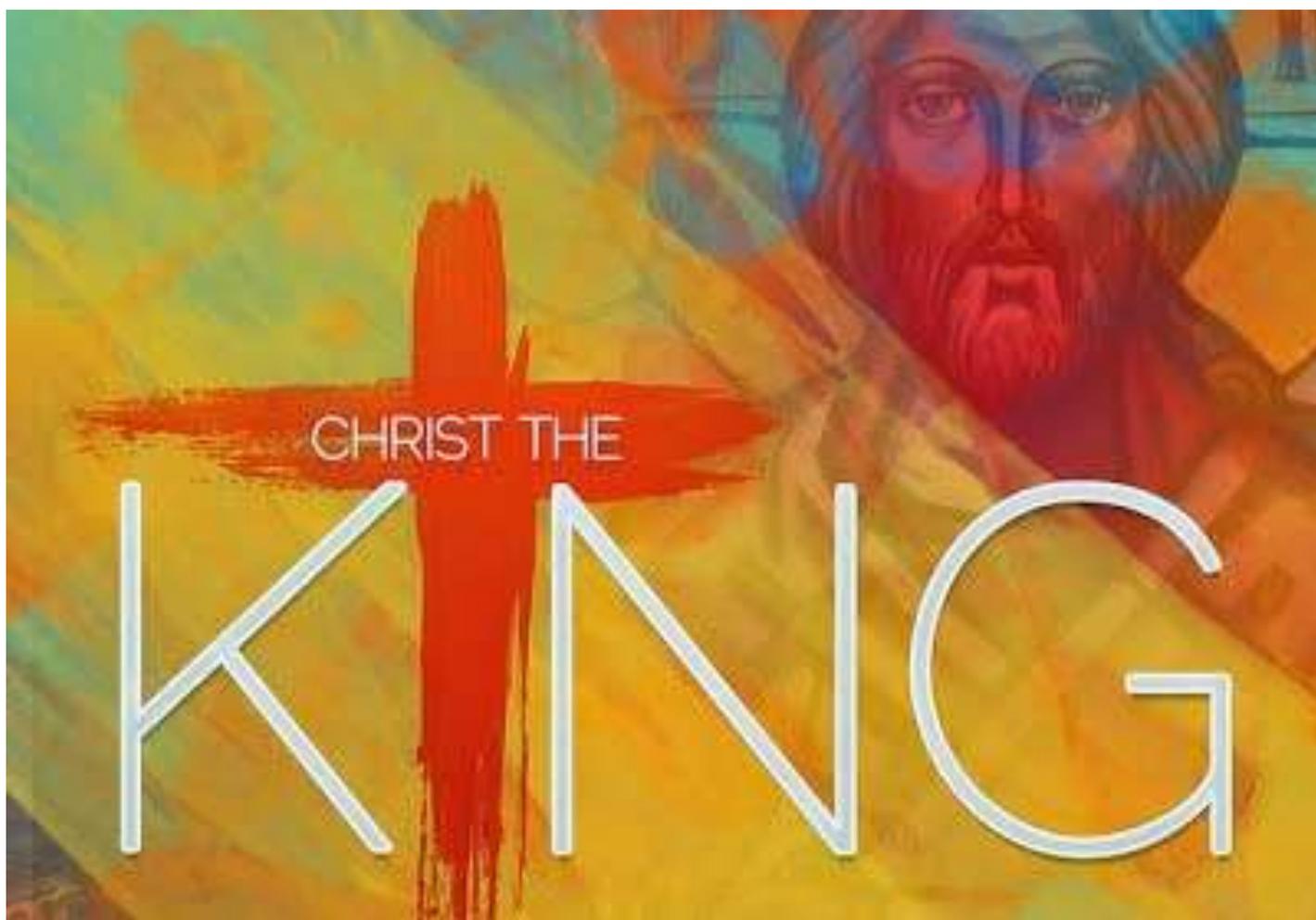


Christ The King Sunday

November 22, 2020



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We offer our worship to God! Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

Offerings. Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the staff continue to ensure that our church ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to at:

Christ Lutheran Church
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk
60 55th Street
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

St. James Lutheran Church
5129 Wolf Road
Western Springs, IL 60558

To make your CLC offering online, go to www.yourchrist.org and click on the "Give" button.

To make your St. James offering online, go to www.stjamesws.org and click the tithe.ly link.

Questions? If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at office@yourchrist.org for Christ Lutheran or Mellissa Lickteig, Office Manager stjames.ws@gmail.com for St. James or Pastor Erin at pastor@yourchrist.org. You may also call the church at 630-325-2220 for Christ Lutheran or (708) 246-6228 for St. James, or visit www.yourchrist.org or www.stjamesws.org for St. James

Need something? Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. The church's councils are committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

ZOOM INFORMATION:

Telephone Number **1-312-626-6799**

Meeting ID: **973 434 409**

Password: **216714**

[Link to Zoom Worship](#)

Gathering/Welcome

Opening Music

“We Gather Together”

*Recorded by the CLC Choir
Accompanied by Karen Wilberg*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Confession and Forgiveness

Led by Deacon Steven Dickens

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, Hear us as we confess:

For the times we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives...

For when we place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts...

For all the ways we abuse your good creation for our own benefit...

For every moment that we fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us...

For the brokenness we cause in thought, word, actions and inactions...

Merciful God, By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God of power and might,

All: 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.

Music

"We All Bow Down"

Recorded by CLC Worship Band

Verse 1 Princes and paupers, sons and daughters
Kneel at the throne of grace
Losers and winners, saints and sinners
One day will see His face

Chorus And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
He is the love, unfailing love
He is the love of God

Verse 2 Summer and winter, the mountains and rivers
Whisper the Savior's name
Awesome and holy, a Friend to the lonely
Forever His love will reign.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge He is the light of the world
And Lord of the cross

Ending And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And we will worship
Yes we will worship
And we will worship Jesus
He is the love, unfailing love
He is the Love of God.

First Reading:**Ezekiel 34:16-20, 24****Read by Bonnie Bucholz**

¹¹Thus 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.

Second Reading**Ephesians 1:15-23****Read by Anya Clausen**

When I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your love for all the Christians, I couldn't stop thanking God for you.

Every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank.

I ask - ask the God of our King, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you smart and wise in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do. You can grasp how huge is this glorious way of life he has for Christians. Oh, how huge is the gift of his work in us who trust him - endless energy, boundless strength! All this energy comes from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, He is in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything.

At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not secondary to the world; the world is secondary to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“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.”

Pastor: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Erin Clausen

Litany of Generosity

Pastor: God of grace:

All: **Open us.**

Pastor: Open us:

All: **that our minds will know you.**

Pastor: Open us:

All: **that our hearts will experience your grace.**

Pastor: Open us:

All: **that our souls feel your constant presence.**

Pastor: Open us:

All: **that our eyes will see the needs of the world around us.**

Pastor: Open us:
All: that our hands will be open to receive your blessings.
Pastor: Open us:
All: that our whole selves will be open for the good of our neighbor.
Pastor: Open us:
All: that our congregation will share your good news.

Pastor: All that we have and all that we are comes from you, holy one. At this moment, open us to receive your guidance as we commit to financial intentions for the next year at CLC. Bless each of us with the humility, courage, and generosity befitting what you have first given us. Receive our intentions as a sign of our commitment to you, O God, that all the world would know the message of your Good News through Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

Music

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

*Recorded by the CLC Choir
Accompanied by Karen Wilberg*

- 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.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Dan Cramer

Leader: 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.

Leader: Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt praise. Humble our hearts as we pray for:
Your church around the world, especially those who are despised and persecuted for Jesus' sake....
The land, the seas, the air, and all of creation; especially those affected by hurricanes, wildfires, and global climate change...
The newly elected in our nation and communities...
Global leaders around the world...
Peace in all lands and among all nations...
Those who will be recognizing Veteran's Day, especially those in danger and those who grieve...
Our enemies, and those whom we cause to suffer...
Those who are sick, suffering, despairing, or heartbroken...
Those whose voices remain unheard ...
Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Sharing of God's Peace

Pastor: Now may the peace of God be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

All: Amen.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Slide Show

Prayer after Communion

Led by Anya Clausen

Leader: God who invites everyone to come,
thank you for feeding us with your love.
Thank you for loving the world.
Thank you for being good to us.
Thank you for keeping us together
Thank you for being with us.
Help us remember
when we help our world
we help you too.
Help us to love like you love. Amen.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Led by Pastor Erin

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Music

“King”

Recorded by the CLC Worship Band

Verse 1 King, King of the ages
All through the pages of time
I have been Yours and You have been mine,
You have been mine
King, King of all glory
You're the victorious One
You've won my heart and I have become
Your precious one

Chorus You are the King of life.
You are the King of love.
We've come to seek the King of kings.
We bring our lives as an offering
Casting our crowns before Your throne
We've come to honor You alone

Verse 2 King, King of the nations
You're bringing salvation to us
You are the hope of the ages in us,
It's you that we trust.
King, King of creation
In everything that we see
Reflections of You and of Your majesty,
Your majesty.

Chorus

Instrumental Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Tag We've come to honor You alone
 We've come to honor You alone
 We've come to honor You alone

Sending

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.