

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

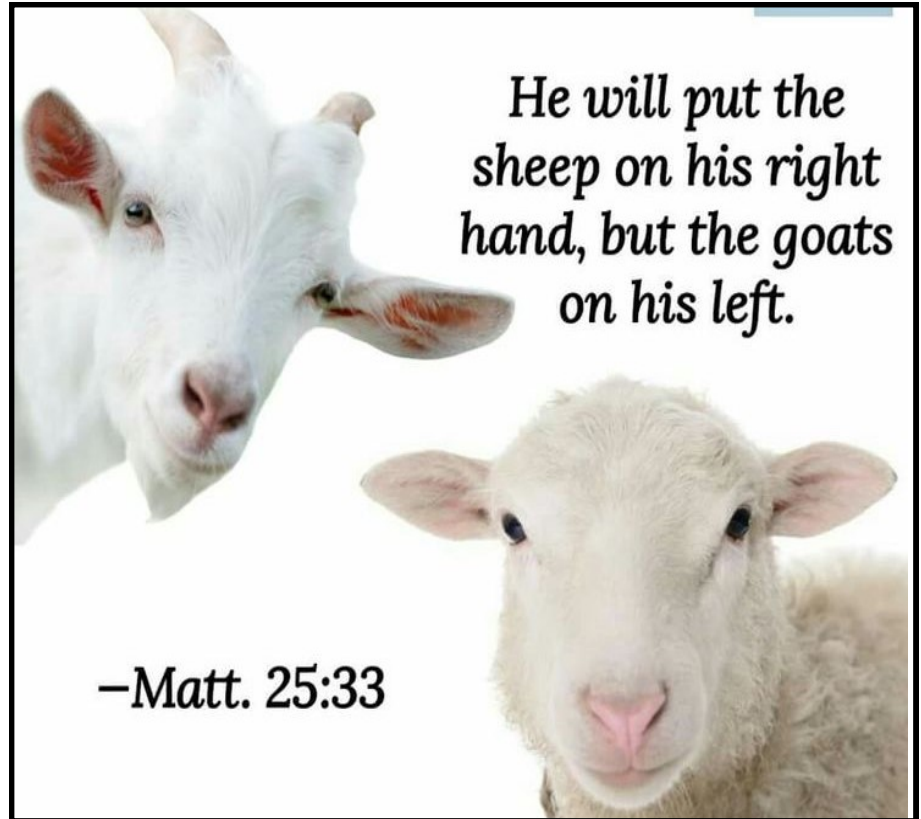
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Welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

We're glad you're here!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Pat and Richard L. Baird, by Leslie Graul.

The Chancel Flowers are in memory of our parents and husbands Opal and Lavern Sherbondy, John Zuschlag, Virgil and Vernice Brocklehurst, Walter Meadows and our sister Ethelmay Richardson, by Donna Zuschlag and Family and The Richardson Family.

Ushering today are Bill Henry, Linda Henry, Linda Allison, and Liam Adams.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, seat cushions and copies of the sermon. Please help yourself or ask an usher.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

Hebrew Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Tis the season to.....



The Advent and Christmas season is the perfect time to reach out to a friend, family member, or neighbor and invite them to church. Please take this opportunity to share the message of LOVE, PEACE, HOPE AND JOY that we experience every year during Advent.

We will be posting a flyer at The Greenville House (Hi-Rise) inviting the residents to church during Advent and Christmas. If you know someone who lives there, maybe you could offer to meet them at the door and sit with them.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

**Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.*

November 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Reign of Christ the King

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The order for worship today is much more liturgical and formal than usual. Through my years as a parish pastor, I took note of the Sunday designated as Christ the King. That is what we are doing in today's worship. On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, we celebrate Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. As more and more Protestant congregations chose to follow the revised common lectionary, we also began to observe this day. This reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

-Rev. Tim Morrison

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Langietti, Lector

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS - Sherry Winner

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Sophie Powell, Acolyte

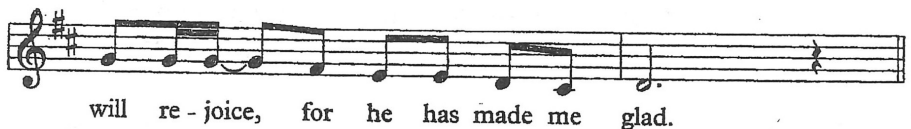
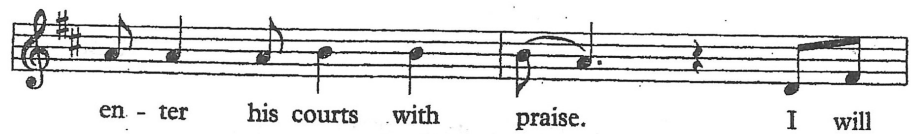
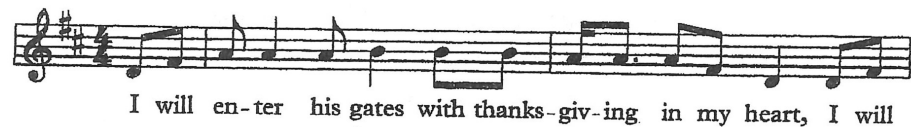
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PRELUDE

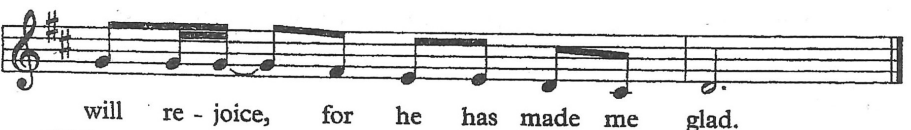
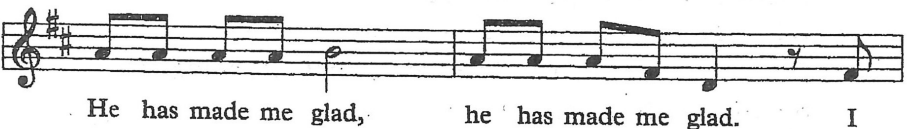
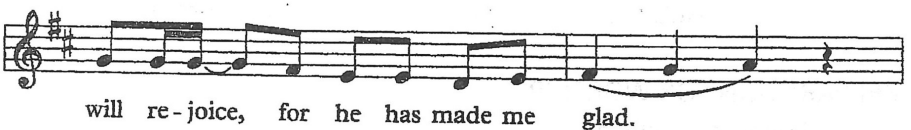
"Nothing Else"

arr. by Matt Schinske

*GATHERING SONG "He Has Made Me Glad"



Refrain



ADVENT KICK-OFF!

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3
It's our turn to cook!

The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will provide a light lunch after worship next Sunday in the Anderson Lounge.

And after lunch, Ukuladies Gone Wild will perform Advent and Christmas music. **They are a group of high energy, kinda wild gals, who love their ukes and get a kick out of making music.** They performed at the Over 80's Tea and everyone loved them!

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT
NEXT SUNDAY!**



*Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, 1851
Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, St. 2

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side,
4. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time,

Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns All mu - sic but its own;
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save;
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau-ty glo - ri - fied;
Cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high,
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

And hail him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
But down-ward bends his burn-ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (a responsive reading of Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God! It is God that made us and we are God's.

People: **We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise!

People: **Give thanks to God, bless God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

People: **and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship The King" (bulletin page 7)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our help is in the name of God.

People: **Who made heaven and earth and who has filled us with life.**

Leader: Let us together humbly approach God and confess our sins.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our King, we come before You seeking forgiveness. When we do not give You the honor due to You, forgive us. When we see hunger and thirst, but don't see You, open our eyes, our hands, and our hearts. When we see loneliness and poverty, but don't see You, open our eyes, our hands and our hearts. When we see human frailty and suffering, but don't see You, open our eyes, our hands and our hearts. Forgive us we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are.

People: **For God's forgiveness we give thanks and praise.**

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

CHANCEL CHOIR

"I Thank You, Lord"

Joseph M. Martin

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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SERMON

"The Times They Are a Changin'"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Channels Only" arr. by Marianne Kim

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

In joy, we proclaim the eternal wonder of your promise to share your healing and redeeming love. In hope, we affirm the power of your love, and pray that you multiply these gifts to rescue those in need. Keep us faithful to the work of Christ today and always. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
(bulletin page 8)

*BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Creation Sings the Father's Song" James Koerts

O Worship the King

1 O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant (1779-1838); para. Psalm 104

MUSIC: Attr. Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806); William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815LYONS
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