

**Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2020**



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By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*” (Matt. 25:32). “*To those on his right,*” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But “*those on his left,*” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*” (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “*the fat and the strong,*” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “*the lean sheep*” (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “*in Christ shall all be made alive*” by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

DIVINE WORSHIP SETTING FOUR

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

837 Lift High the Cross

sts. ref-4

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 yours sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV



Pastor sings verses in *Italic*. Congregation sings verses in **Bold**.

*In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,**

the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

*Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,**

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

*Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.**

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,**

the home of | righteousness.

Kyrie

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

*Sit***Old Testament Reading***Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

LSB 205



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

525 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 heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



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.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Offering is either received electronically or by mail.

Stand

Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

Stand

Collect of the Week

LSB 308

- A** Let us pray.
 Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart

837 Lift High the Cross

sts. ref, 5-6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Those Suffering from Illness or Other Trials:

Deb Grinder – Rebecca Cain and Josie Hughes -The Nunnink Family - Christian Boehle-Silva -Tom Rogers -Carole Fabian -Pammie Williams – Laurie Luckmeyer -Bob Brahmst -Wayne Reichley -Pat Hull -Dick Thompson -Kathy Poshepny -Russ Davis -Tracy Leon - Heather Schultz (daughter of Richard Schultz) -**Tom and Joanne Corcoran** (friends of Richard Schultz) -**Tiffany Gentry** (daughter of Gary and Joanne Myer) -**Renee O’Brien** (niece of Bruce Grinager) -**Robert and Nate Schulz and Lanae Giese** (siblings of Elaine Olson) -**Robbie Cockrell** (family friend of Bill and Diane Davis) –**Warren and Steve Roaf** (brothers of Dee Parker) -**Demetrius Kangas** (son of Gina Cooper) -**Jordan Ecker** (niece of Mike Prowatzke) -**Bruce Farrell** (friend of Heather Kirkpatrick) -**Rosana Kriger**, wife of Pastor Jaime Kriger of UK

Palliative Care

Lorraine Hicks (Mother of Connie Wallick)

Bereavement

Peter Lahde (Brother of Frank Lahde)

We pray for our young people who are currently in catechesis

Pre-communion class:

Samantha Creiglow, Clavin Lee, Lucy Nunnink, Charlie Nunnink, Josh Williams and Jordan Yates

Confirmation class:

Jane Nunnink Beata Peperkorn

Our Homebound Members:

Gerry Bauer Rhea Landes Don & Maribeth Nardinelli Wanda Wagner
Mavis Thurber Betty Ruecker Marlene Silburn Pat Short

PASTORAL CARE

Pastors Meyer and Froh will be covering all pastoral duties. Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva will continue her regular diaconal duties during this time. Pastor John-Paul Meyer can be reached by calling (916) 960-3543. Pastor Froh can be reached at (650) 759-1997. Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva can be reached at (916) 259-1792. In addition, you can always call our Church Secretary Vicki Merkh at the Church office number (916) 624-8185.

Holy Cross Chronicles

November 22, 2020

Attendance for Sunday, November 14 and 15, 2020 -127

Giving for the week of November 15, 2020 -Mailed in offering \$1,890

+ electronic giving \$923.10 = TOTAL \$2,813.10

Sunday 11/22

- Divine Service Setting Four will be video taped and posted to the Website for viewing
- NO BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Voter's Meeting @ 4:00 pm via ZOOM

Monday 11/23

- Women's Bible Study with Deaconess Pamela @ 2:00 pm via ZOOM

Tuesday 11/24

- LifeLight Bible Study @ 1:30 pm with Jan Froh via ZOOM
- Confirmation @ 4:00 pm with Deaconess Pamela via ZOOM

Wednesday 11/25

- Women's Bible Study with Deaconess Pamela @ 9:00 am via ZOOM
- Holy Cross Members & Friends (HCM&F) formerly Lincoln Hills Bible Study CANCELED
- Adult Instruction class with Pastor Froh CANCELED

Thursday 11/26

- Thanksgiving Service will be posted to the Website for viewing
- Doulos Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 am with Pastor Froh, Canceled due to holiday.



11/24 Carol Hilty **11/15** Carol Dennis

11/26 Susie Ward **11/27** Nancy Brahmst



11/23 Ed and Carole Fabian

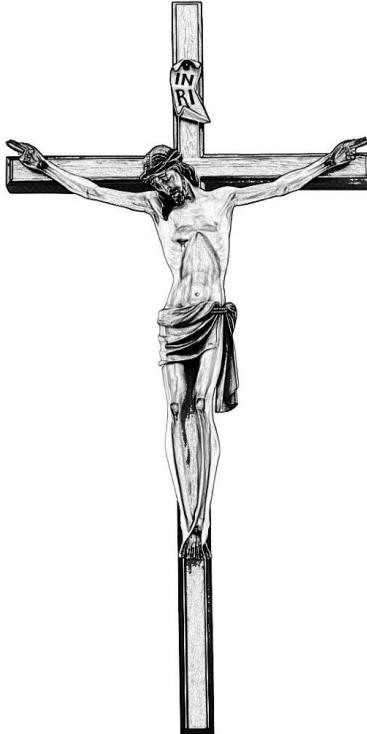
VOTER'S MEETING TODAY – UPLOAD AGENDA, BUDGET AND ZOOM INFORMATION FROM THE WEBSITE

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION WILL BE UPLOADED FOR VIEWING ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. John-Paul Meyer
Rev. Charles Froh
Allison Yee

Officiant
Sermon
Organist



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Readings for Next Week: 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 11:1-10