



24<sup>th</sup> of November 2024

## Christ the King Sunday



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

## **CHRIST the KING HYMN FESTIVAL**

### **Lessons, Symbols and Songs of the Church Year**

*As we gather . . . The festival of Christ the King was first celebrated in 1925, in the midst of the European political turmoil of the 1920s and 1930s. It was intended to proclaim God's reign over a world wracked by one world war and facing another. That truth can still be proclaimed today. No human system is forever. None can claim absolute allegiance. Only Christ is sovereign.*

### **PRELUDE**

**Kristen Weikum**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING NARRATION**

Often in our lives the celebration of a new year – a birthday, an anniversary, a new school term, a new calendar – provides a natural time of reflection. We see ways that we are not the same as we were a year ago, and we think about how the events of the past year have shaped us.

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The wheel of our church year has come full circle, and we are poised on the eve of a new year. Today we are invited to look back – to recall the stories of the seasons we have shared – and to turn with anticipation toward the year to come. Today we are invited to reflect on how our encounter with the Word of the living God has shaped us. For as we worship, we do more than remember: we enter into God's story of redemption and new life. We experience God's saving action, and we are changed.

And so on this day, we are invited *not* to sit back and relax as we begin our worship; rather, we are invited to *enter in* to in the presence of the living Lord. Through word and symbol song and prayer, we join with the whole church - gathered here in this place and throughout all times and places – to worship and adore Jesus, our risen and exalted King!

### **INVOCATION**

We begin our worship as we are called to begin each day of our life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



### **ADVENT**

**Reading** – Isaiah 11:1-10

**Symbol** – light the candles of the Advent wreath

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 (v. 1 & 2)



## **CHRISTMAS**

**Reading** – Luke 2:1-20

**Symbol** – blanket is brought up and placed in the manger

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Joy to the World” #267 (v. 1)



## **EPIPHANY**

**Reading** – Isaiah 60:1-3

**Symbol** – lit candle carried to table

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Christ, Be Our Light” #715 (v. 1, 2 and 5)

### **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**Symbol** – pitcher of water poured into font

**Narration**

**Hymn:** “Baptized and Set Free” #453

### **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Symbol** – white cloth draped on table

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671 (refrain, v. 2, refrain)



## LENT

### Ash Wednesday

#### Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-13

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**Symbol** – cross placed on table

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” #351 (v. 1 & 2)

**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

**Symbol** – palm branch placed on table

**Narration**

**Hymn**– “Lamb of God” #336 (v.1 & 3)



**THE THREE DAYS**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Reading** – John 13:1-5, 12-17

**Symbol** – basin and towel

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #708 (v. 1 & 2)

**Good Friday**

**Reading** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**Symbol** – black cloth draped on cross

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335 (v. 1 & 3)



**EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**Reading** – Matthew 28:1-10

**Symbol** – rock placed on table

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” #619 (v. 1, 7 & 8)

**The Ascension of our Lord**

**Symbol** – chalice and paten on the altar

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “You Are Holy” #525



## **PENTECOST**

**Reading** – Acts 2:1-4

**Symbol** – red cloth draped on the table

**Narration**

**Hymn** – “Spirit of Gentleness” #396 (refrain, v. 3 & 4)

**Time after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)**

**Reading** – John 15:1-5

**Symbol** – plant

**Narration**

## **THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS**

The work of the Spirit among us leads us to offer our gifts, a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God’s gifts to us.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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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**



## CHRIST THE KING

**Reading - John 18:33-37**

**Narration**

**Choir Anthem "Soon and Very Soon"**

## BLESSING and DISMISSAL

Through every season of the year, therefore, we live under God's blessing . . and to God's praise! And now receive God's benediction.....

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

My siblings in Christ, go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Kristen Weikum**

*This hymn festival had been prepared by members of the ELCIC's Synod of Alberta and the Territories Worship and the Arts Committee.*

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Joy T., Deb, Cliff, Margaret, Shannon P., Virginia H., Amanda, Svea, Jan, Nicole, Deb, Luddy, Bruce & family, Andrew T., Sharon P., Sue, Tyler, Gerilyn, Andrew, Alexandria, Courtney, people impacted by the flooding, the people of Guatemala, Jill & husband, Amelia, Archer, Kim, Gordy, Sarah, Nancy, Jarie, Nicole, Thomas, Kathy M., Pastor Erika, Phyllis, Roya, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally, Deb, Adeline, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Matt. Call Ginny Ahrlin @ 218-749-0056, for prayer needs

***If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.***

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Admin hours are 9am - 5pm, Tuesday - Friday.

There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

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### **STAFF**

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