

# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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*Christ the King Sunday*

*Matthew 25:46*

*<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

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Thank you for joining our service today.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*Lutherans understand that sin is separation from God. Inherited from Adam we, human beings, are unable to love God from all our hearts, minds, and souls. Sin is not merely making mistakes or saying mean words or mistreating ourselves and our neighbors. Sin is that we are away from love of God. What are things that are taking you away from God past week?*

***This morning we use this time of confession to express our complacency. In today's reading "goats" did not recognize Jesus. When we are only concerned about ourselves and our circle of people, we lose sight of God, which is sin.***

*We will name our complacency to God this morning.*

*You may use this space to write them down.*

*Then, we will hear the word of gracious God together.*

P: Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34-35) Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

### **Hymn**

**"O God Beyond All Praising"**

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### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## Matthew 25:31-46

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then 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; <sup>35</sup>for 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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then 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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And 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.’ <sup>41</sup>Then 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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I 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.’ <sup>44</sup>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?’ <sup>45</sup>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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Hymn

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name “**

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*Hymn will be played. You may hum along.*

## Prayer

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

L: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Merciful God we give thanks to you that you give us new life every day. Strengthen us to be your hands and feet to the world you love.

We especially pray

for your church and its ministry of love,  
for your creation  
for those who govern nations of the world  
for all who work for peace  
for the hungry and the oppressed  
for the sick, the despairing, or suffering  
for those who are grieving.

*Additional prayer will be lifted here.*

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen**

*Prayer will conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.*

*Leader will lead the Lord’s Prayer and you may pray in silence.*

## Sending

*God bless us and send us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

P: **Go in peace. Christ is with us. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

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