



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017

10:30 Service of the Word

We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting 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.

-Sundays and Seasons 2017

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 and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(For music turn to Hymn 334 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.**
- 2. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**
- 3. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,**

we the river, you the sea.

- 4. Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word
give us faith to live your word.**

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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...

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.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading 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.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 95:1-7 (*Read responsively*)

A: Come, sing with joy to God,
shout to our savior, our rock.

**C: Enter God's presence with praise,
enter with shouting and song.**

A: A Great God is the Lord,
over the gods like a king.

**C: God cradles the depths of the earth,
holds fast the mountain peaks.**

A: God shaped the ocean and owns it,
formed the earth by hand.

**C: Come, bow down and worship,
kneel to the Lord our Maker.
This is our God, our shepherd,
we are the flock led with care.**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

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

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 Matthew 25:31-46

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said] “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. 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.’ ⁴¹Then

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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
(For music see Hymn 522 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Lord’s vict’ry known.**
2. **Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**
3. **Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome**

**those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

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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 & Special Music

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

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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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of life,

C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Soon and Very Soon

(For music turn to Hymn 439 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**
- 2. No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**
- 3. No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!**

4. **Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ve-ry soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelljah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

AWWRIGHT!
FOR ONCE I KNOW
EXACTLY WHO I AM
(IN JESUS' STORY.



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WELL ACTUALLY, SOME
SCHOLARS SUGGEST THAT
CHRISTIANS ARE "THE
LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS
OF MINE," SO YOU'D BE
THE FACE OF JESUS TO
THE REST OF THE WORLD.



NAH... I'M
A SHEEP!



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Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Kelsey Sackett
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	Perdans and Stevensons

Worship assistants for next Sunday, December 3

Greeters and Ushers	Rob and Laura Stroup
Acolyte	Aly Buch
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Sue Kaufmann and Linda Flood
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	The Kurilovitches

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