

Christ the King
November 22, 2020
Worship at 9:15 am



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

BELLS AND LIGHTING THE CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
In whose image we are made,
Who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P 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.
 C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" ELW 855 vs. 1 & 5

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
 hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
 creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

GREETING

- P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" ELW 694 vs. 1

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
 with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
 by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
 sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.**
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
 the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
 Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
 and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
 Music: Johann Steurlein, 1546-1613

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Let us pray together.
 C **O God of power and might, 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.**

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

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

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 The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

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

²Let 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.

⁴In 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.

⁶Come, 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

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

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 The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[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.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”” ELW 634 vs. 1, 2 & 6

- 1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6
Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

After each petition, the congregation responds:

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

P 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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During these extraordinary times, you are welcome to mail your offering to the church or access our on-line giving option: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1390744

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness,

C generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right ... and we remember that...

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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.

As you take the wafer, hear these words.
“The body of Christ given for you.” *All partake of the bread.*

P 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.

As you take the cup of wine or juice, hear these words.
“The blood of Christ shed for you.” *All partake of the wine or juice.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**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**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord Jesus,
In this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least
of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

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.

C **Amen. (sung)**

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign” ELW 434 vs. 1 & 5

**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.**

**5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Special thanks to today's Faithful Servants

Presiding: Rev. Amy Zietlow
Organist: Jeff Kashefska
Lector: Sara Corrigan
Live Stream & Video Team: Sara Corrigan, Jerry and Elaine Decker, Alan Duesterhaus, and Richard Wade

Readings and Psalm for next Sunday

- **Isaiah 64:1-9** *Prayer that God would come with power and compassion*
- **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** *Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.*
- **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** *Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end*
- **Mark 13:24-37** *The sudden coming of the Son of Man*
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A note of generosity

Generosity Focus--Anticipated Giving Cards for 2021 and our Time and Talent sheets for 2021 were available starting **Sunday, October 25th**. We invite you to discern how you are being led to use your gifts of time, talent and treasure today. ***Please return completed forms to Holy Cross as soon as possible.*** Baskets are available on both sign-in tables.

This Week at Holy Cross:

Sun., Nov. 22nd Live Stream Worship 9:15 am
Parking Lot Radio Service 10:30am
Noisy Offering collected for Angel Tree
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Announcements

COMMITTEE BUDGETS! The Treasurer has emailed to all committee chairpersons the budget worksheets for 2021. Please return those as soon as possible so that the Finance Committee can prepare the budget. We appreciate your prayerful discernment!

9:15am Live Stream worship in the sanctuary—Live Stream ONLY through Nov. 29th

10:30am Parking Lot "Drive-in" Worship broadcast on 94.1FM.

On Sundays when Pastor Amy is serving, this drive-in service will be available. This service will be kid friendly and last about 15-20 minutes. The service will include a children's message and communion (including a blessing for children who do not receive communion).

Mitten Tree – Again this year, the "Mitten Tree" is in the Narthex for donations of hats, gloves, mittens and socks in coordination with the DOVE project. Please have the items here by December 1. Thank you for all your gifts!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS will be available the week of Thanksgiving. The season of Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 29th. We will be focusing on the names of Jesus this Advent.

Christmas Lights – If you have Christmas lights that are no longer working, we are once again collecting them. You may deposit them in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Prayer is powerful. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Marti B	Joni M	Glenna P	Elaine J-D
Jerry D	Lauralee H	Britt W	Steve T
Taylor Lancaster and the Lancaster family			
Barry family as they grieve the death of Gary Bean			
Shirley (cousin of Jerry Decker)		Kathy (cousin of Jerry Decker)	
Mandy (niece of Pam Musser)		Dorothy & Kenneth (parents of Kathy Carter)	
Peggy (second parent to Lee Williams)		Milton (in-law of Lee Williams)	
Mindy (cousin of Lee Williams)		Penny (stepmother of Phil Barry)	
Tina (cousin of Jerry Decker)		Travis (cousin of Jerry Decker)	
Penny (sister of Greg Anderson)		Linda (daughter-in-law of Glenna Powell)	
Kent (brother of Kathy Carter)		Maribeth (Godmother of Kay Wolken)	
Jerry (son of Mae Grace)		Gregg C. (friend of Kathy & Wayne Carter)	
Kim, Lydia, Gunnar (friends of Bella Karunas)		Keisha (friend of Kendra Berry)	
Klay (friend of Jim, Pam & Ryan Musser)		Ed (uncle of Kristie Smith)	
Sally, Christopher, Tracy & Tina (Elaine Decker's sister & family)			
Judy & Wayne (sister and brother-in-law of Jerry Decker)			
Phil and family (friends of Emily Buhnerkempe)			
Gwen and Kristen and family (friends of Emily Buhnerkempe)			
Martha and Steve (sister and brother-in-law of Dennis Hamilton)			
Trisha (friend of Kristie Smith who is waiting for a heart transplant)			
Timothy and Jonathan (brother and nephew of Joyce Jennings)			

Please call the church office to have your prayer requests listed or when prayers have been answered and name(s) can be removed.



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