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Christ the King Sunday – November 22, 2020

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P There is only one God—Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God whose love never quits: help us admit that we have been wrong. Give us the word the world cannot. Tell us again you believe in us, so we can love ourselves and each other like you do.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
A time of silence follows.

P Loving God,

C We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have made ourselves more important than we really are; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P Here's the good news! Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us. Even when we have messed up, God give us a fresh start. God's love never runs out, and God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* – ELW 876

- 1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- 3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.

GREETING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of power and might,

C your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *People of Hope*

Chorus

We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry
Growing in faith learning to love
We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry
Held by the One who will never let go

Verse 1

We are dead in our striving
For wealth and for might
But God rich in mercy
Has loved us to life

Verse 2

We are what God made us
Created in Christ for justice and mercy
To be our way of life

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³I 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* – ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’ ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus Shall Reign* – ELW 434

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, O God, for you made the earth and all this is, and declared it good. Blessed are you, for in Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality. You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death. Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promising new life to us all. Come, Lord Jesus, in this meal, and make us alive again. By your Spirit, bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place, and make us your body in the world, bringing light and healing to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is bread to strengthen you; here is wine to sustain you. Come, taste the promise of Jesus for you.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Soon and Very Soon* – ELW 439

Verse 1

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King!

Verse 2

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King *Chorus*

Verse 3

No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King *Chorus*

Verse 4

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King Chorus

Ending

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus.

P Grow

C Together.

P Serve

C Others.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson
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Worship Leader: Brian Klein

HONORARIUM

For a Christmas tree for the altar area in honor of: 11/15—Darrin Falk for his amazing talents, tenacity, and love for Christ Lutheran Church! (given anonymously)

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS **Week of November 22, 2020**
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MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Bekah (Cindi Wieman’s niece); Judy Benzel; Nancy Bourget; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; Mike Falk; Kathy Fullarton; Jonelle Gideo; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Nikki and her parents Randy & Sally (friends of Don & Deb Johnson); Madelyne Johnson; Junior Larson; Sharon Larson; Kathi Lehmann; Kevin McIntyre (Melissa Prange’s brother); Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester’s mother); Lorraine Norrish; Mike Soldan; Shawn Stary; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms’ brother); Brian Wellington; our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish) and Abusa (Pastor) Francis; all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

PLEASE NOTE MISSION WORK DAY schedule changes for November and December! There are no more Mission Work Days in November as they were held November 10 and 17; and there is only one scheduled in December which will be December 15.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals for the Christmas Program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 3 and 10, and recording will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 13. Masks are required with social distancing. Everyone is welcome but it’s not required if you do not feel comfortable participating. *[The Christmas Program will be livestreamed and broadcast on the radio as part of the service on Sunday, December 20.]*

IF YOU ARE USING ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS and no longer wish to receive offering envelopes, please let the church office know. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE menu for November 25: Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Fresh Rolls from Barking Dog Bakery in Downsville, Apple Pie. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

WE ARE ALL PART OF WEDNESDAY'S TABLE! Our community of faith is working together (and having fun at the same time!) to serve others during this time of COVID-19. We are grateful for prayers, donations, and volunteers! Even though masks and gloves are required, there are some kitchen volunteers who will not be able to follow social distancing. Temperature checks are routine for all volunteers, and contact tracing will be provided. To sign up to help, call the church office: 715-235-5573; use the following link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>; or sign up on the church website: welcome2CLC.com.

CLC FOODSHELF NEWS! Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. Once a month, we order approximately **\$1,000 (!)** worth of food from Feed My People Food Bank. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. We need: canned peaches, pears, oranges, and applesauce; canned green beans, corn, peas, and carrots; spaghetti pasta and noodles; canned soup; canned chicken or tuna; minute rice and mashed potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts at the church.

FOUR FURNACES NEED TO BE REPLACED: CLC Council and the Administration Committee have proposed a "special projects" funding appeal to pay the \$16,292 cost of replacing four furnaces. Please direct any contributions to the **Furnace Replacement Fund**. Monies raised for this special project will decrease the amount dispersed from the emergency fund. As you prayerfully consider contributions to this fund, please remember to maintain your regular giving.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be a virtual service this year, available on the church website. A link will also be sent via email.

THE THANKSGIVING MEALS PROJECT NEEDS a couple more volunteers to help distribute the meals to families on Tuesday, November 24, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Shifts are 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please let Josie know if you can help distribute meals and she will coordinate with Our Savior's. Thanks!

POINSETTIAS: COVID-19 has changed a lot in our lives. It will be changing the traditions of Christmas as well. Because worship will not be in person this Christmas season, we are looking to purchase new trees and decorations that can be seen on camera. Please consider a \$10 donation toward a tree, a poinsettia decoration, or a red ornament as a memorial or honorarium. You can also donate undesignated amounts toward the trees. All memorials and honorariums will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter as usual.

INSTEAD OF THE "GIFT TREE" THIS YEAR where we would choose residents from American Lutheran Home to shop for Christmas presents, would you please consider giving monetary donations designated for gifts for our ALH neighbors? Deb, the activity director at ALH, will use the funds to do the shopping for each resident so that they all have a present to open on Christmas morning. Please send or drop off your monetary donations at the church, making sure the donation is designated for ALH Christmas gifts, no later than Sunday, December 6. Thank you!

QUILTERS' EXTRA-WIDE COTTON has been donated and is available for anyone who would like free fabric for making a quilt back for a CLCW fundraiser or for a CLCW graduation quilt. There are multiple colors available, and there are queen and king as well as full and twin sizes. Material and fillers for making quilts may be picked up at the Fireside Room on Mission Work Days between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Upcoming Mission Work Days are November 17 and December 15.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY MONTHLY RAFFLE: Every month we offer a prize of around \$250 in value that you can buy tickets and enter for your chance to win! Tickets are available on our NEW(!) Simply Giving website. On the 15th of each month, we will be announcing the prize for the following month, and all tickets you buy at any time during the year will be eligible to win. More information is available on our website and Facebook page.

Blessings, *Katie Wagner*, LCM Director, 715.308.3393/lcmstout@wwt.net



HERE'S THE BUZZZZZ

Christ Time: Wednesday, December 2, we will ALL meet IN-PERSON to work on a mission project for Wednesday's Table and the CLC Pantry. We will work our normal time of 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Christmas Program is coming quickly! If you are at all comfortable, please join the choir on Thursday evenings (November 19, December 3 & 10) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to learn the songs. We will be recording the songs on Sunday, December 13. Those who volunteered to read were mailed their parts this past week.

Reminder to parents: Pastor Randy and I are putting faith formation in your hands this year. We are here to guide and check-in nearly weekly, but as the 3rd Commandment says, we must all find restful time with Christ. This can, and should, be done as a family! Each week for confirmation we are expecting students to have read the Bible passage, read the small catechism for that lesson, read the curriculum pages, and sit with family to talk through the "Relate at Home" for each week.

I am still in need of three families to light the Advent wreath. You can do this in-person during worship OR you can record yourself reading and lighting a candle at home.

High School Only! Visit the Upper Room! This awesome new online, on-going youth group is being hosted by the synod. A flyer with more info was mailed earlier. Dates include November 22 and December 20 at 8 p.m.

December curriculum materials are available in the tote outside of the education wing door. There is a lot in each packet for Advent and Christmas. Please pick it up if you are able as we are hoping to save and reduce postage. If you are absolutely unable to pick up your packet, please let me know so I can mail it in enough time.

Christ Time: We are NOT meeting on November 25 - that was typo! Sorry!

- Josie



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