

Sunday, November 20th, 2022 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



Christ the King

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along. Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit. Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way. We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

We Gather Together

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Rise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

OPENING SONG

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

We Praise You, O God



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963 Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...O God, our true life,

All: 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

- P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.
- And you also. All: Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Colossians 1:9-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

P: Word of God; Word of Life. All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke All: Glory to you O Lord

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to You O Christ!**

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855, v.1-3

Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855 vs 1-3 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne: 1 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, 2 the God in - car - nate born. Crown him the Lord of love be - hold his hands and side. 3 hark. how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn; vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty rich wounds, yet glo - ri - fied. A - wake, my soul. and sing of him who died for thee. fruit of the mys - tic rose, that rose the yet of stem, sky ful - ly bear that No an gels in the can sight, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so bright. Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us 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 power of 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 IS WELCOMED

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **All: Amen.**

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music Many and Great, O God, are Your Works Native American

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor/s, deacon/s, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

2022 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM THE LORD'S SUPPER AND GIVING

NOVEMBER 20th READING:

Shirley Turner

As we eat of the bread and wine, we share in the covenant with all who believe. Our community with Jesus is a commitment to a common life and purpose. It encourages us to remain faithful, take in the presence of Jesus, and be his disciples every moment of every day. May that presence challenge us to be to be true stewards of God's kingdom in every way. The Lord's Supper connects us and gives our community strength; it encourages us to find power from Jesus's presence; it helps us to see how a community that faithfully gathers at the table can be a community that is a witness to the values of the kingdom of God. (What does it mean to me and my stewardship to be part of the covenant with all who believe?)

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ALL: 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
- **P**: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God**

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:	Praise and Thanksgiving	ELW 689
	For the Fruit of all Creation	ELW 679

Praise and Thanksgiving



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS. Welsh traditional

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855, v.4 & 5



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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice Psalm 46 I will be exalted among the nations. (*Ps. 46:10*) Luke 1:68-79 You have raised up for us a mighty Savior. (*Lk. 1:69*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS November 20th, 2022

INTRO TO 2022 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM THE LORD'S SUPPER AND GIVING

This year's stewardship focus is about holy communion, discipleship and giving. It is about Jesus being present in the congregation when we partake of the bread and the cup. We take communion as a community, a congregation, not just as individuals. We encounter Jesus as we gather at the table, he is with us. Therefore, for the next four Sundays we will gather at the rail (as you are able) to partake of communion. As a community we are people in covenant with one another and committed to a common life and purpose.

The Last Supper story assures us of Jesus' continuing presence especially as we follow Him in discipleship. GIVING IN FAITH IS AT THE HEART OF THE IDENTITY AND ACTION OF A CONGREGATION OF DISCIPLES. The story of the Lord's Supper inspires us to persevere in faithful discipleship.

The focus of biblical stewardship is not on the congregation's needs at all, but rather on the fact that generous giving is one of the basic acts of discipleship. This biblical stewardship is to help God's people grow in relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to us. Jesus died on the cross so that we could be disciples and make disciples.

Each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, we should ask the question, "How is God calling me to respond to His presence in my life today?" How we use our time, talents, and finances is not separate from the spiritual life of our congregation. It is infused in us each time we eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Our stewardship focus this year is on our community as we gather to take Holy Communion – as we remember that we do this together in remembrance of our Lord, not just as individual believers. That there is bread and wine, discipleship and giving.

ALTAR FLOWERS Altar flowers today have been donated by Kay and Paul Kinsel in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary!

THE REBECCA CICLE WILL AGAIN BE SPONSORING THE GLOBAL BARNYARD CHALLENGE

Watch the weekly bulletin for interesting "tidbits" regarding the ELCA hunger challenge. "A simple water well offers access to clean, safe water to as many as 500 families" **<u>COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE</u>** To be held at Grace tonight, Sun., Nov., 20th, at 7pm with coffee hour served after. To bake and/or help, see Helen Gruber, Shirley Turner or Kathy Hooey. See George Theros to be part of the community choir. See www.graceoflilylake.com for info.

WORSHIP MASKING Masking is currently optional. The ropes have been removed from the back rows.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY November 20th 9am service

HELP DECORATE GRACE for ADVENT Saturday, November 26th at 9am

BOWLING LEAGUE The Lutheran Fellowship Bowling League, a joint league among area ELCA Churches, is looking for adults 18 or older to join us every other Sunday for an evening of adult Christian fellowship. Bowling skill or experience not required. Contact Nick Rex for more info: 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or lutheranbowling@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school meets the first & third Sundays of the month for 3 through 11-year-olds.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor may be to collect funds for special light bulbs & lift rental necessary for the sanctuary & parking lot. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside. *Thank you for your generous donations!*

REBECCA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at Sorrentos Ranch on Dec. 6th at noon. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Please see Jan Docherty or Kathy Hooey if interested.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Offering collected on 11/13/22 = \$2,533 Weekly donations needed to meet 2022 expenses = \$3,750

BOY/GIRL SCOUT WREATH/GREENERY ORDERS

Delivery is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 27. Time TBD

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS & SAINT LUCIA FESTIVAL at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 3pm. Reservations are required, 630-414-9700. \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 6-12. Swedish American children's choir will be performing.

WE ARE COLLECTING COOKIE TINS for our 'holiday cookie exchange & vendor event' on Sat. Dec 17. More details to follow in November newsletter and future bulletin announcements. A collection box for the tins will be in the narthex, as well as a baker's sign up sheet, in the coming weeks.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER November's newsletter for Grace is available. Here's your opportunity to keep up with the happenings and the pulse at Grace. We encourage you to read any previous months that you may have missed. **The newsletter is not available on our Subsplash app - it is via our Grace of Lily Lake website under "Newsletter".** Thank you to Marty Bradley and Cathy Whiteside who continue to take on this task. If you would like to help with this monthly task, please contact Marty.

VISIT our website: <u>www.graceoflilylake.com</u> for some of the latest updates, worship service info, monthly newsletter and highlighted events. You can always find us on Facebook – search : GraceofLilyLake.

ZOOM FELLOWHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY <u>AT 10:30 AM</u> on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details. https://zoom.us/j/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlclVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military
- * For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

For those ill in body, mind or spirit..... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine (nephew of Paul and Kay Kinsel), Fred Alstadt, Barbara Asher, (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis (Andra Nordwind's mother), Nelson Brodhead, (brother of Shirley Turner), Jim (brother of Rita Burnham, recovering from a stroke), the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley (sister in law of Cathy Lindquist), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin (sister & brother in law of Jan Docherty), Jay Ellingsen (nephew of Kathy Hooey), Howard (friend of Alexis Diehl), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes (niece of Kathy Hooey), Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Wayne Larson, Chili Lindgren, Jeannine Luchs, Sherry Manke, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Ken Patterson, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Pastor Rex and Doris, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Kristy Weydert, Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel (sister of Heidi Anderson).