

**OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Last Sunday of the Church Year 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM November 22, 2020

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS—2020 Vision: Believing is Seeing

For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

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. If you would like a pastor to contact you, please sign an attendance card found in the pew.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending . . . L. Weber

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 336—Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Confession and Absolution: (LSB p. 167)

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

C: Amen

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.

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

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

All: Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Anthem (10:30): All Praise to Thee . . . M. Pooler

*All praise to Thee, our God and King,
For all the blessings Thou dost bring,
For loving care Thou dost bestow
On all thy creatures here below.*

*We Thank Thee, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
For all the goodness He hath done,
For all the sorrow He hath borne,
For joy He brings to men forlorn.*

*All this for us Thy love hath done,
By this to Thee our love is won,
For this Thy loving children sing,
Our thanks and praise to Thee we bring.*

*Teach us to live that we might be
Most faithful followers of Thee,
Keep us, O keep us, King of Kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Hymn of the Day: LSB 756—Why Should Cross and Trial

Video: Find Thanksgiving . . . Skit Guys

Message from the Word:

Sermon Series: Warnings in the Word, Part 6—Esther

Sermon Text: Esther 3: 1-11

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.

Offering

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m. only)

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.

Post-Communion Canticle (All):

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.

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: LSB 680—Thine the Amen

Benediction

Postlude: Thine the Amen, Thin the Praise . . . K. Kolander

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 PLEDGE CARDS: Pledge cards for 2021 are available on the entry table or the church office desk. If you wish to have one mailed to you, please let Beth know by calling at 414-421-2060 or email, bethb@ourshepherdslutheran.org.

BLANKET MAKING: We still have a dozen blanket kits to be made. If you are willing, please pick a few up to take home and complete. You can check them out in the church basement. We ask that they be returned by December 1st.

HATS, MITTENS AND SCARVES PROJECT: If you knit or crochet, we are collecting pieces for the 2020 winter season. There is yarn available in the closet off the nursery. We are collecting store bought items as well.

COLLECTION: In tandem with our blanket making and winter wear, we are also collecting *gently used coats and new socks* for all ages to give to those in need for the winter season. Please bring donations in by December 1st. They can be left in the church office or along the bulletin board if the office is closed.

VOTER’S MEETING: Our annual Voter’s Meeting is scheduled for *this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.* All confirmed members are invited to attend.

WEDNESAY SCHOOL BREAK: As we follow the Greendale school calendar, confirmation class will not meet on Wednesday, November 25th for Thanksgiving break. Class will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Our Thanksgiving Day service will be at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 26th.

ADVENT SERVICES: We will have 3 Advent services: Wednesday, December 2, December 9 and December 16 at 7:15 PM. On December 16 we will have our annual hymn sing.

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

DVD LIBRARY: We have a very nice selection of DVD's in the conference room next to Pastor Doug's office including some new offerings! Feel free to borrow them—please leave a note in the office if you take some out.

NOTES

TWT CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD: If you don't already have one, pick up a jar and begin saving your change for our "Change to Change the World" project benefitting The Word Today! We will collect change the last weekend of each month.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, December 5, 2020 we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We will package breakfast to be handed out to those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up if you can volunteer! You can also sign up online, please see the SignUp Genius link on our website.

PRAYER CIRCLE: We have an active email prayer circle. If you would like to be added to pray for the needs of those in the congregation, please share your email on an attendance or prayer card and note "prayer circle". If you have a prayer request, you can fill out a request card in the pew and drop it in the offering basket or place it in the box marked prayer request in the coat room.

THANKSGIVING BREAK: Note that our Wednesday morning women's Bible class will not meet this week. The regular schedule will resume the week of November 29.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Monday	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Couples Bible Study (individuals welcome!)	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday	Thanksgiving Service	9:30 AM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service (10:30 live stream also)	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday school Classes	9:30 AM
Sunday	Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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