

Worship Service Sunday, November 22, 2020 8:45 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Jan Bender

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, # one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN O God beyond All Praising

ELW 880



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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

WORD

FIRST 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.

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a

Refrain: Ann Krentz

Refrain:



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Verses (sung by cantor):

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. Refrain

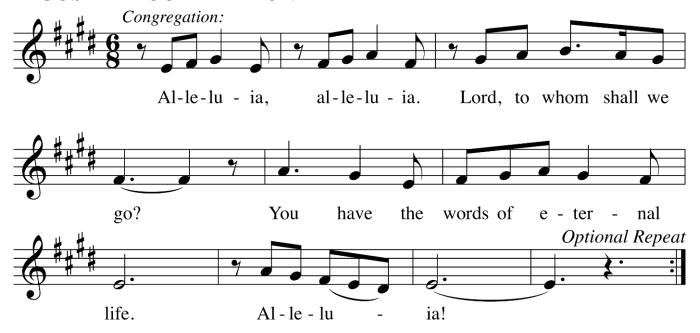
³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. Refrain

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD our maker. Refrain

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Come, let us sing to the LORD Refrain

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 gospel according to Matthew.

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; ⁴² for 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.'

⁴⁴Then 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?' ⁴⁵Then 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.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

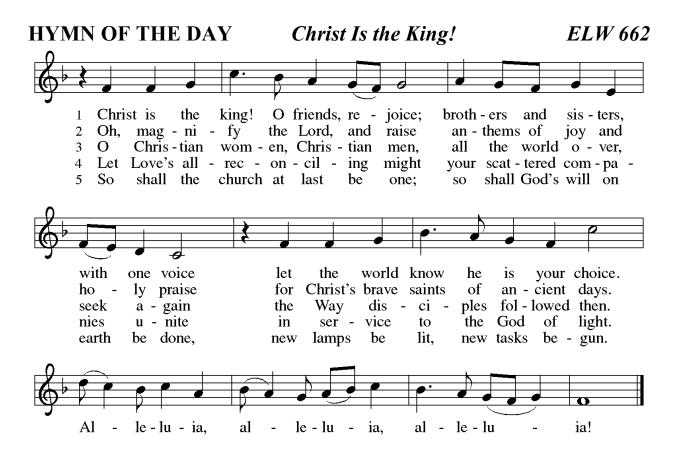
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Michael Stadie



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for God's power to come upon the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with, "Receive our prayers."

... Receive our prayers, O triune God: Father of glory, Lord Jesus Christ, and Spirit of wisdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

<u>MEAL</u>

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

+++ Receive the Meal +++

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

All hail.

Re - deem - er,

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Crown him the vir - gin's Son, God the in - car - nate born, Crown him the Lord of love be hold his hands and side, Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate time. an - them drowns all the heav'n-ly hark, how mu - sic but whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied. the strife for those he came to save. vic - to - rious in of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly cre - a - tor 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, gels in can ful - ly bear that sight, No an the sky glo - ries died and rose now who His we sing, on high,



hail!

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

For

thou hast died for

me;

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in A Major

J.S. Bach



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See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday (from the synod) and livestream from the sanctuary at 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday! We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church office if you need elements brought to you.



Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!