

**The Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Christ the King.**

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17.** Parable of the divine shepherd who rescues the scattered sheep, seeks out the lost, binds up the injured, heals the sick, judges between the wicked and the good.

**Psalm 23.** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28.** In his resurrection, Christ represents the first fruits of all those who belong to him. He will hand over this kingdom to the Father.

**Matthew 25: 31-46.** The final judgment by the Son of Man, seated upon his royal throne, rewarding those who cared for him while caring for “my least brothers and sisters,” punishing those who did not care for him in these “my least.”

***Reflection questions***

*What kind of sheep are you? If you are lost, wounded or ill, how did you get that way? In what ways are you strong? Healthy?*

*This week, when did you see someone hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, in prison? How did you respond? Where do you or would you need to look to encounter the people identified as deserving our attention?*

*As a church, whom do we seem to most easily pass by?*