

BERN REFORMED - NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023



REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING

PRELUDE: "Variations on Old Hundredth"

- Lorenz

TODAY'S FLOWERS are sponsored in "Celebration of Mike and Debbie White's 49th Wedding Anniversary".

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Carl and Sylvia Herman; "Happy Birthday to our Grandchildren" Nikki(23rd); Ryan(24th), Raegan(26th), and Hunter(Dec. 6th).

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*see page four*)

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: Ezekiel 34:11-24 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. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries.

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”.

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because the fat sheep pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with their horns until they scattered my sheep 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 and be their shepherd. I, the LORD, will be their God; I, the LORD, have spoken”.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

PEOPLE: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

PEOPLE: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

THE HYMNAL #89 “COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”

- 1. Come, thou long expected Jesus. Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation. Hope of all the earth thou art;
Long desired of every nation. Joy of every waiting heart.**
- 2. Born thy people to deliver. Born a child, yet God King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne**

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 "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."

SERMON: "MADE KNOWN TO US"

ANTHEM: "Bring What You Have"

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A TIME OF PRAYER followed by OUR LORD'S PRAYER

THE HYMNAL #322: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

- 1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One Holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**
- 3 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**
- 4 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Laudete Nomen!" (*Praise the Name*) -Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"** - Saturday Dec. 16th (Need distributors!)
- *CHRISTMAS EVE DAY WORSHIP** 7 PM features a BEAUTIFUL CANTATA with scripture narratives followed by pew communion.
- * THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS DAY** on "FACEBOOK" A 15 min. meditation, created by our Pastor & Organist, will be accessible.
- *\$350** was distributed to Helping Needy Families at each of our local School Districts. We will continue this practice again for Christmas.
- *Two** are walking 50 miles each to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer Research.
- *Thanks!** "Winter Clothing" was distributed to Hope Mission Halfway House

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