

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**8 a.m. Cynthia Priser – Please keep your mask on.**

**10:15 a.m. David Hummel – Please keep your mask on.**

### **A Reading from the Prophet 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.

*The Word of the Lord.*

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*Please read together*

**Psalm 95:1-7a found in your bulletin and on page 724 in the Book of Common Prayer**

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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### **A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23**

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.

*The Word of the Lord*

**8 a.m. Cynthia Priser – Please keep your mask on.**

**Prayers of the People- 8 a.m.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Bishop, and for Fr. Ryan, our Pastor that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our President and Eric our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor; all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for *Annette, Pat, Leah, Payton, Renita, Judy, George, Eldon, Earlene, Tim, Loretta, Christy, Peggy, Bob, Lin, Lutie, Wayne, Janice, Lin, Gary, Olivia, Cindy, Ana, Dusty, Javier, Zach, Marc, Jessica, Nanette, Danielle, Elsie, Mark, Mary Alys, Tom, Olivia, Carson, Courtney, Fr. Ryan, the Grace College Student Body, the Schope, Shuherk, Maze, Howe, Ellis, DeMuth, Gast, Priser, Singrey, Nichols, Hudson, McCreary, Jagger, and Wilson families. We pray for those in the Armed Forces: Matt, Bradley, Caleb, Michael, Jake, Nate, Rod, Joseph, Leah, Ryan, Ethan, and Colton. We pray for all parishes in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. We pray for all persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for immigrants, refugees and asylum*

*seekers and for the reunification of families separated at the southern border. We ask that you would make us instruments of your peace in our community and throughout the world.*

*Silence*

and those whom we now name \_\_\_\_\_.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear, [remembering: *Bethany, Eleanor, Jim Shuherk, Judy, Mary, Steve Gast, Steve Priser, Vivian, Candi, Jim Nichols, DeAnna, and Adam,* and those whom we now name \_\_\_\_\_, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Anne, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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**Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Annette, Pat, Leah, Payton, Renita, Judy, George, Eldon, Earlene, Tim, Loretta, Christy, Peggy, Bob, Lin, Lutie, Wayne, Janice, Lin, Gary, Olivia, Cindy, Ana, Dusty, Javier, Zach, Marc, Jessica, Nanette, Danielle, Elsie, Mark, Mary Alys, Tom, Olivia, Carson, Courtney, Fr. Ryan, the Grace College Student Body, the Schope, Shuherk, Maze, Howe, Ellis, DeMuth, Gast, Priser, Singrey, Nichols, Hudson, McCreary, Jagger, and Wilson families. We pray for those in the Armed Forces: Matt, Bradley, Caleb, Michael, Jake, Nate, Rod, Joseph, Leah, Ryan, Ethan, and Colton. We pray for all parishes in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. We pray for all persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers and for the reunification of families separated at the southern border. We ask that you would make us instruments of your peace in our community and throughout the world.*

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, remembering \_\_\_\_\_, *Bethany, Eleanor, Jim Shuherk, Judy, Mary, Steve Gast, Steve Priser, Vivian, Candi, Jim Nichols, DeAnna, and Adam*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept. You may stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect*



November 22, 2020

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 25:31-46**

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."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*