

Christ the King



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MATTHEW 25:34

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020—Christ the King

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One,

C. **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P. Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #842 ELW—Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

"Oh, Worship the King"

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| 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise. | 3 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. |
| 2 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea. | 4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend. |
| 5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise. | |

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assistant Minister

- A. Let us pray... O God of power and might,
C. **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

Assistant Minister

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.

- A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

- A. Word of God, word of life. C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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P. The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Steven Peeler

HYMN OF THE DAY #430 ELW—Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

1 Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

APOSTLES' CREED

Assistant Minister

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayers of Intercession

Assistant Minister

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Grant blessing and healing to all those who are in need—*especially Lois Mae Helgason, Gloria Maisch, Clair Wilson, Bob Happold, Myrna Petzoldt, Michelle Lindsay, Joan Head, Marilyn Williamson, Bonnie Larsen, Jacey Yarns, Janice Sperling, Bonnie Olson, Greg and Pat Tatro, and Jeff and Sue Koch.* We pray also for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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P. May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #881 ELW—Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.

“Let All Things Now Living”

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

SENDING

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P. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Messiah Lutheran and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church family,

Due to community spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Council of Messiah Lutheran Church has prayerfully made the unanimous decision to suspend in-person worship at Messiah effective immediately. **There will be no in-person worship at Messiah Lutheran Church beginning this Sunday, November 22.**

A video of the Sunday worship service will be uploaded to the Messiah website and Facebook page every Sunday morning. A video of the midweek Advent service will be available on the website and Facebook page every Wednesday morning. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the order of worship and announcements, please contact the church office.

There will not be a recorded Thanksgiving Eve service.

A prayer in time of sickness:

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sincerely,
Messiah Lutheran Council

Worship Ministers – 8:30 AM

Asst. Minister: Kathy Leschinsky
Altar Guild: Karen Niedfelt
Projector Tech: Jillian Anderson
Sound/ Video: Dennis Harder
Organist: Jared Hansen
Ushers: Norm Elstermeier, Glenn Frerichs

Today's bulletins are given to the glory of God by Stu and Brenda Kucera.

SATURDAY SUPPERS 3:00-4:00

5th Saturday—Courtney Berg and the youth.
To donate, simply mark your gift "Saturday Supper."
Come join us! To volunteer, contact the church office.
1560 guests 520 servings on November 14th

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – November 15, Christ the King

	ATTENDANCE	UNIFIED OFFERING
Attendance Last Week:	27	\$1057.00
AVERAGE TO DATE 2020:	66	
AVERAGE TO DATE 2019:	86	

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Monday, November 23, 2020

9:00 & 5:00—Sew Quilts

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

8:45—Volunteers assemble *Messenger*

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

7:00 p.m.—Men's Group Bible Study meets at Messiah

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 27, 2020

Office Closed

Saturday, November 28, 2020

10:00 a.m.—Recording Sunday Service

3:00-4:00 p.m.—Saturday Supper, TO GO ONLY

Sunday, November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m.—Online Worship

10:00 a.m.—St. Stephen's Worship

1:00-3:00 p.m.—Recording Advent Worship Series

7:00 p.m.—Faith 5 via Zoom

Olive Oil from the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

If anyone is still interested in purchasing olive oil (distributed by the Lutheran World Federation) there are 8 bottles in the church office. \$15 per 250 ml bottle.
Call or stop by the office during working hours.

Gifts of Hope

Collecting Donations for Hope Harbor

Cold Medicine & Washable Toys

There will be a box labeled "Gifts of Hope"
in the narthex through November 29th

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Help Save Lives with the American Red Cross

Be 1 of the 35 volunteers needed to help carry out our life saving blood drives across Grand Island and the Hall County areas. Provide customers service, appreciation and care to the donors willing to give their blood to make a difference.

- Looking for individuals willing to cover 1 or more (4-5 hour) shifts, blood drives are generally held during the week, with some opportunities on the weekend.
- Fill out a volunteer registration. Contact Michael Fleming, Michael.Fleming2@redcross.org (402)699-5652.
- COVID-19 Guidelines are being followed: small groups of volunteers, volunteers and donors screened for symptoms before shift or entering the blood drive, masks, gloves and sanitizer (provided) required.

Life Line Screening—Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**