

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.  
We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.  
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.  
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through Jesus' death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WOMEN**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24**

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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.

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

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

### SECOND READING

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

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

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 25: 31-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>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.’ <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me

nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.' <sup>44</sup>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?' <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Response after reading.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **PRAYERS**

*Response after each prayer petition...*

Hear us, O God,

**your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.)**

Your continued financial giving is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
- Give by texting 833.914.1465.
- Simply Giving - sign up by contacting Financial Secretary Scott Mueller at 608.588.5702 or [scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com).
- GIVEPLUS Vanco Payment solutions - Go to the App Store or Google Play and search "give plus church" and make a donation.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

**You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.**

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,**

**nourish us with this rich food and drink,**

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,**

**through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**COMMUNION** (Please share in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your home. Use whatever you have available for the hosts (such as wine or grape juice and bread or crackers) and remember that we Lutherans believe in Communion in one kind, so if you only have bread or crackers that is sufficient to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

### **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Remember and serve the poor.  
Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Sunday, November 22nd, 2020**

Those in prayer: Joan Utzig, Lynne Gordon (Sharon & Russ Jones' daughter), Clarence Taplin, George Buringa (Tara's father-in-law), Bruce Scholler, Margaret Akins, David Williams, Derrick Gee, Bill Gruber, Ken Tiedt and Jim Hackl, the family and friends of the recently departed Gaile Meister (Tara Buringa's mom).

**Please notify the office when you are ready for your loved one to be taken off of the prayer list.**

**Upcoming Worship Services**

Nov 22nd In-person and virtual

Nov 29th Virtual worship

**Thankoffering service**

Beginning in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

The concept of Thankoffeirng celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thank Offering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering in 1889 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.

Continuing the tradition, Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us and entrusted to our care to share generously with others. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments of our lives.

Please drop off your Thankofferings at the church office or bring them to in-person worship this Sunday when we will give thanks for the important ministry the CLCW continue to do as part of God's mission. You can also send a check to the church with CLCW Thankoffering on the memo line.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

**Book offering**

Kay Vance would like to offer the book she wrote and illustrated, "Carmel's Christmas Wish," to congregation members at a reduced price. She is offering them at a cost of \$15.00 for a limited time. If you would like a copy of the book in time for Christmas call Kay or Les to make arrangements to receive a copy. Call 608-588-0130.

**Volunteer needed**

We are in need volunteers to help run the PowerPoint (PPT) on Sundays. If you would be willing to be included on a rotating schedule please let Melissa know. This would be a great way for high schoolers to stay connected and possibly complete service hours needed for NHS.

**December Trumpet**

There will be no December Trumpet. Any announcements you would like shared will be included in these weekly announcement sheets. Send any updates to Melissa