

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY & LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

"YOUR INHERITANCE IS WAITING"

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8AM & 9:30AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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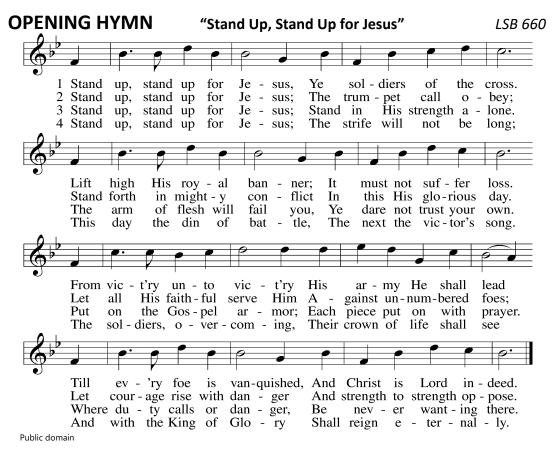
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FOCUS Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME



INVOCATION

- **I** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 95:1-3a, 6-7

- **L** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
- let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!
- For the LORD is a great God.
- L Oh come, let us worship and bow down.
- For He is our God,
- **I** and we are the people of His pasture,
- and the sheep of His hand.

Confession and Absolution

- 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.

 Heavenly Father,
- 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.
- 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.
- Amen. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.



SALUTATION

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- And also with You.

PRAYER of the DAY

- 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.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

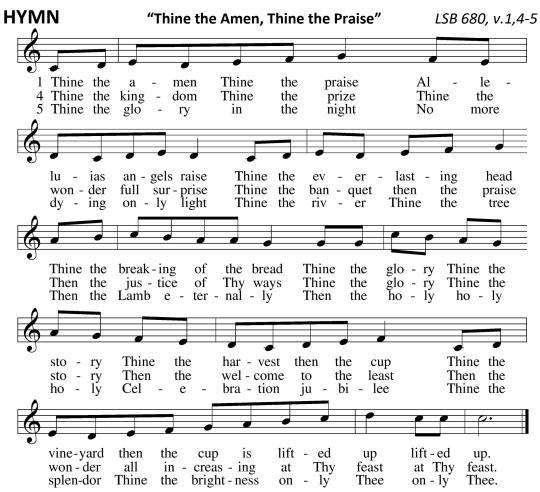
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ 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. ... ²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ 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. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

VERSERevelation 22:13

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL (The Sheep and the Goats) Matthew 25:31-46

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- Then the King will say to those on his right:
- "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him:
- "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invited you in, ...

or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

- "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for once of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Then he will say to those on his left: "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invited me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me." They also will answer:
- "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?"
- **L** He will reply:
- "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."
- Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.
- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN



SERMON

"Your Inheritance Is Waiting"

Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

			a man has come also the r Christ shall all be made al	resurrection of the dead. ive." (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)	
I. If	If you are a member of the		family of Jesus Christ, I		
—Eph your d	esians 2		ı have been saved throug	h faith. And this is not that no one may boast."	
	 A. With His resurrection, Jesus broke the of spiritual and eternal death. —1 Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." —Genesis 3:15 B. Adam and Eve's brought the consequences of sickness and physical death. —Romans 8:1: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." —1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 44-57 But what is expected of us by God until Christ's in 				
II. Bı					
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	A. First of all to begineach one of us are called to our faith beyond —Matthew 28:19-20 & 24:36-51				
	В.	B. Secondly, if we confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we have an amazing legacy.			
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Just Think

Of stepping on shore, And finding it heaven;
Of taking hold of a hand, And finding it God's hand;
Of breathing new air, And finding it heavenly air;
Of feeling invigorated, And finding it immortality;
Of passing from storm and Tempest to an unbroken calm;
Of waking up—And finding it HOME!

—Author Unknown



PRAYER of the CHURCH

- Dear heavenly Father, You promise to seek the lost. We pray for all those who have wandered away from Your Church. We pray that You would strengthen us to reach out to them, to receive them with open arms and open hearts when they return home. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- **G** Give ear to our cry.
- 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. Protect and defend them from the wolves of this world. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- **G** Give ear to our cry.

Lord, You promise to feed Your sheep with good pasture. Raise up faithful servants and shepherds to share the nourishment of Your Word and Sacraments with all Your sheep. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

G Give ear to our cry.

Lord, You promise to rescue Your flock from all enemies. 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. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

G 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.

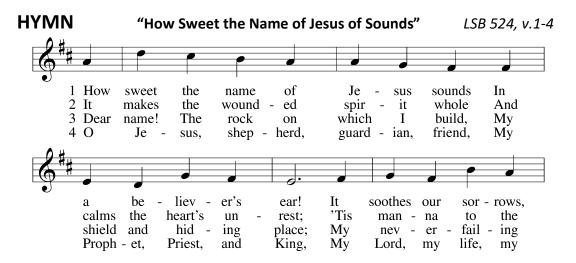
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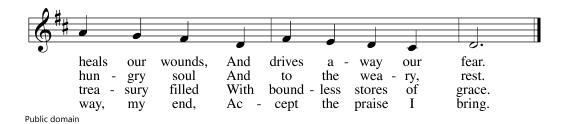
Lord, by Your Word You have told us that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead, we still grieve and mourn when the enemy of death strikes our friends and family. Be near all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [especially . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

G Give ear to our cry.

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.





CLOSING PRAYER

- To you, Lord Jesus; to you, our heavenly Father; to you, most real and Holy Spirit; let all the world give thanks. For what you have done in time past; for what your love is doing now, in our own days; for what you will do in time to come; let all the world give thanks. Glory to you forever and ever.
- C Amen.

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

- 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.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch, Pastor Emeritus

LITURGIST: Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor

ORGANIST: Mrs. Carmen Zuelsdorff

ELDERS: 8am—Terry Knoll; 9:30am—Skyler Lynn

Look for the Accompanying Worship Service Video

Watch on Facebook

(Beginning at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, November 22, 2020)

Search "@TrinityWausau" for our Trinity Lutheran Church & School page

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Local TV Channel 980 (Charter Spectrum)
9pm Wednesday, 2pm Thursday, and 8am Friday

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

- WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the
 month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of
 the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to
 speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. Gluten free wafers are available upon
 request.
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—two nurseries are for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak to an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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