



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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+Christ The King Sunday

November 26, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" arr. by Elizabeth Krouse*
Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* #843

Pastor: Today we mark the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Traditionally, this is the day we recognize the rule of Jesus. We acknowledge the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness. Today, we acknowledge the reign of God is love for us in all seasons and time. Worship on this day is a journey through the liturgical year, the way the church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through Pentecost, we will learn of the church seasons. We will hear God's word and experience in song and readings the message of the church's time. In this, we honor and celebrate Christ the King, in all seasons and time.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, **you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* #855 vs. 1,4,5

As each "meaning of the season" is read, the appropriate color will be draped across the altar.

ADVENT – THE SEASON OF EXPECTATION BLUE

Pastor Happy New Year! The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the beginning of the church year. But Advent is first of all about the end of time. Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. We tend to view this time exclusively devoted to getting ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. However, the primary focus of Advent is on Christ's second coming.

The beginning of the year moves us to the end of the time as we wait God's coming again and the fulfillment of God's plan of justice and peace for all creation. As we journey through this time, our focus is on hope. The color of advent, symbolizing hope is blue.

READING: Mark 1:1-8

Lector A reading from Mark.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Hymn *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #257 vs. 1,5

Pastor Welcome Jesus! Welcome Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of the birth of Jesus and continues for twelve days, ending on January 6. This is the season of gift giving as we share with friends and family. WE also give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves, sharing our abundance in a variety of ways. Most importantly, Christmas is the season of God's gift, given to us in Jesus. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the presence of God in Christ coming into the world, the color of Christmas, symbolizing the light and purity of Jesus is white.

READING: Luke 2:1-20

Lector A reading from Luke

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#267 vs. 1,4

EPIPHANY-SEASON OF LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

GREEN

Pastor January 6th is Epiphany Day when we celebrate the coming of the wise men to see Jesus. The season of Epiphany also includes the celebration of Jesus' Baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. During Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus in every time and place throughout our world. The color for Epiphany Day is white, symbolizing the light of Jesus. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the growing mission of Jesus and the follow is green.

READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Lector A reading from Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

HYMN *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

#310 vs. 1,4

PASTOR The season of Lent marks the 40 days before easter. This symbolizes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent is a time of preparation and thoughtful in the reflection on our life of faith and our relationship with God and the world. Historically, Lenten discipline, or faith practices, have included the sharing financial resources, prayer, and fasting. As we journey through this time, our focus is on returning to God. The color of Lent, symbolizing repentance, is purple.

READING: Psalm 51

Lector A reading from Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O LORD, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

CONFESSION

P Most holy and Merciful God:

C **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have Mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

We confess to you, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy and impatience in our lives.

We confess to you Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our Anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

We Confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly good and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance Lord, for the wrongs we have done.

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

HYMN

"Were You There"

#353 vs. 1,3

EASTER – THE SEASON OF LIFE

WHITE

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia! The greeting rings out on Easter Sunday as we Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the high point of the Christian year, with the celebration lasting for an amazing fifty days. One day is not enough, we rejoice at God's triumph over death and evil for a time longer than our somber period of Lent. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the risen Christ. The colors of Easter, symbolizing joy and the light of resurrection, are white and gold.

READING: Luke 24:1-12

Lector A reading from Luke

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

***HYMN** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

#365 vs. 1,3

***CREED**

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share Christ's peace with those around you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

"A Holy Blessing" by: Stewart Landon

Nadine Berg

*OFFERING HYMN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#686 vs. 1

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 for 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

PENTECOST – SEASON OF GROWING RED and GREEN

Pastor Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day when we celebrate the gift of Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. It is a grand culmination of a joyous celebration. The color of Pentecost Day, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, is red. The season of Pentecost continues through the rest of the church year, returning us to Advent. This is sometimes called 'the long green season'. It is also named 'ordinary time' because there are no major events in the life of the church that are celebrated. As we journey through this time, our focus is on Jesus' life and teachings. The color of Pentecost, symbolizing growth in faith, is green.

READING: Acts 2:1-6, 43-47

Lector A reading from Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" #400 vs. 1,2

CHRIST THE KING, IN ALL SEASONS AND TIME

Pastor Our church year ends with our celebration of Christ the King, in all seasons and time. As God's people, we rejoice in the gift of love and the promise of life offered by God for us. Now, we go from this place knowing next week we return in joyful expectation, to begin a New Year. Thanks be to God, in all seasons and time.

BLESSING AND SENDING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* #634

DISMISSAL

P **Go in peace. Celebrate Christ the King.**

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *"The Power of the Word" by Davis Paxton* Nadine Berg

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

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Tellers: Greg Kujala & Tim Rasch
Altar Guild: Nicole Borra & Kathy Koschack

NEWS & NOTES

Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Audrey Hammar in Memory of George Hammar by his family.

Best Wishes to Bev Dahlen who celebrates her birthday on Friday. Happy Birthday and God Bless you!

Voices of Reason Christmas Concert

"A Feast of Carols" Will be presented as the Voices of Reason Annual Christmas concert on December 3rd, at 3:00, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing. The program is chock full of the wonderful and joyous music of Christmas. WE will close the program with the exciting "A feast of Carols" by Randol Bass, accompanied by a 23 piece orchestra. If you would like to jump start your Christmas Spirit, this is the performance you won't want to miss! Admission is free.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 26th

9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG

Monday, 27th

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday, 28th

1:00 Staff

Wednesday, 29th

8:30 Bible Study
1:00 Food shelf
6:00 Handbells
7:00 Confirmation
Grades 7th- 10th
Choir

As in years past, the youth of Our Savior's will be selling Christian-themed calendars and blank greeting cards featuring photographs and Bible verses.

This sale is supported by Thrivent and the proceeds will help our young people attend VLM Camps next summer.

Calendars and note cards will be available in the Narthex Sundays before service, in Fellowship Hall during coffee fellowship and in the office during business hours.

Calendars cost \$8 each or 2/\$15, 3/\$20 and only \$5 each for any more.

Thanking You in advance for your support.



A Huge shoutout to all who helped and contributed to the Women's Luncheon and Bake Sale yesterday. We couldn't have done it without your time and talents!! *God Bless you!*

As is the tradition at Our Savior's, members and friends of Our Savior's are being offered the opportunity to donate funds for the Christmas season for poinsettia plants and/or the mission project.

Poinsettia plants will decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and later cheer our members in their homes. Each plant costs \$20.

Envelopes are available in the narthex and the church office.

Deadline for listing donors' names in the Christmas Eve bulletin is

Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Thank you for your support of the mission project and cheering our members.

