Old Testament 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. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock
when he is among his sheep that have been scat-
tered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will res-
cue them from all places where they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13And 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. 14I
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. 15I myself will be the shep-
herd of my sheep, and I myself will make them
lie down, declares the Lord God. 16I 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. 21Because you push
with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the
weak with your horns, till you have scattered
them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall
no longer be a prey. And I will judge between
sheep and sheep. 23And I will set up over them
one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall
feed them: he shall feed them and be their shep-
herd. 24And I, the Lord, will be their God, and
my servant David shall be prince among them. I
am the Lord; I have spoken."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

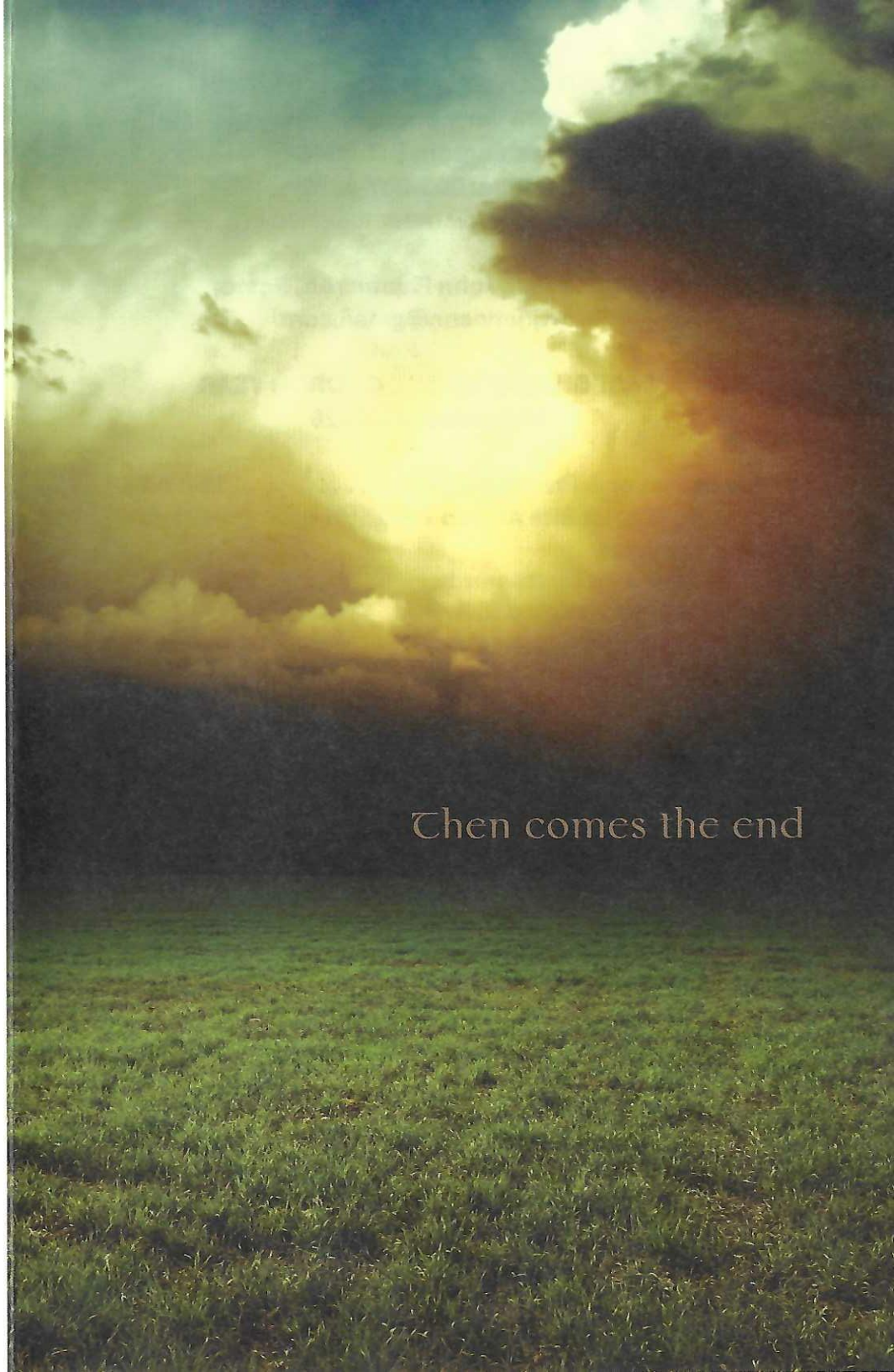
31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes
in his glory, and all the angels with him, then
he will sit on his glorious throne. 32Before him
will be gathered all the nations, and he will sep-
arate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will
place the sheep on his right, but the goats on
the left. 34Then 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. 35For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I
was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and
you visited me, I was in prison and you came to
me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, say-
ing, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And when
did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or
naked and clothe you? 39And when did we see
you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And the
King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as
you did it to one of the least of these my broth-
ers, you did it to me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart
from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire pre-
pared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was
hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty
and you gave me no drink, 43I 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.' 44Then 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?' 45Then 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.' 46And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



About the Cover: Another Church Year has come to an end, reminding us that this world will also come to an end. All will be raised. Unbelievers will be raised to eternal judgment. But for all who are in Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep," the day of resurrection will be the end of death itself (1 Corinthians 15:20). The last enemy will be no more since Christ was raised to never die again (Romans 6:9). All believers shall be raised to eternal life.

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
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Service of Prayer & Preaching . . . . . LSB p.260
Hymn . . . . . "Christ Sits At God's Right Hand" #564 (1-4)
Opening Versicles
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.
Common
Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
Teach me Your paths.
Sanctify us in Your truth.
Your Word is truth.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*****Psalm of the Day . . . . . Ps. 95:1-7a*****
The Lessons
The Gospel

Common Responsory
Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed & The Lord's Prayer p.264
Hymn . . . . . "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" #563 (1-4)
Sermon

Offering
Prayers & Collects
(Leader's statement ends: "Let us pray to the Lord"
The people respond: "LORD HAVE MERCY")

Morning Prayer
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction
Hymn . . . . . "Lamb of God" #550

Announcements

Advent begins next Sunday and midweek services begin Dec. 2nd.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____

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Texts _____

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Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

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I Want to Remember _____

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What Response Does God Want? _____

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