



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 26, 2017
Bulletin Insert



TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering Song	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	ELW 634
Hymn of the Day	“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”	ELW 431
Offering	“Come, You that are Blessed by God”	Sanctuary Choir
Communion Songs	“Come, Thou Almighty King”	ELW 408
	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	ELW 789
	“Beautiful Savior”	ELW 838
	“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	ELW 855
Sending Hymn	“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”	ELW 848

The congregation is invited to stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor’s face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might,

C: Your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

L: The first lesson is from Ezekiel, the 34th chapter.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of

clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I 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, the LORD, have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 95:1-7a

TONE



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REFRAIN



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Psalm 95:7
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¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

R

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

L: The second lesson is from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me 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 nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Prayers of Intercession

A: Welcoming God’s reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

A brief silence

Pastoral/Assistant Petition: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

Weekly Announcements

‡ **The Hanging of the Greens** will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Please come in fellowship with one another and enjoy the holiday season.

‡ **Fall Leaf Clean Up.** Similar to previous years we are planning a church fall clean-up day. Please join us Saturday, December 2 at 9 a.m. Please see Rob Nordman with questions.

‡ **Today’s flowers** are given by Barbara Dwyer in memory of Joseph Dwyer.

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, November 26

10:30 a.m. Holy Worship and Sunday school
Family Promise 11/26 - 12/3

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday, November 29

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 1

Pastor’s day off

Saturday, December 2

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible study
9:00 a.m. Church Leaf Clean Up
5:00 p.m. Holy Worship
6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Adult, Confirmation, and High school Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Holy Worship and Sunday school