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Last Sunday of the Church Year

“THE FINAL VICTORY”

Whoever you are…
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH…
YOU are WELCOME here!

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.

 **Invocation and Prayer**

Leader: The end of the Church Year is filled with both mystery and revelation. We do not know when the Last Day will be, nor when Jesus will return. The Last Sunday of the Church Year turns our attention to what we do know. We know that the Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will rescue them. We know that Jesus has been raised from the dead and that all things will be put in subjection under Him. We know that Jesus will sit on His glorious throne and welcome His sheep into His kingdom. We know that death, the final enemy, will be destroyed. We know that all will be made alive in Jesus. We know that the Lord is a great God and a loving King!

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Leader: In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
People: the home of righteousness.

Leader: O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
People: let me know how fleeting I am!

Leader: Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths,
People: and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

Leader: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
People: My hope is in You.

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the Kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will seek them out.
People: He will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered.

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God, who seeks us out.
People: Most merciful God, we cry out to You from the places that our sin has scattered us. We have sinned against You in ways that we know and in ways that only You know. There are strangers we have not welcomed, the hungry we have not fed, the naked we have not clothed, the sick and imprisoned we have not visited. Deliver us from all our transgressions. Forgive us, bind up our injuries, and strengthen our weaknesses, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Opening Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" – LSB # 525

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24
Reader: This is God's Word.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:20 – 28**
Reader: This is God's Word.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:31 – 46**
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.



Song of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – LSB #709

Message: **"The Final Victory" – Pastor Tom Hurley**

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Nicene Creed – ***(All speak together)***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers – Congregation: "Hear our prayer."

WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD'S GRACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who won for us the final and eternal victory by His death and resurrection. He has freed us from death and given us the hope of a new heaven and new earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

Words of Institution

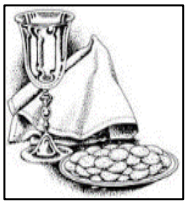
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion



Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you… The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communing children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms.

Dismissal Blessing

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let us pray: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" – Songbook #163

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAZE! – Please come and bring your family to Holidaze! Mayflower Chorus presents in song and dance the lively procession of fall and winter festivities culminating in the last day of the year. **It will be Friday, December 4th 7:30pm; also Saturday, December 5th 2pm & 7pm at the Marin Center Showcase Theater, 20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael.** Reservations are required, purchase – in advance **Tickets: $12** ***(Kids under 12)*** **$30** ***(Students 13-18 & Senior 65+)*** **$34** ***(General admission)*** marincenter.org or 415-491-9110 or mayflowerchorus.org.

ADULT FORUM – Join us after service today for the Adult Forum or Monday mornings at 9:30 on Zoom for our Adult Forum. Look for the ZOOM invitation in your email.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:	**SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**
Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels	**Lay Leader**: Judy Montoya
Comm. Assistant: Nelson Gremmels	**Comm. Assistant:** ****No Comm.***
Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken	**Usher/Greeter:** Sherrald McMurray
Reader: Beverly Erbel	**Reader:** Doug Holm
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Judy Montoya	**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** ***Cecilia Bowman****
Counter: Chuck Bakken	**Counter:** Dan Bastien
Fellowship: Marcia Hurley	**Fellowship:** Sherrald McMurray

****No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.***

BIRTHDAY: Beverly Erbel
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None
SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington *(Grandson of the Bakken's)* and **LTJG Charles Gremmels** *(Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels).*

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:



Michelle Caratti – She did test for arrhythmia and found lump on her lungs that is cancerous. She is undergoing treatment.
Max Newman – Prayers for recovery from stem cell transplant.
Lance Desmond – Prayers for kidney transplant to become available soon, and for successful treatment for his neuropathy.
Joy Bloom – Prayers for comfort and peace.
Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health and for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.
Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek
them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have
been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And 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 ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good
grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the
Lord God. 16 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them in justice.

20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at
all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my
flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I
will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall
feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20 – 28

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the
dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his
own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then
comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every
rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies
under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For “God has put all things
in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain
that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are
subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in
subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31 – 46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he
will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and
he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the
left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed
me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then
the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger
and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or
in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as
you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you
gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did
not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as
you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these
will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

