



**+ Reign of Christ  
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## + Reign of Christ Order for Worship

*On this final Sunday of the church year the gospel is Jesus' story of judgment from Matthew 25. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come.*  
*Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler,  
we go forth in service, that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Gathering Hymn    Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways    *ELW 772*



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

### Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Reading – Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95: 1-7a

*The psalm is sung by a cantor.*

*People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD | is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

## **Second Reading – Ephesians 1: 15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

P: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia.

## **Gospel – Matthew 25: 31-46**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Humanity comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then 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; <sup>35</sup>for 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, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then 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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we

saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’<sup>40</sup> And 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.’<sup>41</sup> Then 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;<sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,<sup>43</sup> I 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.’<sup>44</sup> Then 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?’<sup>45</sup> Then 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.’<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Word

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Following Page*





1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Prayers of the People

A: Longing for Christ's reign among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power and blessing on the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition*

A: Hear us, O God;

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne, where you reign forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!**  
**Let angels prostrate fall;**  
**bring forth the royal diadem**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**  
**Bring forth the royal diadem**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe**  
**on this terrestrial ball**  
**to him all majesty ascribe**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**  
**to him all majesty ascribe**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng**  
**we at his feet may fall!**  
**We'll join the everlasting song**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**  
**We'll join the everlasting song**  
**and crown him Lord of all.**



## Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister  
 L: Lector  
 A: Assisting Minister  
**C: Congregation**

### *ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal*

### *Those serving in worship today*

Welcome	Danielle Yeager
Prelude	Matthew Tesch
Hymns	Richard Krug
Lector	Joy Givens
Psalm	Joseph Paetz
Lector	Noël Marsh
Assisting Minister	Colten Rohleder
Director of Faith Formation	Christopher Atwood
Presiding Minister	Pastor Ross Carmichael

### *Liturgy and Hymnody Acknowledgements*

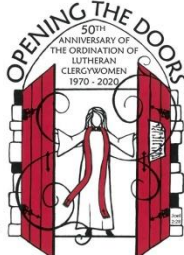
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**50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination  
 as Pastors in the Lutheran Church  
 November 22, 2020**

On **June 29, 1970** the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), one of three predecessor bodies of the ELCA, voted to open ordination to women by changing a single word, "man", to "person" in the church's constitution. On **November 22, 1970, Elizabeth Platz** became the first woman ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in an American Lutheran Church. It wasn't long before both the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) followed suit.

Beth's ordination took place at the University of Maryland where she had been serving as a lay chaplain in campus ministry. Pastor Platz is a native Pittsburgher, and daughter of the recently closed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Carrick. She credits the support of President Donald Heiges at Gettysburg Seminary for encouraging her interest in the study of theology. He allowed her to enroll in the seminary's Bachelor of Divinity program even though there was not path to women's ordination at that time. When the LCA took its historic vote, Beth was uniquely positioned for ordination. She had her ministerial degree and only required synodical approval and a call. The Maryland Synod approved her for ordination and a call was extended to serve as an ordained chaplain at the University of Maryland. On this day, 50 years ago, she was ordained. At the time of her retirement, she had served that campus ministry for 47 years.



During these last five decades, Pastor Platz has carried the mantle of being "The First" with humility, integrity, and a graciousness that has led her to share her experience with those women who have struggled with being "The First" in their synods, congregations and communities. She has always placed her understanding of her call to serve the church as pastor within the context of the Church's story. Faced with the constant pressure to defend herself, she appreciated the advice of the Maryland Synod President, Paul Orso. He told her not to apologize for her gender, but simply "act like you belong, for you do!"

Pastor Platz is grateful for the many people who have supported her in her ministry over the years. She also notes that it was not always easy. She was the subject of cruel invectives, including being called the "Whore of Babylon."

Acceptance of women pastors has come slowly and, all too often, with significant stress and discrimination. Early on, women were more readily accepted in roles such as chaplaincy or positions within the church structure, while calls to congregations were few and far between. (Fifty years later there are still congregations that will not consider calling a woman pastor.)

More than 5,300 women have answered the call to serve the Lutheran church as pastors during these past 50 years. Thanks be to God who promised, through the prophet Joel, "Your sons *and your daughters* shall prophecy."

#### **Clergywomen on the SWPA Synod Roster, November 2020** (in order of the year of their ordination)

Rev. Caroline Mendis	Rev. Susan Schwartz	Rev. Beth Siefert
Rev. Ruth Becker	Rev. Dr. Dona van Eck	Rev. Dr. Ann Schmeid
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Rev. Patricia Bonds	Rev. Nola Eisenbrandt	Rev. Jill McGregor
Rev. Deborah Byrum	Rev. Dr. Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes	Rev. Jean Staffa
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Rev. Sherry Hazuda	Rev. Susan Devine	

#### **Ecumenical Clergywomen serving in the SWPA Synod**

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	Rev. Marsha Sebastian	