

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two Modified

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday November 22, 2026





Please Stand

Opening Hymn: LSB # 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1. Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain:

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain:

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Declaration of Grace

A In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Ⓐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us

Ⓒ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Ⓐ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

Ⓒ **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 neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and 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.**

Ⓐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 83 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

1. Oh, how He loves you and me, *(2x)*
He gave His life, what more could He give; Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh, how He loves you and me.

2. Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me.

The Sunday school students are released to their teachers

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

Ⓐ 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 nothing before you.

Ⓐ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

Ⓒ My hope is in you.

Ⓐ Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Ⓒ 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 me 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 beginning, 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.

This is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A 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.**

Please be seated

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. 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the
Lord GOD. 16 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. 20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself
will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them
abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge
between sheep and sheep. 23 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. 24 And 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.**

Gradual *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

C These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** 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. **28** 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SOTC Men's Choir – "Simple Thanks"

Please stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open Our Eyes,

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** 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. **33** And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. **34** 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. **35** 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, **36** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' **40** 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.' **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. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, **43** 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.' **44** 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?' **45** 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.' **46** And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn: LSB # 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

Sermon: “The Final Judgment”

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Notes: _____

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Please stand

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.

Offering

Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Prayer of the Church

P Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

C Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.