

## Last Sunday of the Church Year

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: God's desire is that all are saved and pass through judgment

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG "Green Book" 415 God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient Church's story,  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour  
For the facing of this hour

Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.

### OPENING BLESSING

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

**C: Amen!**

### ADMITTING OUR FAULTS.....

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

P: We confess our sins.

**C: Lord, we need Your mercy. We confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. We come to You because of Your mercy. We know that it is Your desire that all be saved and be with You forever. Thank You for sending Jesus to make eternal life and joy possible!**

### YOU ARE FORGIVEN

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved! Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

*Mark 16:16*

**C: Amen**

### SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 59 (twice through) [The Trees of the Field](#)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, There'll be shouts of joy,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands

While you go out with joy,

You shall go

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

*God is like a shepherd who seeks out his sheep*

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

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

### [The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:20-28](#)

*Christ is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*

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

### [CHILDREN’S MESSAGE](#)

#### [The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46](#)

*For some eternal punishment, for believers.....eternal life*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then 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. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And 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.’

“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. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I 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.’ Then 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?' Then 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.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHOIR AND CONGREGATIONAL HYMN [Come With Thanksgiving!](#)

**Verse 1:** Come into His courts with thanksgiving and praise!  
**Choir only** Give thanks to the Lord for His excellent ways!  
God's love is forever, He is faithful all our days.  
Our songs of thanksgiving we joyfully raise!

**Verse 2:** We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
**Choir and** In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
**Congregation** We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

**Verse 3:** Worship the Lord, shout with joy and gladness!  
**Choir only** Come and sing joyful songs!  
Know that the Lord has created and claimed us.  
We are His people, so lift up your voices and sing!

**Verse 4:** With voices united our praises we offer;  
**Choir and** Our songs of thanksgiving to You we now raise.  
**Congregation** Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us;  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

SERMON [Good Intentions](#)

SERMON HYMN ["Red Book" 33](#) [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

### OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

### THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God, and for all people according to their needs:  
(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### THE 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### CLOSING BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 235

This Little Light of Mine

This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;  
This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine;  
Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hit it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine;  
Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine;  
All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine;  
Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC