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‡PREPARATION‡

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ENTRANCE HYMN “We Praise You, O God...” #785

‡SERVICE OF THE WORD‡

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P: *The Lord be with you. C: ♪ And with your Spirit. ♪*

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. ♪

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Lesson: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NKJV)*

‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!*

GRADUAL FOR ALL SAINTS: (Rev.7:14b, Ps.84:5)



These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, *
they have washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.
How blessed is the man whose strength is in You; *
in their heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle: 1Corinthians 15:20-28 (NKJV)

But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C:** **Thanks be to God**

△ **ALLELUIA VERSE (Revelation 22:12a, 13)** Alle- | luia; Alle- | luia.

**Behold, I am coming quickly...I am the Alpha and the O- | mega,*
the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alle- | luia.**

P: *The Holy Gospel according to...* **C:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** ♪

△ **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46 (NKJV)**

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of 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 took Me in; 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? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to *You*?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting 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 take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

"Then they also will answer Him, 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, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch 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 everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C:** ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** ♪

△ **NICENE CREED**

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HYMN OF THE DAY “The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns” . #532

SERMON: “As Jesus rose to new life, so will you on that last day!”

△OFFERTORY “Create in me” P 192-193

OFFERINGS COLLECTED

△PRAYER OF THE CHURCH P: *Lord, in Your mercy.* C: Hear our prayer.

‡SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION‡

△PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE FOR ALL SAINTS P 194

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△VERBA & PAX DOMINI “Peace of the Lord”

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COMMUNION (See our Communion Practice)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Why Should Cross and Trial...” (alt tune?) #756
“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” #540**

△NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon) P 199

△THANKSGIVING COLLECT

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HYMN “Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing” (alt tune?)..... #847

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We welcome all worshipping with us today and pray you will be spiritually fed through the grace of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!
Visitors, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Our Communion Practice



We receive in this sacrament the true body & blood of Jesus with the bread and wine. Believers also receive forgiveness to strengthen their faith. God wants all to be truly worthy and well prepared to receive His blessings in the Lord's Supper. (*1 Corinthians 11:26-29*)

Receiving this Supper is a public proclamation of the faith, so we ask that only those who confess the faith of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod commune with us as one body in Christ. (*1 Corinthians 10:17*) This includes all the baptized instructed from Luther's *Small Catechism*.

The Biblical practice of Close Communion is not to offend individuals, but lovingly to guard and protect the Spiritual well-being of all.

If you are currently a member of a Lutheran church in our fellowship, and have learned the Small Catechism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion today.

Other Christians are invited to come forward, crossing arms, to receive a blessing.

Adult Catechism classes, which are preparation for Holy Communion, are offered upon request. Please speak to Pastor about how to join our fellowship.



Cleaning: Your time and talents are needed to clean the church. Volunteer groups of 2 or 3 are needed for any or all weeks in **December**. Signup sheet is in the entry. A new list for 2024 will soon be posted.



Altar Flowers: Provided today by Ora Mae Abel for general blessings.
A new flower chart is posted for 2024. All Sundays are filled in for the rest of 2023. Sign up if you want to honor a special event in 2024.

Stewardship nugget: This last Sunday of the church year, we are reminded how our time is short here in this world. So, we do well to consider what we may do in this life while there is still time to do it. Helping family and friends, providing for your church and pastor, preparing your will and last testament, and supporting other charities are things worth thinking about while you still have the opportunity to love others with Christ's love.

Today at Redeemer:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer with homily on the day's psalm
9:00 AM Adult Bible class (Revelation) & Sunday School for kids
10:30 AM Divine Service Setting 3 with Communion

[Attendance last Sunday: 56 \(plus online viewers\)](#)

This week at Redeemer:

Monday, November 27 th	3PM	Beginners' Confirmation class
Tuesday, November 28 th	6:30PM	Bible class on <i>Luke</i>
Wednesday, November 29 th	10:30AM	Bible class on <i>Proverbs</i>
	5:30PM	Youth Confirmation class



November 29th- **Linda Ray**



Pray for our home-bound member: Alice Haines having health issues.

Continued Prayers needed for: **Schleta Johnson, Toby Moore, Bobbie Hayes & sons, John and Joe, Margie Wingfield & her daughter, Christine**, all with medical issues; and for **Joe Arthur** as he considers & evaluates his decisions to take one of two recent calls.

Youth Christmas Party: On Friday, December 1st, at 6PM. Come in your favorite Christmas pj's & bring a wrapped \$5 gift. Games, cookie decorating, lots of fun! Bring a friend! RSVP to Grace @ 805-252-3585

Adult Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 10th, from 5pm-9pm at Rebecca Gernon's house. Bring a dish to share. Signup sheet is posted.

Advent Midweek Worship & soup supper will be Wednesdays in Advent, beginning December 6th. We will have a series "Come, Lord Jesus" on the events leading up to the return of Christ, including the tribulation, the millennium, and the rapture. There is a signup sheet for food items. Supper at 6pm, service at 7pm.

Church Decorating: We will be decorating our beautiful church for the celebration of Christmas on Saturday, December 9th around 10am. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and fellowship with us. **We are accepting free will donations for poinsettias to offset the floral budget.** You may put check or cash in the collection plate, labeled "Poinsettias", or give to Debbie Sicard.

WHAT IS THE LAST SUNDAY?

The *last Sunday* of the season of Pentecost is not the last Sunday of the year 2023. It is not the last Sunday of the school year. It is not the last Sunday in the business or fiscal year either. It **is** the *last Sunday* in the most important calendar we use for establishing days and seasons for celebration and holiday. It is the *last Sunday* in our **church** year as we trace the never-ending work of our God in the lives of His people.

This *last Sunday* in our worship year points to those things, which like every year, wind down to their end. God reminds us that the heavens above and the earth below will have their end. (*Matthew 24:35*) The Lord continues to inform us that because of our sin, our lives too must come to an end. (*Romans 6:23*) Time itself will come to an end on that last day, the "Day of the Lord" which we call Judgment Day. (*1John 4:17*)

Though this "ending" may put us in a sad and somber mood, we are comforted to know that God is in charge of everything in heaven and earth, and that He is bringing all of these things to an end for His purposes. God puts an end to those things corrupted and tainted by the stain of sin. He also brings to a conclusion all His work to forgive us through cleansing us from our unrighteousness. This *last Sunday* of the church year, we are reminded of God's love to save us sinners.

This *last Sunday* of Pentecost is also know as the "Sunday of the Fulfillment". It is here that we note our God keeping the promise He first gave to Adam and Eve (*Genesis 3:15*) in the person of our Savior. Jesus "fulfilled" all of God's laws to die on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for us, rise again, and ascend to heaven to prepare a place for us. God "fulfills" the last necessary work for our salvation in sending His only Son again to earth, to judge all, and take us to be with Him forever.

Jesus returns on that last day with the Archangel's voice, the sound of a trumpet, and every eye will behold Him. We will be caught up in the air to usher Him down to judge the whole world on that day. We receive the judgment of "sheep" of our Good Shepherd, following Him unto life everlasting.

Some also call this *last Sunday* "Christ the King Sunday". Christ the anointed Messiah promised of old, is pictured on this day seated at His royal place on the right hand of the Father in heaven. From this throne He reigns over all who by the Holy Spirit trust in Him as their king. He makes them into a "kingdom of priests" on earth. He makes His kingdom visible when all are raised on Judgment Day to see Him in all His glory. This last day is our focus on the *last Sunday* of the church year.