

Christ the King World Hunger Sunday

11-21-2021

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the ‘one like a human being’ (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority come from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love”

We come together in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn: [“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”](#)

Psalm: Psalm 93

“The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
more majestic is the Lord!
Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.”

Hymn of Praise: [“Let All Things Now Living”](#)

Prayer of the Day

“Almighty and everlasting 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 Jesus. Amen.”

1st Reading: [Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 12:14-26](#)

The Gospel: [John 18:33-37](#)

Hymn of the Day: [“Now Thank We All God”](#)

(The first week’s Angel Tree results will be sent later today)

The Message: ([Video Link](#))

Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Hopefully it will be a day in which we all remind ourselves how much we have for which to be thankful. Also, hopefully any encroachment of “Black Friday” will not overtake the day since Thanksgiving is to remind us of the many gifts within life which have been granted to us. Sometimes the easiest gift of life, which is too often taken for granted, is the gift of each other. Other people can become such an integral of our lives that they are always expected to be there contributing to our lives and well-being just as they always have done. They become the normalcy in our lives and therefore can easily become unnoticed.

It is like driving the same road over and over again. Soon the familiarity of that road and the scenes along the way become such a part of us that they are no longer noticed. Driving that road becomes automatic and just a blur in our minds. It may get to the point that changes to the landscape may not register at all. We take it all for granted so that nothing along the way seems special to us. Therefore any of its beauty or even unique qualities no longer register with us. This then means that appreciation of the road’s contributions to our lives is lost outside of getting us from place to place. It is merely a road to be used.

The tragedy is that so often people become just another road in our lives. There is little or no appreciation for them beyond just being used by us. This can happen within families, among friends, at work among neighbors, among nations, and in organizations of all kinds. It can even happen in the church among its members. It is especially important that within the Body of Christ that this doesn’t happen. But we can easily overlook the various contributions made to the life and mission of the church. It is so easy to deem some contributions as very insignificant and thus treated with very little regard and appreciation.

If we look to Paul as he describes the Body of Christ we see everyone is extremely important. Remember this message to the Corinthians? “As there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it, if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”

Paul clearly states how to avoid taking others within the church for granted. If you see your fellow member as important to the function and mission of the church then there is no way that their contribution can be ignored. It is then that we can begin to be thankful for each other. A part of being thankful is to show each other the respect and recognition due to them. This recognition should be to show appreciation for their vital role within this Body of Christ. All contributions, all roles, are important from being a visitor, to attending the gatherings of the church, to being a teacher, council member, or officer, to bringing goodies to coffee hour, to cleaning and maintaining the church property, to being a worship leader and participant, to doing secretarial work, to having your voice shared in song, to being a part of each function of the church's life. Everybody, from the oldest to the youngest is extremely important. None should be neglected or taken for granted. All need to know that they are not only a part of this Body of Christ but are extremely appreciated. I hope this will always be the case within the life of Epiphany. This is why we celebrate Appreciation Day each year. This is why certificates of appreciation are given out.

It is up to each of us in the Body of Christ to see the value of each other. Each one of us is important in being God's emissary and His helping hand each other and to all those who may be in need. Therefore, for this gift which God has given us, the gift of the truth in life through Jesus, let us be truly appreciative and thankful. For the sharing of this gift one to another, is why we are truly appreciative for every member of the Body of Christ. In this way we recognized with thanksgiving the body of Christ as King in our lives.

Personally I thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Body of Christ here at Epiphany and I am extremely appreciative for the life we have shared and share together. Without each of you Epiphany would not be the same. Without you I know my life would not be the same I again thank you.

Anthem: ["How Great Thou Art" Mormon Tabernacle Choir](#)

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

Ever giving God our Father, we may be negligent in giving thanks for all the gifts of life which are a gift of your creation, but we are never-the-less very thankful. The gift of your love through Jesus gives us meaning to life and promise for the future. This is the greatest gift we can ever receive and brings us to our knees with thanksgiving. We are especially thankful for family and friends who are always there to share our lives in so many meaningful and loving ways. For the bounty and beauty of the world about us we are constantly grateful. With all the gifts which we

have received, and are receiving, open our lives to share these gift with those who are in need. When we do this our thankful hearts are then complete.

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Bob and Pat Allen, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Cronin family, the Elshafei family, the Fultz family, Kraig Greff, the Johnson Family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, David Otto, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Linda Rigby, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family,, Della , Yongyin Sun, Esther and Buck Trautwein, Linda Williamson, Wyatt Lee Wolf, 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: ["Lift High the Cross"](#)

Announcements

All services are being held indoors in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing is required.
Advent begins next Sunday November 28th with the celebration of the Advent Wreath.
Advent Family Night, Saturday December 4th at 5:00 Pm. Food and Christmas Craft making.
Community Caroling Night at the Outdoor Chapel. Sunday December 19th. 6:00 PM

*Offering and World Hunger Contributions to be sent to
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church
9122 Sybert Drive
Columbia Hills
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