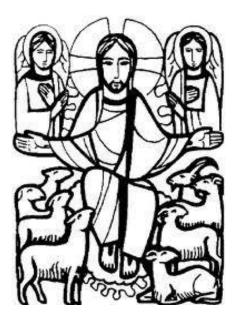
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

SERMON

PASTOR ELY PRIETO



# **CLOSING PRAYER**

# BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ₱ and give you peace.People: Amen.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

**CLOSING HYMN** 

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT [LSB#710]

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.



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