

Grace Episcopal Church



Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King 9:30 a.m.

November 22, 2020

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Please be seated

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 on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them 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: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7A (SPOKEN IN UNISON)

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL INTERLUDE

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Presider: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

THE REVEREND DR. BRIAN WILBERT

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur and William, our bishops; for Brian, our priest;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own intercessions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise;
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(Hebrews 13:15-16)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please be seated

*All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before thy feet we lay.*

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

"All things come of thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread of communion, or to refrain from receiving.
If you choose to receive the bread,
please keep your mask on and maintain safe distance as you come forward.

*If you choose not to receive the consecrated bread today,
or are unable to do so because you are worshipping via live-stream, we offer this prayer.
It comes to us from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services
and is used by those whose military service prevents them from joining a eucharistic celebration.
May you know the blessing of our connectedness and find peace.*

MUSIC MEDITATIONS

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Let us pray.

Together: **Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

ORGAN MEDITATION

Please be seated

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Life is short and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And now, the Wisdom of God,
the Love of God,
and the Grace of God,
strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world,
and the blessing of God, Holy Trinity,
be upon you this day and always.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

SUNDAY SERVERS

Lector: Ellen Mettert
Livestreaming/Powerpoint: Jeff Fowler
Organist: Randy Ruthsatz
Altar Guild: Barby Gravengaard

Our prayers have been asked for

Alexander Lawson Family, Alicia, Barb, Beth, Betty & Mike, Betty B., Bobbie Jean, Bobbie K.,
Bruce, Caine & Owen, Dan & Sue, Darlene, David, Elissa, Greg E., Harold, Jim, JoAnn & Paul,
Joea & Neill, Karen, Kate, Lexi, Lois, Maralyn, Mary, Mary Lu, Matthew, Matthew S., Mel, Mia, Michael,
Mike, Shelly & Derrick, Nancy, Nathan, Rena, Ron & Alice, Ron & Rene, Sharron, Skylar,
Steve & Kathy, Wayne, and Wendy

Pray for those who have died, especially

Laura Ashleigh Newkirk (May 3, 2020)

Those Who Serve and Protect

Ted Bertsch	Vance Lambert	Kevin Poyer
Cameron Brace	Brian Michael Laws	Sean Poyer
Chris Cheek	Luke Lipomi	Dr. Amy Reese
Sam Freeman	Marcus Mettert	Cameron Scholl
Adam Hagelberger	Vincent Parenti-Herner	Jamison Shriver
Joel Hagy	Matthew Poeschl	Jacob Tetzloff
Craig Lambert		Matt Trautman

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the North Central Mission Area

Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
St. Paul’s Church, Norwalk
Christ Church, Oberlin
St. Thomas’ Church, Port Clinton

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 Wayne Street
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

TELEPHONE: 419-625-6919



office@GraceSandusky.org
www.GraceSandusky.org

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert/Interim Rector
Randall Ruthsatz, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Chase, Parish Administrator
Tim Morrow, Sexton
Elaine Howey, Assistant Sexton

Vestry Members
Barby Gravengaard – Sr. Warden
Jeff Fowler – Jr. Warden
Terrin Schnee – Clerk
Ellen Mettert – Member-at-Large
Laura Bates
Katie Crum
Scott Fais
Jim Hart
Bruce Miller

The Ministers:
All the Members of Grace Church

Sunday, November 22	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, November 26 <i>(Thanksgiving)</i>		Church Office closed
Friday, November 27		Church Office closed
Sunday, November 29	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of David and Cletah Garen
By Jeff, Lisa, and Preston Fowler

Sunday Servers for November 29th

Lector: Lisa Fowler
Livestreaming/Powerpoint: Jeff Fowler
Altar Guild: Judy Porterfield

Advent Craft Boxes

To celebrate the Advent season this year, the church is assembling Advent craft boxes for families to take home. Any crafters or volunteers interested in helping with ideas or assembling boxes, please email Katie Crum at jkcrum630@gmail.com. The goal is to have Advent boxes ready to pass out at the start of Advent season.

THRIFT SHOP CLOSING (TEMPORARILY): It is with heavy hearts that we announce that our Thrift Shop will be closing again (temporarily) as of Tuesday, November 24th due to the current Covid restrictions. We will keep you posted via our website and Thrift Shop Facebook page as to when we are safe to re-open.

LIVESTREAMING AND YOU: Want to learn something new? Want to receive FREE training on an exciting technology right at Grace Church. JOIN THE LIVESTREAM CREW! Contact Jeff Fowler at (419)602-2993 or e-mail fowlerja56@gmail.com

Our Christmas Outreach ~ The Erie County Juvenile Justice Center

Members of the Outreach Committee have designated the Erie County Juvenile Justice Center as our Christmas outreach recipient again this year. They are so appreciative to our congregation for their gifts to the children in the facility. Our gifts make a difference in their lives and hearts during the Christmas season. The following is a list suggested by their staff.

Regular or travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or deodorant
(solid only- no aerosol cans)

Whitening toothpaste

Small scented lotions *(ex. Cocoa Butter lotion)*

Cantu Coconut Curling Cream

Bars of soap *(ex. Lever, Dial, Dove)*

Hairbrushes

Snacks/Candy

(no nuts, lollipop sticks or gum. They really like Combos, Oreos, Flamin' Hot Cheetos, Chocolate Rice Krispy Treats, Fruit Snacks, Little Debbie's, Skittles)

Pop Tarts *(non-traditional flavors like Hot Fudge Sundae, Cookies & Cream, S'mores)*

Meat sticks or beef jerky

Gatorade/Powerade, pop in plastic bottles

Playing cards

Stress balls

Puzzles *(no more than 500 pieces)*

Composition notebooks *(large and small, no metal binding)*

Coloring books/Activity books *(childish ones, like cartoon characters)*

DVDs rated G, PG or PG-13 *(No nudity, drug, or sexual content - new or used)*

PlayStation 4 games *(no guns, violent themes. Sports and games are fine - used)*

DVD player *(cheap is good!)*

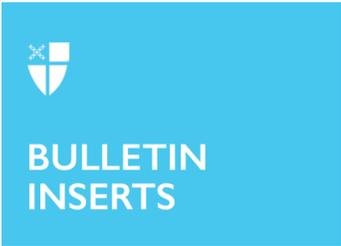
Gift cards for McDonalds, Taco Bell, Dominos, Kroger, Big Lots



Thank you for whatever you can contribute to this project.
Lisa Fowler and Marcia Fordham can shop for items or gift cards if anyone wants to donate money.
Larger gift cards to Kroger will be used by the staff to purchase items not provided by the state for good behavior rewards.

We will collect through Thursday, December 17th.

Members of the Outreach Committee will deliver these gifts on Friday, December 18th.



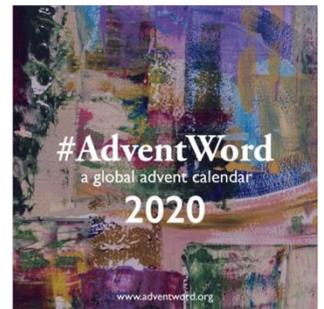
November 22, 2020 – Christ the King Sunday (A) AdventWord

For the seventh year, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online Advent calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering 27 daily meditations and images during this holy season, beginning Sunday, November 29. During a year of disparate worship and communities of prayer, AdventWord offers a way to reflect and pause for the Advent season and await the birth of Christ.

Gathering a worldwide community, #AdventWord provides a daily meditation, visual image, and invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey. Thousands have participated each year, responding to the words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts.

“It is amazing to witness the prayers from around the world appearing on social media when Advent begins,” says AdventWord program director, Sarah Stonesifer Boylan. “I am really pleased to see that VTS has been able to continue to provide this offering consistently for four years, each time building on its success.”

Also new this year to #AdventWord offerings include a podcast for each day, voiced by Virginia Theological Seminary community members. The short daily podcasts provide another access point to absorb the lectionary-inspired writings by 27 different authors. Find it by searching AdventWord on your preferred podcast platform.



The prompts for 2020 #AdventWord are:

November 29 - Tender	December 8 - Patient	December 17 - Learn
November 30 - Deliver	December 9 - Mercy	December 18 - Bless
December 1 - Strengthen	December 10 - Baptize	December 19 - Turn
December 2 - Earth	December 11 - Word	December 20 - Rejoice
December 3 - Rebuild	December 12 - Honey	December 21 - Mystery
December 4 - Fellowship	December 13 - Go	December 22 - Wisdom
December 5 - Glory	December 14 - Rest	December 23 - Holy
December 6 - Speak	December 15 - Worship	December 24 - Proclaim
December 7 - Comfort	December 16 - Pray	

The #AdventWord Images and meditations can be experienced through AdventWord.org, direct daily emails, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and ASL videos via YouTube. Meditations will also be available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole via email and on www.adventword.org. Listen and subscribe to the AdventWord daily podcast on most major podcast hosting sites.