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November 22, 2020 | Last Sunday of the Church Year | Proper 29 | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



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.

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

#### To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

Prelude

"The Lord Is King"

Psalm 96 | CHRISTOPHERSON 8:00 am

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Sing to the Lord a new song. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad! Bless the name of the Lord.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Sing to the Lord! Ascribe to the Lord honor and power, Sing to the Lord!

Tell it out - Tell among the nations: The Lord is King!

Welcome and Announcements

✤ Service of Preparation ♣

**Hymn of Invocation** LSB 511 "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"

Warn -1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, ing 2 Her - ald. the of glad - ness; Tell the sound note 3 Her - ald, sound the of par - don— Those note re 4 Her - ald. tri - umph; Christ sound the note of has us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and that Christ here; Make path through the is way news а God way - ward pent ing are for giv'n; re - ceives His share life, Bring-ing God's love come to our own and sad - ness Till once more we sing the song. des - ert For the who brings God near. one chil - dren, life giv'n. And to them new is pow - er, Grant - ing in strife. vic ťry our Refrain Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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- $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$  Confession and Absolution  $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$
- L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- L If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

#### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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  $\oplus$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - C Amen.

John 20:19-23

Matthew 28:19b

#### ¥ ¥ Service of the Word

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 152-153

Lord, have mer - cy. C

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all L let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Т





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.



L Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead.

- C 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;
- L 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....

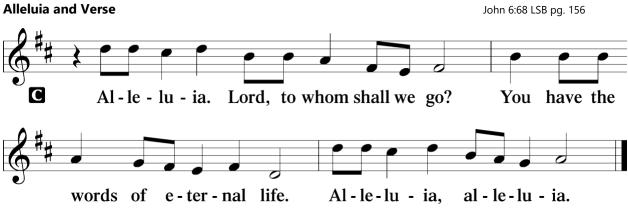
"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I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

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle Reading 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.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



#### Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

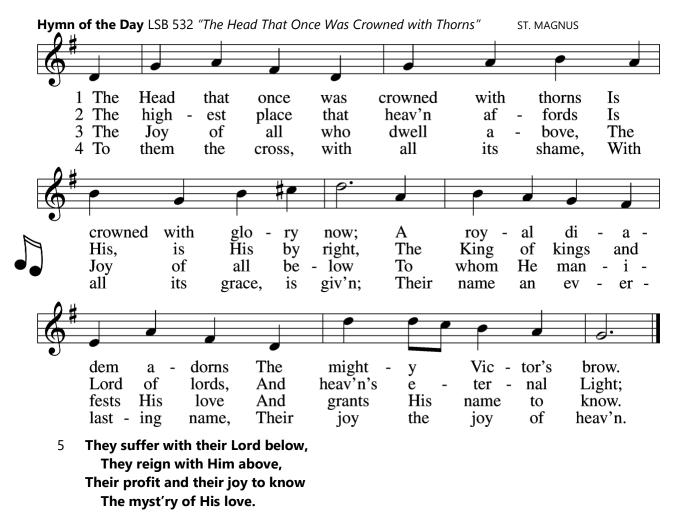
- R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.'

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"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."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



 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.

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#### Sermon

#### Apostles' Creed

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- 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.

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-4



- L Dear heavenly Father, You promise to seek the lost. We pray for all those who have wandered away from Your Church.
- C We pray that You would strengthen us to reach out to them, to receive them with open arms and open hearts as the father welcomed home his prodigal son.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.

**Prayer of the Church** 

- L Lord, You promise to strengthen the weak. Send Your strength and courage to all those who need it, to the aging, the lonely, the tired, and the vulnerable.
- C Protect and defend them from the wolves of this world.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.
- L Lord, You promise to feed Your sheep with good pasture.
- C Raise up faithful servants and shepherds to share the nourishment of Your Word and Sacraments with all Your sheep.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.
- L Lord, You promise to rescue Your flock from all enemies.
- C Guard and keep us from the enemies of sin, death, and Satan. Lead us away from temptation and always closer to the arms of our Good Shepherd.
- L Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.
- Lord, You promise to bind up the injured. Bring Your healing to all those who suffer now through injury, illness, and oppression, [*especially*...].
  Heal them according to Your good and gracious will.
  Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.
- L Lord, by Your Word You have told us that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead, we still grieve and mourn when the enemy of death strikes our friends and family. Be near all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially*...]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C Give ear to our cry.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.

#### Offertory

#### Anthem



#### "Christ is the King"

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice; Brothers and sisters with one voice Let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise Anthems of joy and holy praise For all his saints of ancient days. Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men All the world over, seek again The way his faithful followed then. Alleluia!

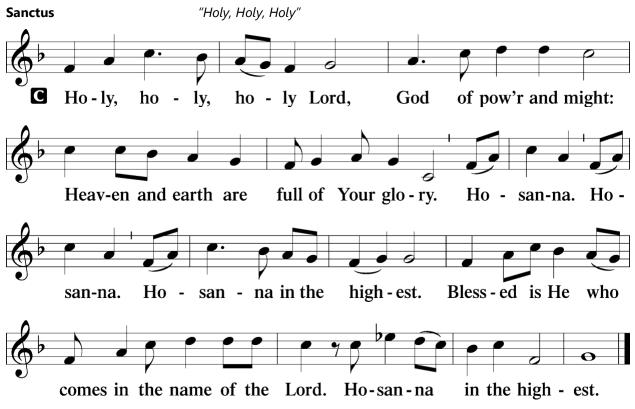
Let love's all reconciling might Your scattered companies unite In service to the Lord of light. Alleluia!

So shall the church at last be one; So shall God's will on earth be done. New lamps be lit, new tasks begun. Alleluia! Anders, arr. Rotermund 8:00 am

$oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Service of the Sacrament $oldsymbol{\Phi}$		
Preface		LSB pgs. 160-161
L <b>C</b>	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
L <b>C</b>	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	Colossians 3:1
L <b>C</b>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise	Psalm 136
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C	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	

#### **Proper Preface**

- L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### 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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

Ρ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come. Lord Jesus.

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- The Lord's Prayer C Our Father who art in heaven, Matthew 6:9-13 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.

#### Pax Domini

- Ρ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- С Amen.

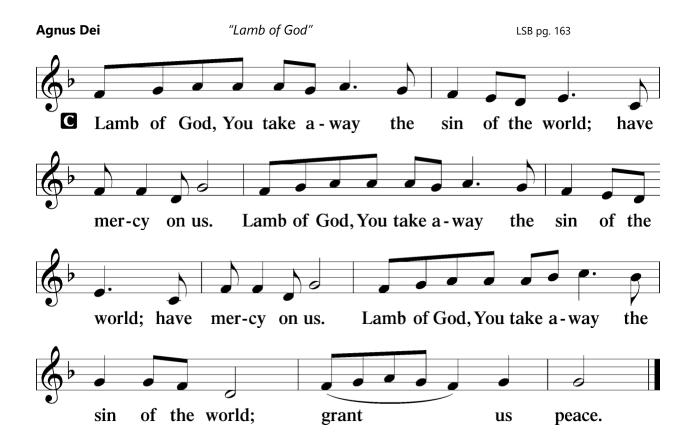
John 20:19

Revelation 22:20

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"The Peace of the Lord"





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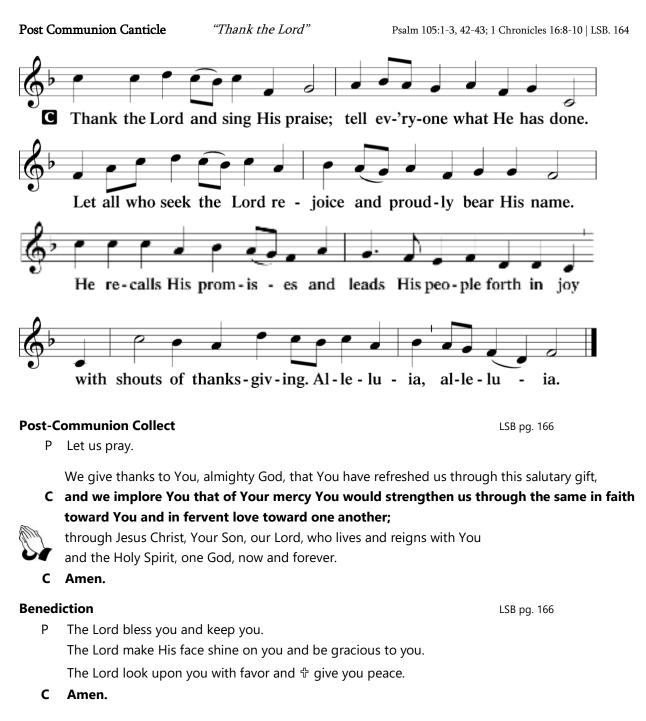
**Distribution Hymn** LSB 534 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" **BRYN CALFARIA** 1 Lord, heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten en - throned in low - liest form now veil 2 Though the You As of old in 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick-en rock with You dead. strong de - fend - er, from the a - lone, our an - gels Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your hail You, You were slain, In its full ness un - di - min-ished Heav'n and earth loud ho - san - na stream - ing side, with θ Lift - ing Your peo-ple's head. Al-le - lu up ia. Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's Al-le - lu stem. ia, Shall for - ev er more re - main, Al-le - lu ia, -Wor - ship You, Lamb who Al-le - lu the died, ia, al le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Je true and sus, le - lu - ia, al-le-lu-We wor - ship al ia! in al-le - lu - ia! al \_ le - lu - ia, Cleans-ing souls from le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Ris'n. as cend - ed. al Θ θ liv - ing Je liv - ing bread! bread! sus, true and with join them; We in wor ship join with them. ev - 'ry glo - ri stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain. fied! Ris'n, glo - ri - fied! as - cend - ed,

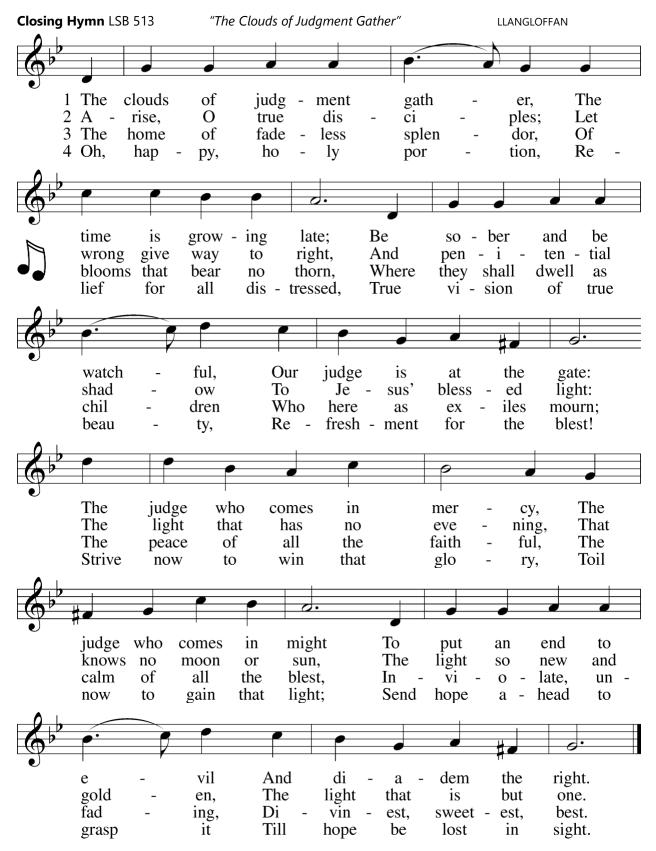
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**Distribution Hymn LSB 617** "O Lord, We Praise Thee" GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET  $1 \, 0$ bless Lord, we praise Thee, Thee, and a dore Thee, ho - ly 2 Thy to death was bod in giv - en, -У 3 May God be - stow His grace and fa - vor on us 6 thanks - giv - ing Thee. with Thy bow be fore Thou In -Life to win for us in heav en. No great - er That we fol - low Christ our Sav ior And live to -\_ Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that bod - y and love than Thee could bind us; this to May this feast there geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this Θ flour -Lord, have mer they may ish: 0 cy! of re - mind us! 0 Lord, have mer cy! blest Com - mu nion! 0 Lord, have mer \_ cy! May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our Lord, Thy kind - ness did con - strain Thee That Thy SO Spir for - sake Let not Thy good it Grant that us: sins for us plead and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood blood should bless and sus-tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Θ tri - al, fear, and need: In all O Lord, have mer cy! Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer cy! u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer Days of peace and cy!

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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\oplus$  in peace.
- C Amen.





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#### Dismissal

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

St. John Dublin

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# **Thanksgiving Service**

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Signing-up is not required for the Thanksgiving Service.

## **Advent & Christmas**

November 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 64:1-9, I Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

December 6<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

December 13<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, I Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm The Great "O" Antiphons



Mid-Week Services Signing-up is not required for the Mid-Week Services. 12:00 & 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary December 2, 9, & 16

> Sermon Series on Advent Hymns There will be a hymn sing each week at 6:50 p.m.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Sign-up in advance for Christmas Eve Services (call, text or email). 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 pm in the Sanctuary December 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelight at all services

**Christmas Day Service** *Signing-up is not required for the Christmas Day Service.* 9:30 am in the Sanctuary December 25<sup>th</sup>

The First Sunday of Christmas8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary December 27th

All services are held in the main sanctuary.

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