

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Senior Choir

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** "Come, Thou Almighty King" ELW #408

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE** (p. 203) *Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer...*

(*Please stand as you are able.)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth...

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word...

***GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

P: The holy Gospel...

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Shawna Spears

HYMN OF THE DAY "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

OFFERING *Offering plates are available in the narthex*

OFFERTORY "*Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord...*" ELW #184

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *response:* **Hear our prayer.**

***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 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.

SENDING SONG "Soon and Very Soon" ELW # 439

***BLESSING** *Response:* **Amen.**

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist: Laura Rude

Reader: Trevor Swanson

Ushers: Hahn Family

Greeters: Wayne Bjerken, Carol Narverud

Acolytes: Maverick Iverson, Jace Erickson

Worship Leaders: Millie Reiersen, Shawna Spears

OUR PRAYERS to David Morken hospitalized at Sanford, TRF; Diane Lee hospitalized in Fargo.

OUR SYMPATHIES to

+ the family of Harold Kees, father of Krista Alby, brother to Vivian Knutson

+ Corie Erickson-Oliver on the death of her father-in-law, Virgil Erickson

BROADCASTS today are sponsored by Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Family & Friends.

ZION'S WEBSITE for November is sponsored by Zion memorials

REMINDER to those hospitalized If you wish Pastor Mark to call, please let the office know.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

➔ **PIE & DESSERT AUCTION TODAY** Our annual "Pie & Dessert Auction" will be held today immediately following the church service. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, fellowship and bidding for those tasty, homemade baked items. And all you wonderful bakers are encouraged to bring a pie or dessert or two for our auctioneer to sell. Funds raised are used to supplement Zion's budget.

➔ **65+ TURKEY DINNER** today November 21st at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

➔ **THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Wed., Nov., 24th at 7:00 PM.

LWR QUILTING the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month 1- 4pm. Questions? call Sharon Bergerson 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

SPIRIT OF GIVING from 8AM-12:00 Noon on Saturday, December 4th. Donations will be accepted on Wed, Dec 1 from 1-7PM, Thurs. Dec 2 from 9AM-7PM, Fri, Dec 3 from 9AM-5PM. Donations maybe brought in thru the offices door and brought to the fellowship hall.

BEREAVED PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP: Are you a parent or grandparent of a child or grandchild of any age who has died? Would you be interested in support in dealing with your loss (doesn't have to be recent)? You are welcome to join us this group to offer you some support. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 21, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge at Zion. Pastor Mark will be leading us. If you have questions, please call Marcia S. @ 681-6242.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

November 8-14: income: \$2,762.

Nov. 1-14 income:12,713.

Year to Date income Jan 1– Nov. 14: \$ 271,231.

2021 budget \$353,032. / \$6,789. is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Vanco Electronic Giving is available - forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru Zion's website.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

Pastor Mark's Office Hours are 9-5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 9am-1pm in the Lounge. For more info contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, December 9th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

The Pennington County Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers for the Red Kettle Campaign this season. The Red Kettles are the main source of funding for the Pennington County Salvation Army Unit Funds raised are used to help those in our community in crisis. Bell ringers are needed from Nov. 29th through Dec. 24th. Shifts are 2 hours long and are indoors. Please contact Nicole Peterson at 218-689-3508 for more information or to schedule a time to volunteer.

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
Mark Helgeland, *Interim Pastor*
Tiffany Sterry & David Lee, *Custodial*

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Linda Hamrick, *Office Manager* ziontrf@mncable.net;

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today - Sunday, Nov. 21:

9:00 Holy Communion Worship at Zion/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10-11 Sunday School

10:00 Pie & Dessert Auction

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek/
Council following worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

5:00 65+ Turkey Dinner in the fellowship hall

Monday, Nov. 22:

9 SAIL

6 Pack 59

7 Troop 59

Tuesday, Nov. 23:

9:30 Staff meeting

12 noon Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, Nov. 24:

No Confirmation classes

7:00 Thanksgiving Worship at Redeemer

Thursday, Nov. 25:

Thanksgiving Day—Offices closed

Friday, Nov. 26:

Offices closed

Next Sunday, Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent

9:00 Worship at Zion/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10-11 Sunday School

10:00 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Worship at Silver Creek

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



Sunday School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Thank you to the student families who are providing treats for coffee fellowship!

1ST ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

As a family, create a gingerbread house at home made of cookies, candies and frosting (must be edible) and bring to Zion's Fellowship Hall Dec. 5th by 10 AM for judging.



Sunday School Christmas Program is December 19th at 9 AM.

8-10TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

A meal will be served at 5:15 followed by classes at 6PM.

December 1 menu: Baked macaroni & cheese, \$4.00. pop/ water bottle .50 cents



CONFIRMATION PARENTS: Please sign up for REMIND. You may be missing out on important information. To sign up text: @ziontrf to 81010

GOD'S CREATION wall calendars are available in limited supply. They are \$8.00 each and can be picked up in the church office. Also available are magnetic notepads and notecards.

Zion's 12th Annual Spirit of Giving

Saturday, December 4

8:00 – 12:00

We welcome your donations for Zion's 12th Annual Spirit of Giving.

- Clean, new, or **very gently** used, neatly folded, **WINTER** clothing (**One box clothing per family**), household items, toys, Christmas decor and decorations, and miscellaneous items
- No items in garbage bags will be accepted.
- No large appliances, furniture, televisions, microwaves, or computers will be accepted.

Donations may be dropped off in the **basement Fellowship Hall** on **Wednesday, December 1, from 1:00 – 7:00, Thursday, December 2, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday, December 3, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.**

No early drop-offs!!!! No Saturday drop-offs!!!!

If you can help Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, please call Cookie Overbye at 612-804-3035 or the church office at 681-3296.

Thank you for sharing God's love and abundance with others and making someone's Christmas brighter.



GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 20, 2022

CHRIST THE KING

The Cross as Hinge

We end the church year in an unconventional fashion: at the cross. Today's gospel seems a strange capstone to the liturgical calendar, and that is intentional. This is because Christ the King Sunday is not a capstone at all, but rather a hinge that opens into the new year. We end at the cross because that is where we see most fully the great, culminating example of where God is willing to go to show love for humanity. We end at the cross because in the crucifixion we see Christ's enthronement as the one that nothing, not even death, can destroy.

Christ's kingship lies not in his exultation in glory but in his being raised upon the instrument of death from which God causes life to spring. The cross of Christ is the tree of life. But this life is hidden in what appears to be anything but life. Christ is not king because he conquers all in self-preserving might and force but because he conquers all in self-giving grace, and in doing so, he proves that he cannot be conquered even by violence.

Now we stand ready to step again onto Advent soil, where new life, hope, and possibility are germinating. We must remember, as we prepare to hear once again in the story of Jesus' birth and life, that God's glory is not found in power and might but in humility and sacrifice, in one willing to give his life for his friends, his enemies, and the criminal hanging beside him. That is the kingdom of God: that place where the friend, the enemy, and even the one rightly condemned receive the grace and forgiveness of Christ. For that, we praise Christ as king!

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