

26th **Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 26th, 2023**  
**Divine Service: Responsive Prayer 2**  
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**AS WE GATHER**

Too often we think about God’s being up in His heaven, looking down on us. Today’s Readings give us the correct perspective. Through Ezekiel, God announces that He is the One who will provide pasture for His people and that He will send them David to be their king. In the Psalm, we reflect that God is our maker. Christ is not only the first to rise from death, Paul explains in the Epistle; He is also the foremost, the One to subject all things under Him. And so His decisions when judging on the Last Day cannot be questioned. First and foremost, then, today is a day to let God’s Word give us a correct perspective. This last Sunday of the Church Year is an opportunity to “make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise” (Psalm 95:2).

Oh come, let us sing  
to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful  
noise to the rock of  
our salvation!  
Let us come into His  
presence with  
thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful  
noise to Him with  
songs of praise!  
*Psalm 95:1-2*

**Opening Hymn: LSB #709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**Opening Versicles** *LSB 285*

**Psalm** *Psalm 95:1–7a; antiphon: v. 7a*

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

**Epistle Reading** *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

**Holy Gospel Reading** *Matthew 25:31–46*

**Hymn of the Day: LSB #532 “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”**

**Children’s message/ Sunday School Dismissal**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Kyrie** *LSB 285*

**Lord’s Prayer** *LSB 285*

**Apostles’ Creed** *LSB 286*

**Versicles** *LSB 286*

**Collect of the Day** *LSB 287*

**Benedicamus** *LSB 287*

**Blessing** *LSB 287*

**Closing Hymn: LSB #706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

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