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The Last Sunday of the Church Year **8:00 & 10:30 AM** **November 22, 2026**

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOVE AND ZEAL, A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!
"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."~Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Crown Him with Many Crowns. . . B. Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 515 – Crown Him with Many Crowns *(10:30, choir only, vs. 1)*

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: LSB 947 – All Glory Be to God on High

All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might
Through Jesus, our salvation.
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16; 20-24

Anthem (10:30): God is our Refuge . . . A. Pote

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake
In the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam,
We will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
The awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
In all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence
All the day long.

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 781 – We Give Thee but Thine Own

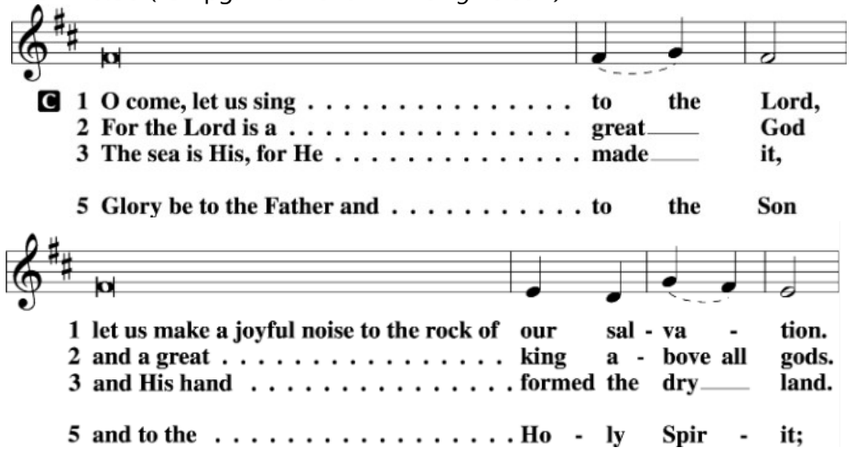
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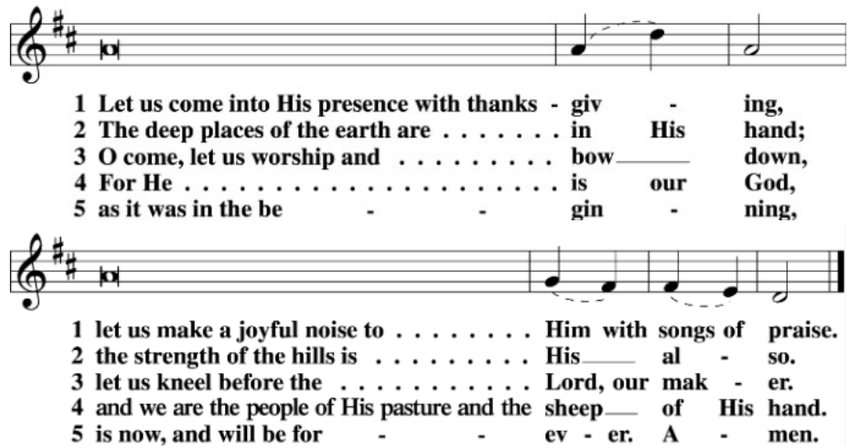
Message from the Word:
Sermon Theme:
Sermon Text:

Offering

Responsive Prayer (8:00)
P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
C: *let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
C: *let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
P: For the Lord is a great God,
C: *and a great King above all gods.*
P: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
C: *the heights of the mountains are his also.*
P: The sea is his, for he made it,
C: *and his hands formed the dry land.*
P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C: *let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*
P: For he is our God,
C: *and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Venite – 10:30 (LSB pg. 220 – *Choir will sing verse 1)*





Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord's Supper (10:30 a.m.)
The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening. If you are new to Our Shepherd, please make an appointment with Pastor Doug to review the foundational Christian teachings.

Communion Hymn: LSB 547 – The Lamb

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: LSB 564 – Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

Benediction

Postlude: Christ Sits at God's Right Hand . . . M. Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a "thank you" for being here!

ALTAR GUILD: We are seeking volunteers to set up and take down communion at the Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. Sign an attendance card if you can help, and you will be contacted.

BLANKET TAKE HOME OPTION: Please return blankets and donations of new socks and gloves by December 1st!

LOYALTY WEEKEND: This is Loyalty Weekend. Please be in prayer as you consider your pledges for 2027.

THANKSGIVING: Our Thanksgiving worship service is at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26th.

VOTER'S MEETING: Our annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 1:00 p.m. All confirmed members are invited to attend.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, December 5, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

CAROLS AND CRAFTS: Join us at 9:30 a.m. at Ebenezer (1127 S. 35th St.), on December 5 to sing and entertain the breakfast guests with carols and crafts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. It will take around 2 hours. In addition, Holly Zeige is stepping down from leading this each year. If you are interested in taking over this yearly task, please email Holly at zeigeh@gmail.com.

ADVENT: We will have three Advent services, on Wednesday, December 2, December 9, and December 16 at 7:15 p.m. December 16 will be our annual hymn sing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: See the table for the display of our new lenticular Christmas card for 2026! A free-will offering benefiting The Word Today is encouraged. Cards are in packs of 10 or singles can be taken.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP: This new group will meet for **Surviving the Holidays** on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please go to Griefshare.com to register. On the homepage, click on "find a group" and you will see Our Shepherd's listings. *GriefShare is a welcoming support group for people grieving the death of a family member or friend.* All are welcome. If you know someone that would benefit from this support, please invite them to attend.

On Thursday January 14, we will begin a 13-week series. You are encouraged to attend any week; the sessions are self-contained. These meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Once again this year, we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Ebenezer Food Pantry. The food will be taken and given to people in need shortly before the Christmas holiday. You can start bringing in food anytime and leave it in the narthex, along the bulletin board.

Most needed items: Canned fruit (all kinds), Pasta (spaghetti, mac, etc.), pasta sauce, cold and hot cereal, white and brown rice, lentils, canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, ramen noodles (chicken and beef), sides (Rice-a-Roni, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, etc.), Mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned beans (all kinds), Chef Boyardee (spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.), canned beef stew, Manwich, chili with and without beans, fruit juice (bottles and boxes)

The following personal hygiene items are most needed: Soap (bar and bottled), shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, feminine products, and razors.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: On Sunday, December 13th, at the 10:30 service, we will have our Christmas Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. A brass quintet will perform along with the voice and bell choirs of Our Shepherd. Come and enjoy this special service glorifying God through music!

PRAYER CIRCLE: We have an active email prayer circle. Sign your name and email on an attendance card to be added to the list.



The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today ~ Kirundi (Africa)

- Greetings! I like listening to TWT Kirundi program. The program updates me in the Word of God. The topics are very good, and I never miss the program. So, I have a great burden in our family. Me and my brothers, we are not in good cooperation. There are some misunderstandings. I am saved and they ae not saved. Most of the time, they accuse me of being different to them because I always speak of Jesus, and I want them to be saved. Please I am asking for prayers, I pray that they be transformed. Thank you for the program which strengthen me to witness to them about the Good News of Jesus. God bless you!

- Hello pastor. I follow you in all what you say in this program. The topic of thieves touched my soul. I was a thief and I have stolen many things in different places. My parents have advised me many times to stop but in vain. Thank you for The Word Today program. Now as you were praying, I accepted to repent and have confessed. Be blessed.

- Warm greetings! Your program blesses me so much. Thank you for discussing about "Daytime". I was following the program and I got light on how a Christian must use the daytime. I used to waste my time during the day, instead of using it efficiently and Now Thank you for creating the right way and what to do. I am going now to change my schedule. I am going to tell the fruits in the forthcoming days. God bless you and continue to equip us with such interesting Word of God.

- Dear pastor, I greet you from Buhiga. The TWT program is very good program! The subject you tackled is very interesting. I have been interested in the topic of Sacrifices. Sometimes we lie to ourselves that God needs what we have more than to give us ourselves. We give rands and we think it is over. This program led me to understand that God needs me in my entirety to serve Him. So, I have devoted myself now to serve Him with all what makes me! God bless you!

- Good evening pastor. I was following the TWT program, and I heard you talking about "Fool". It is very awful. Almost all of us we are fool. My heart got broken because most of the time we think about that fool, and we react like him. Please pray for me, I want to change and know the will of God. I do not know the day I will die and what I am gathering will stay here on earth. I will go as I came but I want to see God. God bless you!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women's Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
Thursday	Thanksgiving Worship	9:30 AM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

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