Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2020

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.

Matthew 25:35
The Order of Worship
Piano Prelude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn # 842 (vs.1,2,5) “O Worship the King”

Oh, Worship the King

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| 1 | The earth with its store of wonders untold, |
| 3 | Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? |
| 4 | Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, |
| 5 | O measure-less might, in effable love, |

Oh, grate-fully sing God’s pow-er and love;
Al-might-y, your pow’r has found-ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an-gels de-light to hymn you a-bove.

our shield and de-fend-er, the Ancient of Days,
estab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,
it streams from the hills, it de-cends to the plain,
your mer-cies, how ten-der, how firm to the end,
the hum-bler cre-a-tion, though fee-ble their lays.

pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and girded with praise,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
and sweet-ly dis-tills in the rain, and friend.
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The Apostolic Greeting
PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Because Israel’s kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, his servant David, who will feed and care for the people.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "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."
Children’s Message

Anthem: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation:                                                    Dale Wood
Sung By: Marlys Jungroth, Vicki Hanson, Ted Fancher and Hank Harper

The Sermon, “Identity Politics in Matthew”                                                  Dan Severson

Hymn # 855 (vs. 1,4,5) “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him With Many Crowns

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
2 Crown him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potence of time,

hark, how the heav’n-ly
rich wounds, yet visible trophies won which now his brow adorn;
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

A wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all eternity,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

The Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction
Hymn #634 (vs. 1,2,3) “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! 634

1. All hail the pow’r of Je-sus’ name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
   O seed of Is-rael’s cho-sen race now ransomed from the fall.

2. Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid’s line, whom Da-vid Lord did call—

3. Sin-ners, whose love can ne’er for-get the worm-wood and the gall.

4. Bring forth the roy-al di-a dem and crown him Lord of all.
   Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

5. Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
   The God in-car-nate, man di-vine—and crown him Lord of all.

6. Bring forth the roy-al di-a dem and crown him Lord of all.
   Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
   We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

   Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe
   on this terrestrial ball
   to him all majesty ascribe
   and crown him Lord of all.

   Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
   we at his feet may fall!
   We’ll join the everlasting song
   and crown him Lord of all.
Dismissal:

Organ Postlude: Thanksgiving Hymns

Piet Post

Please join us Sunday at 11am for our virtual Café Hope over ZOOM. Check your email for the message from Hope with the link to the online meeting.
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Reader: Margo Kannenberg
Piano: Vaughn Jones and Jan Gunderson
Vocals: Marilyn Jungroth, Vicki Hanson, Ted Fancher and Hank Harper
Organist: Vaughn Jones

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