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## **INTRODUCTION**

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## **WELCOME**

*If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We'd love to meet you, or if there's anything you'd like to know about the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, please consider [filling out a Connection Card](#). If you'd like to provide a reading or greeting, [sign up here](#). May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!*

## **PRELUDE**

*St. Anthony Chorale*

arr. Maggs

## **GATHERING**

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

## **INVOCATION**

We gather to worship  
our God who fulfills promises,  
Jesus Christ - hope born of Mary,  
and the Holy Spirit, who fuels our hope as we await Christ's return.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Jesus, who comes as new birth,  
**we have prepared for you**  
**with comfortable traditions and humble requests.**

**We have memorialized your birth**  
**as if it was a past act**  
**and not the bold declaration of a living God.**

**We have remained motionless in the face of the needs of others,**  
**and have moved far too quickly in fulfilling our selfish desires.**

Forgive us Lord,  
We struggle with inaction  
**Lord have mercy**

Forgive us Lord  
We struggle with anger  
**Lord have mercy**

Forgive us Lord,  
We struggle to love  
**Lord have mercy**

Forgive us Lord,  
We struggle to hope  
**Lord, have mercy**

**(silence)**

## ABSOLUTION

Hear this good news! The promises of God are most clear in the darkness, in the silence, and in the waiting. In the midst of world turned upside-down, vulnerable to all our sin and brokenness, Christ our hope was born. In Christ we are given forgiveness † and the sure promise: the power of the Spirit is active in us and in God's world.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN #855

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Destitute king,  
one with the hungry,  
the naked and the scorned:  
may our faith be proved  
not in dogma and piety  
but in serving you  
in the last and the least;  
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song  
When children read, they may read a version that is appropriate to their reading level and voice,  
which will vary from the printed texts.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **HANDBELL ANTHEM**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Maggs

### **READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

<sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 95:1-7a**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

## **READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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.

<sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: 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.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Guest preacher: Katrina Martich*

*Katrina is a consecrated deaconess of the Lutheran Diaconal Association, a licensed environmental engineer in New Mexico and Texas, and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control. She combines all of this in an into an eco-justice ministry that seeks to restore right relationship to God's creation. More information about Deaconess Katrina is available on her website ([www.katrinamartich.com](http://www.katrinamartich.com)) and her Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/katrinamartich](http://www.facebook.com/katrinamartich)).*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #242**

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## A NOTE ABOUT OFFERINGS

*During this time of social distancing, your congregation continues to serve: keeping us connected, caring for one another, holding our building ready for our return, supporting our staff and those they serve. Your offerings make that happen. This month a portion is given to **Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA)** [www.thelda.org](http://www.thelda.org).*

*We have multiple ways to receive our offerings during this time of coronavirus. Offerings can be given online at <http://clcvalpo.org/give>, by texting 'CLCVALPO' to 77977, by US Mail to 2610 Campbell St., or by dropping an envelope in the locked box outside Door #3 facing the High School.*

*If you have been impacted by the coronavirus economically, remember that your value to God, and to us, is not dependent on your financial resources. We want to walk with you and want to help; please reach out to [pastors@clcvalpo.org](mailto:pastors@clcvalpo.org). Likewise, if you know someone who has been affected, either with the virus or via the economic situation, please let us know!*

## PRAYERS

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless Diaconal Ministers and all ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others. Equip and sustain the Lutheran Diaconal Association as they train and support leaders for ministries of service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. We pray for nations of Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore: Grant their people justice, and shape their churches to be signs of your love in their diverse communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. We remember the witness of Clement, Miguel Augustin Pro, Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, William Passavant, and Isaac Watts. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### INVITATIONS

*Guest preacher Katrina Martich is offering a "Coffee Hour" with her following the service:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89146986079?pwd=aTVFWXpocE9LVFdFNWNvNG1qRllSUTo9>

### BLESSING

May you be given rest as darkness grows  
May you be blessed with silence to hear the promises  
May the Lord our God fill you with hope  
May Jesus Christ be ever present in your heart  
May the Holy Spirit illuminate your way  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #430

#### *Rejoice, for Christ is King!*



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

#### *Refrain*



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## MEAL

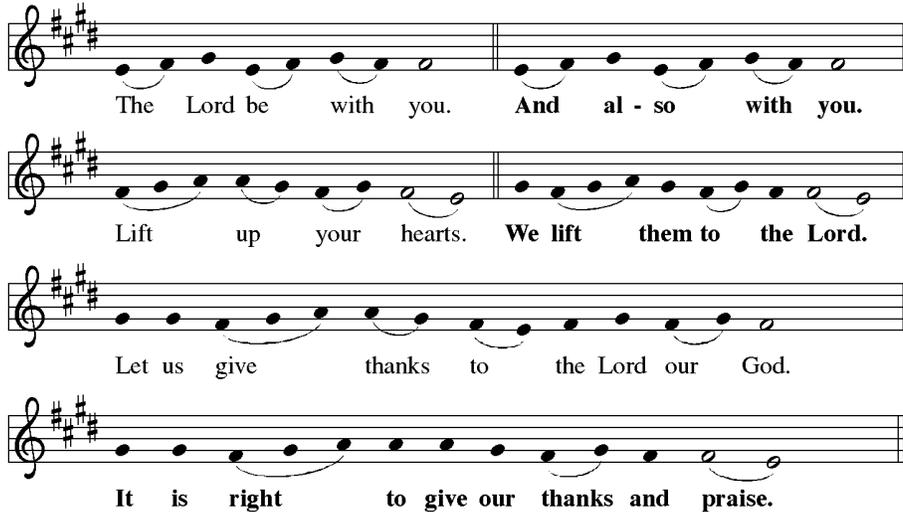
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### PRAYER

We return these gifts to you, O Lord, out of the bounty you have given us. May our resources -- our time, our talent, our power, our privilege, and our money, be used for the good of all, as a sign of hope for the future you have promised.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **TABLE PRAYER**

God of Hope,  
Beginning and end  
Creator of all that is  
In you we trust.

You promised Abraham and Sarah they would be parents of many nations, and they were.  
You promised to deliver your people from Egypt, and you did.  
Through Christ, you promise salvation.  
Blessed are your promises.  
You were with Israel in the Desert.  
You were with Christ at his death.  
You are with us even now.  
Blessed is your presence.  
From the beauty of darkness, you created all that is.  
You breathed life into dust, parted seas and ripped open the heavens.  
You cast the mighty down from their thrones and lift up the lowly.  
Blessed is your power  
You came to bring good news to the poor and to let the oppressed go free,  
You became incarnate so we would have abundant life  
You were murdered so that we would be free  
Blessed is your love.

**In you lies our hope.**

**In you lies our salvation.**

**In you we trust.**

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his friends – those who loved him, those who would betray him, those who saw hope for a new future in his life. As they ate, Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this. Remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this. Remember me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we place our hope in this promise:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Immanuel, send your spirit upon this bread and wine. Strengthen us for the journey. Transform us with your love.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you Holy One, creator of all that is, beginning and end. Grant us hope for the creation of the new world, and faith in your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Let us eat and drink in hope!

**Thanks be to God!**

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen** (*receive the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen** (*receive the cup*)

## **PRAYER**

God in whom we place our hope, in this meal you have given us a taste of life with you, a future in which the mighty are cast down and the lowly are lifted up, a future you are already shaping here and now. Send us forth into the world to do as Christ taught us, revealing your love through our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Children: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J.S. Bach

**COMMEMORATIONS**  
Week of **November 22, 2020**

**November 23**

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

**November 23**

**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**November 24**

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America**

A native of Saxony, Falckner was the son of a Lutheran pastor and, seeing the stresses his father endured, did not plan on becoming a pastor himself, though he studied theology in Halle. Instead, he joined with his brother in the real estate business in Pennsylvania. Through this business he became acquainted with a Swedish pastor in America, and finally he decided to become ordained. He served congregations in New York and New Jersey. Not only was he the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism that was the first Lutheran book published on the continent.

Jones was a native of Charleston, South Carolina. Ordained by the New York Ministerium in 1832, he became the Lutheran church's first African American pastor. Upon returning to South Carolina he was arrested under a law prohibiting free blacks from reentering the state, so he was unable to join the group of Charlestonians he had been commissioned to accompany to Liberia. For nearly twenty years Jones carried out missionary work in Philadelphia in the face of many difficulties, with lackluster support from the wider church. Despite this, he led in the formation of the first African American Lutheran congregation, St. Paul's, and the construction of its church building in Philadelphia.

William Passavant created and nurtured a new level of organized social ministry in western Pennsylvania. It was the seed of the system of social services that is now known as Lutheran Services in America. Passavant and his legacy sought to serve the poorest of the poor, providing shelter, medical, and living assistance.

**November 25**

**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

### ***Stewardship Snippet***

*“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.’”* – **Matthew 25:40**

When our thankfulness translates into action and service to “the least of these,” we may never fully realize the ripple effects. How might you show gratitude to God in tangible ways that lift up your neighbor in need?

## **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

This week we pray for the churches and people of **Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore.**

We **give thanks** for:

- Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We **pray** for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

### **Action and Reflection**

The story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 begins with the Son of Man on a throne. It is an image of a king sitting in judgment. In any era of human history, this image of an all-powerful ruler sitting in judgement would be consistent with our images of power and authority. What follows runs against all of our expectations. The king connects his presence to the people who are poor and oppressed. This does not fit our human practices of power. Even a benevolent leader is not seen in the presence of the least among us.

Though Jesus makes this connection, it is easy to read this story and get hooked into the power dynamics of judgment. We may wonder if we are a sheep or a goat and think about this status in an eternal sense as it relates to our relationship with God. This heavy reflection may lead us to think we might somehow have to earn our way into God's grace.

The theology of the cross finds Jesus exercising his kingship through the weakness of the cross. From the resurrection that follows this death, we receive the gift of life. This gift comes with the freedom to leave aside worries about eternity in favor of attending to faithful living today. If Jesus frees us from concern about our relationship with God, the story of the sheep and the goats becomes more of a checklist for grace-filled living than a scorecard for eternity. It becomes an invitation and a guide rather than an indictment.

Included in this invitation is an opportunity for reflection. Neither the sheep nor the goats realize how their actions have or have not been faithful. In this way the story gives us a simple gift by which to measure our path in faith and reflect on the ways we spend our days.

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Erica Gibson – Even

Preaching: Katrina Martich

Director of Music Ministries: Brian Bartusch

Sound: Ben Crill

Reader: Brian Niksch & Family