

Sunday Worship Service – November 20, 2022
Christ the King Sunday
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Ten

Welcome and Announcements

Temple talk – June Schultz (Women’s Breakfast)

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Introduction to the Theme of the Bible Readings

Prayer of Confession*

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. We exalt you as king because you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love. Forgive the times when we succumb to our meaner instincts. Teach us to answer acts of hate with greater expressions of love. Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Dying on the cross, Jesus told the prisoner beside him: “I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.” Jesus does more than remember us, Jesus gathers us as a shepherd gathers their flock. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven +. Rejoice and be glad!

Gathering Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #855 (v.1,3,4,5)

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.**
3. **Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**
4. **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.

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.**

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.

Kyrie

1. **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
 We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
2. **Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
3. **Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
 Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

Canticle of Praise (p.204) "Glory be to God"

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
 Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
 we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
 Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
 Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
 For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

Prayer of the Day*

Christ our king, **reign in our hearts and grant this world your peace. We rest from our busy pursuits and our ceaseless motion to seek the kingdom you will bring. In our songs of praise, in our prayers, and through ancient words of scripture, restore our souls to peace. Reign in our hearts that your love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through the grace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Colossians 1:10-20

Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. The church is the body; Christ is its head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ - everything in heaven and everything on earth - when Christ made peace by dying on the cross. (TIB)

Gospel Acclamation (p.205)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at Jesus, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked Jesus. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above Jesus' head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise." (CEB)

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* #502 (v. 1-4,6)

1. **The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**
2. **Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
3. **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
4. **In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.**
6. **And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**God of grace, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your greater gifts of
grace and peace. May our offerings plant seeds of hope and good news
for all who long to see your kingdom and yearn to taste the goodness of
your love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (p.206)

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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...and join their unending hymn:

(sung, p.207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (traditional version 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.

Communion *(for online worshippers)*

Communion Distribution *(for in-person worshippers)*

Communion Hymn "Come thou Almighty King" #408

1. **Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
2. **Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness on us descend.**
3. **Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Communion Hymn “Jesus, Remember Me” #616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *(repeat)*

Communion Blessing

Prayer after communion

Blessing

May we go out, changed by God’s grace, and filled with God’s Spirit.

May we go to share the love of Jesus, the king of peace.

In the name of the + Creator, the Redeemer, and the Comforter. Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, inspired by Christ to love and serve. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude – Joshua Hendricksen

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