



WORSHIP FOLDER



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

“PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE”

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.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]



*In the Name of the
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CHIMES CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN *(Please Stand for Last Stanza)*

LSB 741

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

- 5** **Glorified, I shall anew**
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6** **Then take comfort and rejoice,**
 For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7** **Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave**
 And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
 Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8** **O, then, draw away your hearts**
 From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
 While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P 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)

P Heavenly Father,

C **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.**

P Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep. By Christ's death and resurrection, God 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. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

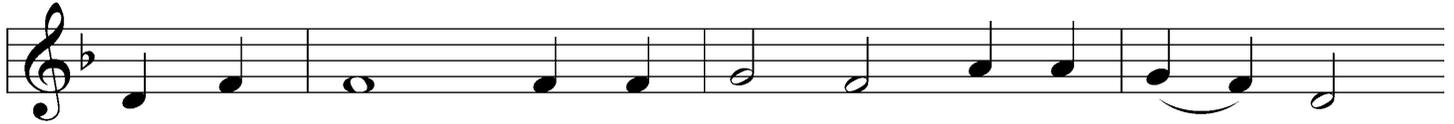
HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 849

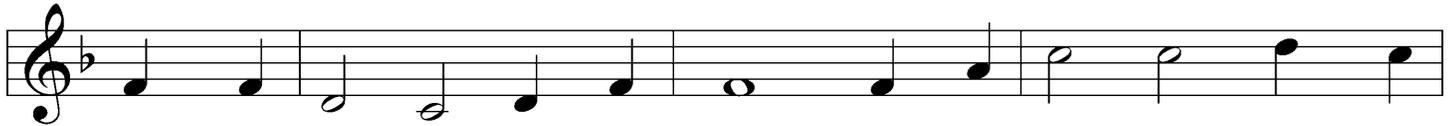
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER 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.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

(God will search for His sheep.)

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 95:1-7A; ANTIPHON V. 7A

- P** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.
- 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.**
- A** **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** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia! *Revelation 22:13*



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

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of three measures. The first measure has a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5. The second measure has a dotted quarter note G4, followed by four eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4. The third measure has a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written, with a 'C' symbol at the beginning of the first line.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46

(The separation of the sheep and the goats.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 735

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”



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!

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SERMON TEXT:

MATTHEW 25:31-46

SERMON TITLE:

LIVING IN HIS LIGHT – HAVING COMPASSION

(please stand)

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.**

(please be seated)

VOLUNTARY

REV. PHILLIP ALLMAN/BARITONE

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

THE 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.**

BENEDICTION

- 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** Amen.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

(Please Stand for Last Stanza)

LSB 578

“Thy Strong Word”



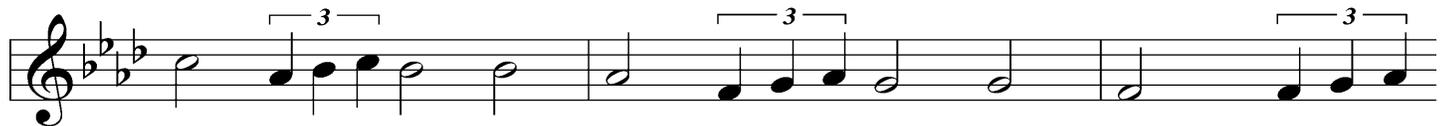
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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POSTLUDE

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 *To God Alone Be the Glory* 
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GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family. Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase, Pastor Allman and their families.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

- ❖ BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Jerry Penick, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, and Dell Wehmeyer.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Don Wende (Sandra Parsley's uncle) was to have an exploratory scope on 11/19 if his white blood cell count is up. Chemo & radiation have been stopped until doctors have more test results in.
- ❖ Alice & Roger Barker (Sharon Burks' sister & brother-in-law), Roger is off dialysis and got a chemo shot in the stomach. Alice is very tired but thankful they are home.
- ❖ Charles Colgan has been moved to Midland Medical Lodge.
- ❖ John (James Martin's co-worker) his retina is completely detached and he had surgery on 11/12.
- ❖ Mary Hooper (Lea Keese's mom) had eye retinal detachment surgery on 11/5 in Austin. Her surgery & post-op went well.
- ❖ Kay Walker (Margie Norton's sister-in-law) was at MDAnderson for a scan but tested positive for COVID. She was sent home to quarantine for 20 days.
- ❖ Fredericka (Jim DeBerry's mom) had an invasive breast tumor removed. She will start radiation in Katy.
- ❖ Jane Pase was admitted to MMH on 11/17 with pneumonia. Tests show 100% blockage of right coronary artery & aortic valve needs to be replaced. Hoping to wait until after Christmas. She is resting and waiting for pneumonia to clear up.
- ❖ Piper (Diane Wood's granddaughter) tested positive for COVID. Awaiting test results on Diane's daughter Amber.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Emily (friend of RJ & Kinsey Pase) who tested positive for COVID is back at work. She's still exhausted, but doing much better.
- ❖ Linda (Rhonda Shutts' sister) is doing much better, with a few ongoing issues.
- ❖ Judy Marcis (Jane Pase's mom) is home from the hospital.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ❖ Bess Barlou (Former Member) died 10/27.
- ❖ Connie Brown (Lindsay Hale's mom) died on 11/12 after a 15-month battle with leukemia.
- ❖ Stefanie (friend of Alyson Allman) died on 11/18 in Lubbock from pneumonia and COVID-19.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the Glory of God by
Gary & Sandra Parsley
In celebration of Kelsey Sparks' birthday on the 27th of November.

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**PLEASE SEE GRACE IN ACTION FOR THE WEEK'S CALENDAR AND OTHER
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MINISTRY OF OUR CONGREGATION!**