

Christ the King Sunday

11-20-2022

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“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.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 840 – Now Thank We All Our God](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 46

God’s Defense of His City and People

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

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the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 870 – We Praise You, O God](#)

Prayer of the Day

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

1st Reading: [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

Anthem: ["It Is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord", by Lynn Shaw Bailey, Debbie and Brad Bondhus](#)

2nd Reading: [Colossians 1:11-20](#)

The Gospel: [Luke 23:33-43](#)

Hymn: [ELW 616 – Jesus, Remember Me](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#):

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Ester Trautwein and Pastor Jack..

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 430 – Rejoice, for Christ Is King](#)

Announcements

- Advent Craft Night – December 3rd 5:00 pm
- Putting up the Greens – Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 am
- Night of Caroling and Hot Chocolate, Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, 12/23/2022 7:00 pm
- Christmas Day Service, Sunday, 12/24/2022 9:30 am

*Offering to be sent to
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