



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

Gathering, Growing and Giving, we encourage faith and proclaiming God's love."

Christ the King Sunday

Service of the Word

Nov. 22nd 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response, and ** means please stand as able

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGE

GATHERING

* CALL TO WORSHIP DIALOG

ONE: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

ALL: : We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).

ONE: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness The firstborn of the dead, The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

ALL: Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23)

ONE: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1)

ALL: Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).

ONE: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)

All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)

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* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. God of Eternity, **we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. Amen**

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GROWING

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people. A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, chapter 34

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. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 (*Please join in with **bold text***)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter **All: Glory to you O Lord**

ONE: [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,

KING: '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.'

ONE: ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him,

ALL: '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?'

ONE: ⁴⁰And the king will answer them,

KING: '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.'

ONE: ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand,

KING: '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.'

ONE: ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, '

ALL: 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,

KING: '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."

ONE: The Gospel of the Lord, **All: Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Jennifer Kinblom

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

*Or, He descended to the dead.

GIVING

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER God our creator, **you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. We joyfully return it to you, so that your work and mission may be done in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* PRAYERS (*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING May the God who knows your sorrow, your grief, your fear, your weariness, and your pain; bring you the healing, energy, peace, joy and gladness you need in the week to come. May you be strengthened for the journey to be a blessing to others. In the name of the Father, ✚ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* WOV #744 SENDING HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* verses 1, 2, 3 On next page

DISMISSAL Go with God's peace before you, behind you, beside you and within you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

Today 10:00am - Worship
Monday 6:30pm - Church Council Meeting (check email for Zoom link)
7pm - AA Meeting
Tuesday: 4-6 pm - Food Pantry
Wednesday 2pm - LIVE with God on Facebook
NO Confirmation
Thursday: *Happy Thanksgiving*
Friday: 10 am-12pm - Food Pantry
NEXT:
Sunday: 10:00am - Sunday Advent Worship
Monday 7pm - AA Meeting
Tuesday: 4-6 pm - Food Pantry
Wednesday 2pm - LIVE with God on Facebook
7:00pm - Blue Christmas Worship (LIVE on Facebook)
- Lighting of *Christmas Love Lights*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATING CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE We need photos to new ornaments for 2020
Looking for family groups to volunteer to help with putting lights on tree and ornaments
Please contact Pastor Mary if you can help

CHRISTMAS LOVE LIGHTS Here's an opportunity to remember loved ones while:

- 1) Brightening the dark winter skies,
- 2) Providing gifts for local families
- 3) Supporting the ministries of the congregation.

Order forms for *Christmas Love Lights* are on the WELCOME DESK in the Gathering Area. \$10 NAME/PER LIGHT, with 50% going towards Christmas gifts for locals, and 50% for General Operating.

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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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