

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church Minneapolis
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**CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God, our true life, to serve You is freedom, and to know You is unending joy. We worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for Your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

Hymnals: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

Welcome

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 871, verses 1-3

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

P: God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

ACCLAMATION, [ELW, page 142]

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We bow before You, O LORD our God, as our King, and as the King of the entire universe. Continue, O LORD, in Your ways of mercy, and guide us in our daily walk, that we might honor You the way You should be honored. In the precious name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

FIRST READING, JEREMIAH 23:1-6 (NIV)

God prophesies a wise King called "The LORD Our Righteous Savior."

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend My people: "Because you have scattered My flock and driven them

away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. "I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King Who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: 'The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'"

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, COLOSSIANS 1:9b-20 (NIV)

Paul prays that the people will be strengthened by God and follow His will.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the LORD and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the Kingdom of Light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the body, the church; He is the Beginning and the Firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 23:33-43 (NIV)

Jesus is crucified and labeled by the Romans as "The King of the Jews."

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified [Jesus] there, along with the criminals – one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

There was a written notice above Him, which read: *THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 206)

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 Christian+ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

+ Or, catholic, universal

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 634, verses 1-4

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

SERMON, *Pastor Sarah Bunge*

Offertory [ELW 188]

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING (*The plate is available in the back of the church.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER, page 208 (right column, traditional)

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD share His presence with you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN, ELW 634, verses 1, 5 and 6

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Spoken Announcements

Voters Meeting

There will be a voters meeting today following the service to call a pastor.

Thanksgiving

We will gather together to give the Lord thanks for his many blessings on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 at 9:30AM.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

- Thank you to our guest preacher and worship leader today, Rev. Sarah Bunge. We thank her for leading our worship and sharing God's Word with us today.
- Also thank you Mr. Steve Gentile who is our guest organist today. We thank him for leading our worship as well.

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (11/13) was 42. The total offering was \$3,614 including \$125 for the Building Fund, \$125 for Synod, and \$160 for Trinity First. Also included in that amount is \$600 for Use of Church.

2023 Offering Envelopes

- Now available on the table in the back of the church.
- In order to reduce the number of boxes of envelopes ordered the numbering has been changed.
- Please do NOT use the 2023 envelopes before January 1.
- Please do NOT use the 2022 envelopes after January 1.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Carol Rusk (11/24)

Sign Up to Help with Christmas by the Creek

Our annual Christmas by the Creek will be December 4, beginning at 4PM. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. A special bulletin board is up in the narthex/lobby with the list of help needed for this festival.

Carol Sing

We will be gathering on Friday, December 9 at Peter and Gail Klatt's house (1770 Tiffany Place, Eagan) at

7:00PM. Please bring finger food to share and your holiday spirit. All are welcome! Join us this year to enjoy the spirit of the season.



Devotion Books

The new edition of *Christ in Our Home* (January-March) is available in the narthex/lobby. We have discontinued *Portals of Prayer*.

Pillar of Warmth and Love

We are once again collecting warm socks, new or gently used hats, scarves, and mittens for the Holy Cross pillar throughout the winter. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The collection bin is in the Family room. We'll start putting items out in mid-December when the really cold weather sets in. *Hands in Ministry*

Lights Off & Lock Up

If you are the last person out of the building, please make sure that the lights are off and the doors are locked. Several times in the past few weeks lights have been left on and entrances have been left unlocked.



Monthly Game Night

Join us for more fun times and fellowship the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6-8PM. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share! Join us! Questions to Sandi at 612-275-5235

SERVING THE LORD

Today, November 20

November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk
November Elder: Jim Likely
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Keith and Mary Lange
Lector: Sally Gorski
Guest Organist: Steve Gentile
Guest Preacher: Rev. Sarah Bunge
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Kim & Steve Blomberg
Ushers: Steve Blomberg & Ed Copeland

Next Sunday, November 27

November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk
November Elder: Jim Likely
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Lynn Oolman & Sandi Likely
Lector: Jean Anderson
Organist: Julie Wright
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Mike & Becky Dennis
Ushers: Lyle Horrmann & Adam Horrmann

***We are in need of volunteers to usher and count.
Please let the office know if you are available!***



Christmas BY THE Creek

A FREE EVENT

Sunday, December 4th
1720 East Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Bonfire, Caroling and Christmas Treats

★ Warm Socks donations being received for
Holy Cross Lutheran Pillar of Warmth ★

Beginning at 4 PM

- ★ Bonfire, Christmas Treats, and Beverages
- ★ Sing Christmas Songs
- ★ Fun Activities for Children

Beginning at 5 PM

- ★ Festival of Lessons and Carols *indoors*
- ★ Listen to wonderful readings and sing favorite Christmas carols
- ★ Stay for more treats and bonfire fun!

Bring your friends ★ Make new ones!

christmasbythecreek.com