

Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

*Flowers on the Altar are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
Grace Kelso, by her family.*

Processional Hymn: B #378

Collect of the Day

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

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24

For 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.

Psalm 100

Tune: Old 100th

Serve God with gladness, all you lands,
And come before him with a song;
The Lord is God and we are his,
The sheep who in his field belong.

Go then into his courts with praise,
Give thanks and call upon his Name;
For God is good, his mercy sure,
His faithfulness always the same.

Second Reading: Acts 15:6-11

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, 'My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in

cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.'

**Gradual Hymn: B #520, vs. 1-4,
before the Gospel, 5 & 6 after
the Gospel**

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46

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."

Offertory Hymn: B #444

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns: R #30, #161, #103

After Communion: B #74

Prayer after Communion:

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all

the world may see his light. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #423

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Nov. 26, 2023

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON
7:15PM**

A year long journey using Following the
Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount
Together, to explore Jesus' teachings.

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM

Join the conversation about the Gospel
for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's.
Bring your Bible and an open mind.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is now looking forward to
Advent and Christmas! Practice makes
perfect and we will be practicing for our
rendition of the Nativity to be offered in
December. To that end, we are looking
for a few props! We need about eight
old cell phones (smart phones with a
swipe screen ...they do not need to
work). We are also looking for a
lantern, toy sheep and a drum. With
many thanks to all those who have

donated to Sunday School in material
items, in kind, and in prayer. We are
truly blessed.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The Salvation Army is looking to recruit
volunteers for their Kettle Campaign
which begins November 17, 2023. To
volunteer or for more information,
please contact Mary Lynn Wilson or
Jackie Staples at (613) 283-3563 or e-
mail: mary-
lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Annual Family Concert Sunday,
November 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Bethel
Pentecostal Church. A Smiths Falls
Ministerial Presentation. Please bring
an offering for the Hamper Drive.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are now available to be picked up in the

Canterbury Room.

DELIVERY OF GIFT BAGS

The ACW has looked after purchasing and delivering gift bags to folks living in Shardon Manor and Victoria House.

This year the pastoral care team, along with a few other helpers will continue this very important ministry, thanks to our outreach committee for the \$1,500.00 donation to purchase these gifts. Now we are wondering if members of our congregation have MEDIUM size Christmas gift bags to donate. This way we don't have to purchase them for these gifts. Just bring them to church for the next two Sundays, November 19 or Nov. 26, or to the Church office during those two weeks. Thank you so very much.

ADVENT WREATH

Consider making an Advent Wreath for your home to mark the four weeks of Advent. All you need are five candles of any colour – four arranged in a circle and the fifth in the centre. Light one candle during the first week of Advent, two during the second week, etc. Light just the centre candle from Christmas Eve until January 6. Note: It is perfectly acceptable to replace candles if they burn out.

For today's service:

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts

Reader & Intercessor: Cindy Penman

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