

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 2020

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God:

You are the Lord and you alone! You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all.

C You have called us to yourself and given us a covenant. You have become our God and made us your people, and yet we have turned away from you. We have rebelled against you. You have delivered us many times according to your covenant mercies. You have warned us, and yet we have acted presumptuously. You have sent us prophets, and we have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks and would not obey your law.

P You are the Lord and you alone! You are our God, great and mighty. You keep covenant and steadfast love.

C We deplore our sins before you, and before each other. They have only gotten us into trouble. They have only enslaved us. They have not given us the happiness they promised. Deliver us from our sin and the power and attraction of sin through the faithful suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose intercession we plead, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world."

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

C **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares 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, 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.

²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I 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 am the LORD; I have spoken.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “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. ²⁸When 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.

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Sermon Hymn

The Compassion Hymn



There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You
And with com - pas - sion for the hurt - ing, You
We stood be - neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and
How beau - ti - ful the feet that car - ry this

lav - ished on us when the ra - diance of heav - en came to
reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the
gazed on Your face, at the thorns of op - pres - sion and the
gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - jus - tice and the

res - cue the lost; You called the sheep with - out a
dead breathed a - gain; You saw be - hind the eyes of
wounds of dis - grace; For sure - ly You have borne our
val - leys of need, To be a voice of hope and

shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your streams of for -
sor - row and shared in our tears, heard the sigh of the
suf - fring and car - ried our grief as You par - doned the
heal - ing to an - swer the cries of the hun - gry and

give - ness and the shade of Your rest.
wea - ry, let the chil - dren draw near. What bound - less
scoff - er and showed grace to the thief.
help - less with the mer - cy of Christ.

love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O

God of com - pas - sion! Each day we live, an

of - fring of praise as we show to the world Your com - pas - sion.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who 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 drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 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?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

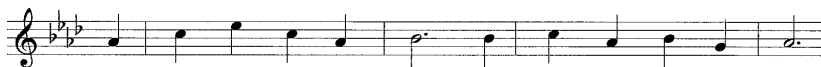
Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise



A - rise my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,
Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
The Fa - ther hears him pray, his dear a - noint - ed One;
My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - doning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears.
his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead.
they pour ef - fec - tual prayers: they strong - ly plead for me.
he can - not turn a - way the pres - ence of his Son.
he owns me for his child: I can no lon - ger fear.



Be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
His blood a - toned for all our race, his blood a - toned for
"For - give him, O, for - give," they cry, "For - give him, O, for -
His Spir - it an - swers to the blood, his Spir - it an - swers
With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands; my name is writ - ten on his hands.
all our race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die."
to the blood, and tells me I am born of God.
now draw nigh, and, "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.

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Distribution Hymn #922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.

Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Announcements

Bible Study *

Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

* Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

New Member Class - Tonight 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Confirmation –Today 11:30am - 12:30pm.

Congregational Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting on December 6 at 11:30am. Those who wish to attend in person can meet in the Sanctuary at that time. We will also broadcast online for those who are unable to attend in person.

We will address the following:

- Review and approval of a new Constitution and Bylaws--drafts may be found in the narthex or may be requested from the church office.
- 2021 Budget--drafts may be found in the narthex or may be requested from the church office.
- 2021 Elders and Deacons

Please look for the meeting agenda in the narthex today.

Youth Group

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Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday nights here at the church from 6:30-8:00pm as we study the book of Ephesians. If we would ever need to meet virtually, an email notification will be sent to families and an update made on our Facebook Group page. Any questions, please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry Homeless Outreach

Our youth group is collecting new adult gloves, hats and scarves to deliver to the homeless men and women of Granite City on December 12th. We need at least 50. A donation bin will be located near the church entrance for anyone who would like to give. Thank you!

Mercy Ministries

Glen Carbon School

We are collecting winter coats (children's sizes 6-8 / 10-12/14-16) , hats and mittens for girls and boys in need. They need 3 in each size for both girls and boys for now. These have to be new due to Covid Restrictions. Please keep in mind, this is for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Please drop off your donations in the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Christmas Blessings

We are excited to have been asked to sponsor a local family of 8 (ranging from 7 months – 13 years old) for Christmas! This is an amazing opportunity to share our blessings, and since the suggested gifts are modest, there are many opportunities to participate. You are invited to sign-up online at [Sign-up Genius](#) for donations. If you are interested in donating, but do not have access to the online sign-up, please contact Cheryl in the church office for a list of items needed.



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