



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2016

10:30 Service of the Word

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

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Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of the God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed.

Free us from the slavery of sin;

liberate us from the bondage of guilt;

and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn *Awesome God*

(For music turn to Hymn 3 in the Songbook binder)

Refrain

Our God is an awesome God.

He reigns in heaven above

with wis-dom pow'r and love.

Our God is an awesome God.

1. L: When he rolls up his sleeves he ain't puttin' on the ritz

C: Our God is an awesome God.

L: There is thunder in his footsteps and lightning in his fists.

C: Our God is an awesome God.

L: And the Lord wasn't jokin' when He kicked 'em out of E-den.

It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood.

His return is very close so you better start believin'

C: that our God is an awesome God. *Refrain*

2. L: When the sky was starless in the void of the night,

C: Our God is an awesome God.

L: He spoke into the darkness and created the light.

C: Our God is an awesome God.

L: The judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom;
the mercy and grace he gave us at the cross;

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten

C: that our God is an awesome God. *Refrain*

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

P: 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.

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 46 (*Read responsively*)

L: Our sure defense,
our shelter and help in trouble,
God never stands far off.

**C: So we stand unshaken
when solid earth cracks
and volcanoes slide into the sea,
when breakers rage
and mountains tremble in the swell.**

L: The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.

**C: A river delights the city of God,
home of the Holy One Most High.**

L: With God there, the city stands;
God defends it under attack.

**C: Nations rage, empires fall.
God speaks, earth melts.**

L: The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.

**C: Come! See the wonders
God does across the earth;**

L: everywhere stopping wars,
smashing, crushing, burning
all the weapons of war.

**C: An end to your fighting!
Acknowledge me as God,
high over nations, high over earth.**

L: The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 11:9)

**C: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-43

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day How Great Thou Art

(For music turn to Hymn 856 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain***
3. **But when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***
4. **When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain***

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Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Offering & Anthem *You Are My All in All* by Dennis Jernigan

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward:*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from

the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus our Lord, now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn The River is Here

(For music turn to Hymn 34 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Down the mountain the river flows,
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes;
Through the valleys and over the fields,
the river is rushing and the river is here.**

Refrain: **The river of God sets our feet to dancing,
the river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
and we rejoice for the river is here.**

2. **The river of God is teeming with life,
and all who touch it can be revived.
And all who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord. *Refrain***

3. **Up to the mountain we love to go,
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
we dance with laughter, giving praise to the Son. *Refrain***

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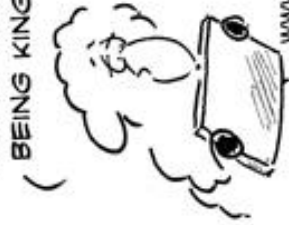
Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Postlude *The Days of Elijah*

THIS SIGN THAT
PILATE PUT UP
ABOUT JESUS
BEING KING...



YES?



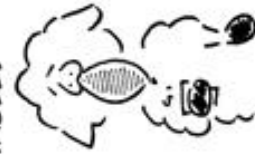
DO YOU THINK
PILATE
BELIEVED IT?



IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IT WAS THE TRUTH,
REGARDLESS OF
WHAT HE THOUGHT.



THAT'S A RELIEF!
THERE ARE **SOME** DAYS
WHEN **THIS ONE** IS
UNBELIEVABLE!



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LUKE 23:53-43

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Acolyte	Kelsey Sackett
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	Stewardship and Finance Committee

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 27th

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Lisa Kurilovitch
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Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Cindy Swigart

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