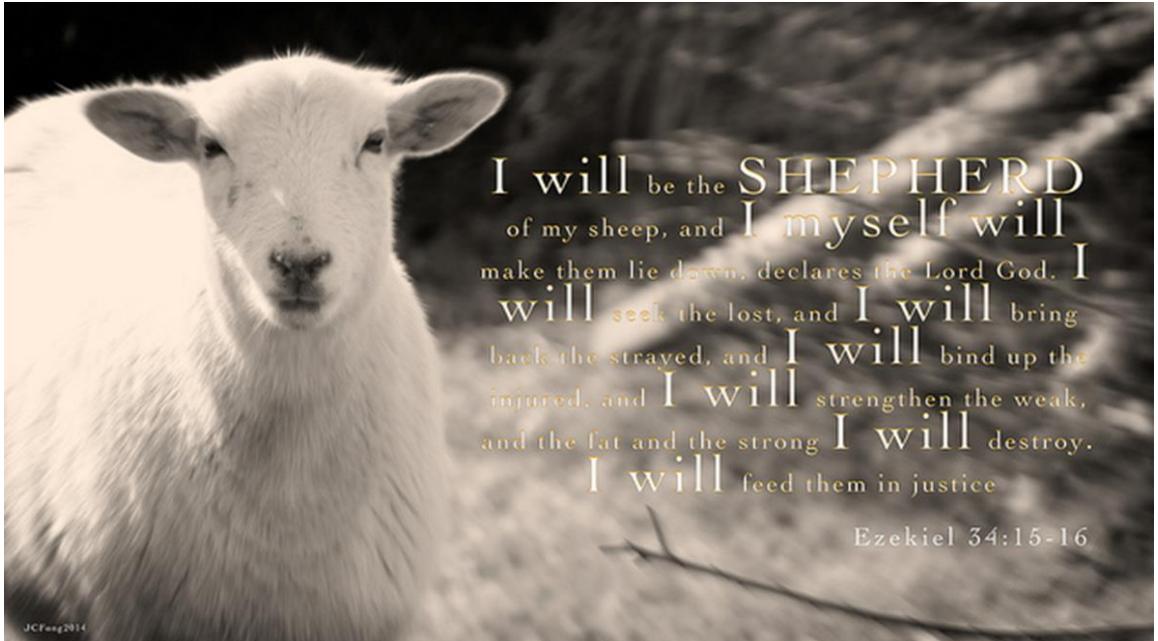




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**The Service for the Lord's Day  
November 22, 2020  
"Gathering Together"**

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# WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD, THE LORD OF LIFE

Prelude

“Count Your Blessings”

arr. K Renfrow

News of the Church

The Greeting and Welcoming of One Another

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Hymn

“This is Amazing Grace”

Bethel Live

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

*This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me*

*Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

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This is unfailing love  
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*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We gather this morning to hear the Shepherd's voice,

**People:** ***Jesus promises to gather us together.***

Leader: We readily answer His call, we praise His name,

**People:** ***we support and love each other.***

Leader: The Lord loves and cares for us individually, and gathers us together so that we are better able to strengthen and encourage each other.

**All:** ***Let us worship God!***

Hymn

"Give Thanks"

D Moen

*Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son*

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*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us" x2*

*Give thanks*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Dear Lord, the pressure of the world often causes us to retreat into ourselves. We separate both physically and emotionally. We wander and become lost. We try to earn Your grace through hard work and become tired. We listen to others who pretend to care and find ourselves unsure. You are the Shepherd: please guide us to safety; hold us and bring us rest. Teach us to clear our confusion and doubts. Remind us that when we think we can't or we choose not to, You can and You will.**

...(Silent time of prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We often act like sheep, wandering about without a care, easily distracted, and seeing only that which is in front of us. Jesus knows that we can be weak and timid, but continues to shepherd us, to protect us, to love us and to forgive us.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## The Gloria Patri – Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

AJ Baratta

Message

"Gathered Together"  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Dr. Jennifer Blake

*"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.*

*I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.*

*"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn #643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God,  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.*

\*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

***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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## Offering:

If, in your current situation, you are still able to give, there are several ways to do so electronically.



### Give by Text:

833-403-5467

### Website

[fpcomaha.org](http://fpcomaha.org)

Offertory Anthem

“Come Though Almighty King”

arr .M Hayes

Prayer of Dedication

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn #299

“You Servants of God Your Master Proclaim”

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad Christ’s wonderful Name;  
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
His kingdom is glorious who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
he still remains nigh, His presence we have;  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

Benediction

Benediction Response

**“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

arr. L Mason

*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.*

Postlude

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

arr. G Handel

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*As we go out today, let us go purposefully. Let us be aware.  
Let us watch for others that may need to be brought into the Lord’s fold.*

**The following will be available for pick-up or drop-off in the alley behind the church TODAY after worship until 2:00 pm:**

***Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes***

***Advent Workshop Projects To-Go***

***Advent Candle Wreath Pickup***

***Pumpkin Pies***

**A LIMITED number of Advent TO GO, Advent Wreaths and Pumpkin Pies will be available to be picked up at church during the week, as supplies last.**

**Mark Your Calendars: Special Events and Activities this Month:**

***Angel Tree***

This year we will not have a tree and ornaments to pick gifts for the Angel Tree. Here is the link to the Angel Tree gift list, along with instructions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9ac2eabf9c52-angel>

Once on the site, please review the available gifts and click the box on the right to sign up to select the gift you will be donating. Click "Submit and Sign Up" at the bottom of the screen. On the next screen, click "Sign Up Now".

Once you purchase the chosen gift, return the gift to the church wrapped, and with a label containing the child's letter and what the gift is. Example: Child A, Legos

Gifts are due no later than Sunday, December 6th and can be returned to the church. (Please let the Melissa McBride or the church office know if you need to have your gift picked up and taken to the church.)

Questions can be directed to Melissa McBride at [gidnik5@hotmail.com](mailto:gidnik5@hotmail.com) or 402-238-7303.

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