



Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Advent Ringers

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

L: Confident of God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: **we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we fear to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what separates us from you and one another. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, has forgiven you all your sins and filled you with the abundant life of Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, be strong and courageous as you follow the way of the Lord.

C: **Amen**

Musical Duet

“The Faith” (by Georg Goltermann)

Jennifer Frisina (Cello)
Annette Nolan (Piano)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Praise for Christ the King (adpt. from Cara Heafey. worshipwords.co.uk)

L: Let us pray.

Holy is the Creator of the heavens and the earth
Of sunlight and starlight, forest and ocean.
Holy is the composer of the songs of birds and the power of thunderstorms.
Let all creation sing praise!

Holy is the Christ who was born in a stable
Who knelt down in the dust to wash feet.
Holy is the One whose crown was formed of twisted thorns.
Let all creation sing praise!

Holy is the Spirit who confounds the powerful,
Who lifts up the silenced and forgotten.
Holy is the love that breaks the rules of empire.
Let all creation sing praise!

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Children's Church

The Message

We especially pray for:

- Dale Blish
- Darrin Carr
- Helen Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Tom Hawk
- Tracy Heberlig
- Bernie Hess
- Carol Hollingsworth
- Gary Homesley
- Donnell Horton
- Amy Hull
- Kim Johnson
- Ashley King
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Gene Lajuensee
- Bobbi Larson
- Kevin Middleton
- Joe Moeller
- Jake Mosher
- Melissa Nobles-Titchenell
- Jane Ogilvie
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Eddie Ridge
- Diane Round
- Jack Schulte
- Ron Stemple
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Laverne Waskielis
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Carol Wisner
- Chuck Wolfe

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

(Silence)

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Betty Ruehrdanz, Aunt & Godmother of Fred Strickert, died October 31
- Danny Luce, neighbor of the Ingolias, died November 3
- George Cooper, uncle of Jennie Henderson, died November 5
- Hilda Mertz, mother of Diane Jowers, died November 11

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of abundance, we come before you with our prayers of thanksgiving. As we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, we know that for some this year will be different: a new table at which to sit, a new person sitting with us, or a dear one absent. Help us recognize all the ways you are present in our lives this year. Help us gather the strength we need for today and for all our

tomorrows. In all things, grant us the joy of intimacy with Jesus, your great gift to us, through whom you offer Living Water and Bread of Life, more than we can ask or imagine.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

Offertory Song *"You Are Lord"* Sanctuary Singers

Table Prayer

L: God of mercy and grace,

C: you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

L: 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.

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

C: 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction *(by Rev. William Sloane Coffin)*

L: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior"



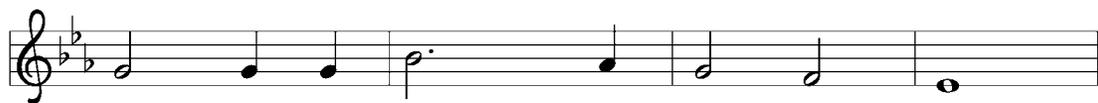
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.