



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Last Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King

November 22, 2020

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

*As we prepare ourselves for worship,
please sit or kneel in quietness
as the prelude is offered.*

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
* Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
* Nancy Cook, *Lector*
* Deb Pausz, *Intercessor*

* Robin French, *Music Director*
* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organ*
* Greg Serwich, *Vestry Coordinator*
* Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*
* Amy Hardwicke, *Greeter*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

We Gather, We Praise

Kremser/Schram

Please stand as able as the church bells ring.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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

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, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 100 *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*
Jubilate Deo

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The **LORD** himself is **God**; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **Ephesians**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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 him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.’ 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 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.’ 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.’ 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?’ 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

(Please stand as able.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

We offer prayers

Deacon: Your church gathers before you as sheep listening to their shepherd: Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know our Savior Jesus Christ and as we bring before you our prayers and intercessions, saying: For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Intercessor: Your Church is Christ's body, O Gracious One, the fullness of him who fills all in all: Inspire our service to the least of these, that we may feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned, as faithful servants of the hope to which Christ has called us. For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Lector: Gather the nations before you, Sovereign One, to feed your creation with justice. For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Intercessor: Look upon all the people of the earth, O Compassionate One, to seek the scattered and feed them with good pasture: Let them lie down in good grazing land, where their God may be their shepherd. For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Lector: Enlighten the eyes of the hearts of the people of this community that we may live in the hope to which Jesus has called us and put power to work in Christ For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Intercessor: Seek the lost, O Loving One, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, especially those for whom we offer intercession, especially Stacia (Stroud), and all those on our Prayer List. Others? _____ For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Lector: Accept our thanksgiving for all the goodness of life, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthday of *Anika (Kerkhoven); the anniversary of *Tom and *Karlyn (Van Gelder); our Outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? _____

Bring those who have died to the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance among the saints, especially Laurie (Parnau) and those who mourn, and those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week: Martha (Rodgers), Harry (Mattoon), Dorothy (Chollar), Caroline (Evans), John (LeBron), Jennie (Smith), Morris (Bench), Carol (Burlow), Kenneth (Harwick), Emma (Gringer) and Jim Zalewski.). Others? _____

May all humanity inherit the kingdom prepared for us from before the foundations of the world. For you are our God;

People: **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Deacon: You are our God, O gracious Shepherd, and you care for all of your sheep: Lead your creation into the fullness of your compassion, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, all people may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

(Stand or kneel as able)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

(Stand as able.)

We share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We share the ministries of the Church

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES FOR 2021

On this day when we gather in our pledges for 2021, we are unable to physically present them for dedication to God. In the mailing you should have received this week, you will find a “giving” badge along with a pledge card. If you intend to make a financial commitment this year, please put the badge on as we dedicate these gifts:

Dedication Prayer:

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom. We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION HYMN 364 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

Somerset C. Lowry

As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing, That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.

This is a hymn which finds in the 'reign and priesthood of Christ' a call to social responsibility. It begins by recognizing our common humanity in Christ "whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race." Next, it reminds us that his life of service must be the pattern of our own as we exercise our stewardship. Finally, we pray that Christ's rule of peace may be established among us so that a brighter future may be ours. Irish-born Somerset Lowry (d.1932) moved from law to ministry, serving in a number of parishes of the Church of England. He was a prolific writer on biblical and religious subjects and published a collection of his hymns, which characteristically address social issues.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Prayer B*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The text of Eucharistic Prayer B is from the expansive text approved by General Conventions Resolution 2018-DO78.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your
Name:

(Stand or kneel as able.)

Presider and **People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;
in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus
Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer
of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ,
you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to
you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which
is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **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 for ever. *Amen.***

FRACTION

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

For those at home:

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. ***Amen.***

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE BLESSING

Presider: Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh be swift to love, make haste to be kind, in the name of God, our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer of Life.

People: ***Amen.***

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall/Hayes

The flowers today are given by Bonnielynn Kreiser.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
for Sunday, November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9	Mark 13:24-37
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Havyk (Beauchamp), *Ruth (Beegle), Barb (Bolsen), Vincent (Bucci), *Bob (Burton), *Bill (Calvert), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), *Jennie (Fjelde), Martha (Furst), Bev (Getz), Susan (Haerle), *Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), Dave (Luther), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), *Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Maureen (O'Dea), Lisa (Prindle), Steve (Raiman), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), Gabriel (Serrano), Melody (Serwich), Stacia (Stroud), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Mina, Stanley, Don, Heather (H.), David (J.), Kathie (O.) and Bruce (W.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving

- **United Churches of Galena** service will be posted TODAY by about 2:00pm at:
facebook.com/United-Churches-of-Galena-100771158516655.

- **Grace Church:** Zoom service on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00am

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, November 25th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, November 27th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.



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Christ the King Sunday

Where all are queens and kings

BY J. DAVEY GERHARD



The Church designates the final Sunday of the Church year as the Feast of Christ the King, a day in which the united rule of Christ over all of the universe is celebrated. In many communities, it is a high feast, with altar guilds preparing white vestments, flower guilds celebrating God's glory in elaborate displays, and hymns filled with alleluias. What a way to end the year, to celebrate stewardship, and to prepare for Advent!

But before we get too carried away with the grandeur of it all, today's Gospel tells a different story about kingship and leadership: It tells of service. Typical of Jesus, he begins with what we expect — in this case power and triumph — and turns it upside down and in doing so, reminds us that it is through our ministry that we increase the role of the Church in our community. True power doesn't come through force or wealth or conquest, it is derived from generosity, charity, and love. We change the hearts and minds of our neighbors by loving them and serving them.

Throughout this stewardship season we have heard about the mission of our own churches. You have learned about the ways that your gifts impact the life of your church and your neighbors. Perhaps this year you met the challenges of a global pandemic by adapting your worship. Maybe you responded to the needs of your community by increasing your outreach or your ministry to serve your neighbors. What is certain is that you had the opportunity to express your love and your hope for the world through your annual gift to your church. We seek and serve Christ in all people by serving our neighbors.

This is the great commandment of Jesus to his followers and it is one of the promises we make at our Baptism. When we are asked by those we meet on the street or those to whom we minister in our communities if we will offer them drink when they thirst, or visit them when they are lonely, or give them food when they hunger, our answer will be yes! Through our generosity and our faith, we are called to that same royal line as Jesus, leaders in our communities. Now that is a feast worth celebrating!

A graphic design featuring a background of green leaves and stems. Overlaid on the image is the word 'FAITH-FILLED' in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word 'GENEROSITY' is also in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The overall theme is nature and spirituality.

For reflection

- How is humility a sign of leadership?
- How did your stewardship campaign inspire you to learn more about your neighbors and their needs?

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