

Christ the King Sunday and Celebrating the Rite of Confirmation

November 22, 2020

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

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Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church. Rev. Rhonda Kral will be leading us in worship today. Welcome, Pastor Kral

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.

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle, to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude Announcements

GREETING FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

WELCOME FROM THE CHURCH

*Lord, as we gather here to worship,
open our minds to your truth,
our souls to your beauty,
and our hearts to your forgiveness and grace.
Let us live as forgiven & loved members in the flock of*

Christ.

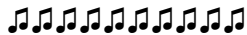
Thanks be to God. Amen!

♪ All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the power 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.

O 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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♪ Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly 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.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;
Who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
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.

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.**

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.

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a **visual sign**
of Christ's peace*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

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.**

Word

A reading from Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹For thus 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

¹O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

♪ Christ, Be Our Light

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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A reading from the 25th chapter of Matthew

Matthew 25:31-40

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴When 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.’

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

☺ **Children’s Message**

Sermon

Response to the Word

♪ I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky
 (“Here I am, Lord”)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.

(Confirmands please stand as your name is announced)

I present *name(s)*, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.
Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Those making affirmation turn and face the assembly)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing is repeated for each person. A special verse of the Bible has been chosen for each person. The minister lays hands on the head of the person and says:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,

stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm *her/his* faith,
guide *her/his* life,
empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving,
give *her/him* patience in suffering,
and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.
Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers

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, especially our Food Pantry and support groups, through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. 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.

Receive once again, O God, our plea for the end of the coronavirus. Comfort those afflicted with COVID-19 and uphold our medical workers. Give all of us a sense of responsibility for others and provide an evenly distributed vaccine to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on our confirmands. Give them diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant them, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you. 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.

Offering: Times are confusing. We are transitioning to a brave new world, trying to live with covid19. We pray that we act wisely. Meanwhile, the work of God's church does not stop because we are the church. Your offerings of financial resources, your creativity, your support for each other and the people of the world are the church at work. Your concern for your families and neighbors is the church at work as well. We want to thank you for your continued support and offerings as we continue to do God's work in our community and in the world.

What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives, we will live.

Meal

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

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.

♪ You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Sending

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.**

♪ Soon And Very Soon

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!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
(repeat)

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

Postlude

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Devotional Music Links: For your individual or group devotion, you may choose to listen to the following choral recordings made available through Augsburg Fortress:

“Hymn to Christ the Light” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzV5S5dDaFU&feature=youtu.be>

“God Alone Be Praised: *Per Crucem*” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGB3y-bJ8Qc&feature=youtu.be>

“Holy God, Holy and Glorious.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XcqZTHvBPo&feature=youtu.be>

Readings for the Week:

Monday commemoration of Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100; Miguel Agustin Pro, martyr, died 1927) Psalm 7. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America) Esther 8:3-17. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748) John 5:19-40. **Thursday** (Day of Thanksgiving [USA]) Psalm 80:1-7. **Friday** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18. **Saturday** Micah 2:1-13. **First Sunday of Advent** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.