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**We are glad you are worshiping with us!** If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact information to an usher or the Pastor. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ.*

*According to our 2022-2023 Mission Action Plan:  
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

**Welcome to in-house worship.** Our efforts to mitigate the effects of Covid19 continue. We are resuming activities similar to those undertaken prior to the pandemic. However, we continue to practice measures that ensure safety. We remain responsive to the best judgment of health professionals and consider the impacts of our decisions on the most vulnerable of our congregation.

## ***Christ the King Sunday*** **November 20, 2022**

Prelude: Owen Polifka

Welcome & Announcements

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. At times we have ignored voices that call for justice. At times 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.**

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, receive the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW # 434

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;

and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

and all who suffer want are blest.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus we, your people, come together to praise you. In you we have seen the fullness of God, the whole truth about who God is and what God is up to. Thanks, for not only being our friend, comforter, teacher, guide, and counselor. Thank you also for your reign, your rule among us. It is good to know, when all the world seems to be coming unglued, that you are here, holding all things together, steadily moving all things to your good intentions. Lord Jesus, King Jesus, ruler over all, we your people gather to adore you, to listen for you, and, by your grace, to serve you. Amen.

Choir

Children's Time

Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup> **Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

Hymn: "The Kind of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW # 502

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Passing the Peace while sitting

Offering, for all online givers, please find a card at the usher's station that says "We give our offering electronically."

Offertory: Owen Polifka

Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW #692

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

All that we have

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion (pre-packaged elements are available)

Choir

"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW #471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

**O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give praise and serve your earth and its many people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW # 855

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love –  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Blessing: May God bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always, **Amen.**

### Announcements

**Thank you to coffee fellowship hosts Cheryl Follis, Gail Jenicke, and Audrey Swedberg.** Thanks to all for responding so we can offer this fellowship time.

**Thank You All** who contributed to The Brick food drive. We reached our goal and Thrivent will give The Brick \$500 plus all our items!

**November 13 attendance:** 47 in-house and 11 on Zoom.

**Monday Night Dartball** needs more players. People of all genders are welcome. Call Mark Maki at 715-209-4573 for more information.

**Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, weekly bible study at Messiah. We are watching the movie *Luther* and using *The Lutheran Handbook*, the companion for anyone trying to become a well-informed Jesus follower and have a good time learning at the same time.**

**Wednesdays there is 9:00 am Quilting and 6:30 pm choir.**

**Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of the month at 5:30 pm for *Bless This Mess, A Modern Guide to Faith and Parenting in a Chaotic World*. Next meeting is Nov. 22 at 5:30 pm. New people welcome!**

**Please join us as we grow in faith! GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) begins with a meal from 5:30-5:50 pm with Bible centered activities and worship to follow ending at 6:45pm. GIFT meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Dec. 7 is next meeting.**

**Messiah's Stained Glass Window Fundraising Update:** Many thanks to all who are contributing. We have raised \$31,582 (which includes \$15,000 from memorials and investments).

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone     Pastor: Nancy Hanson  
Reader: Linda Jorgenson     Choir Director: Tom Yost  
Altar Guild: Marne Belanger and Kelly Beirl  
Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez     Pianist: Owen Polifka  
Ushers: Sally Randell and Mary Westlund  
Assistant: Michelle Lampson

### **New people always welcome!**

**\*Ukulele practice** Saturday morning, December 3, 9:30 am

### **Prayers for Healing**

Terry Morris  
Carol Salminen  
Joyce Hudson  
Ken Belanger  
Dianne Heapy  
Craig Vittone  
Terry Nichols  
Cynthia Warren  
Mary  
Nancy Heaton  
Lona  
Sue and Chris Stone  
Baby Miana  
Tom Murphy  
Sandy Olson  
Donna Kramolis

### **Requested by**

Cindi Orley  
Pastor  
Pastor  
Marne Belanger  
Pastor  
Kelly Beirl  
Carol Salminen  
Gail Ballinger  
Bob & Linda Leis  
Margie Motiff  
Sandy Raspotnik  
Pastor Nancy  
Heidi Kontny  
Cheryl Follis  
Mary Cook  
Linda Schoch

Jamie Klema  
Dale Chesley

Jamie Zak  
Pastor

**Prayers for Comfort in grief**

Betty Larson  
Raymond Guski  
Vera Warmuth  
Neil Schnipke  
Jacob Guenther  
Eric Swansen

**Requested by**

Pastor Nancy  
Lorraine Young  
Darlene Anderson  
Cindi Orley  
Kaari Enigl  
Pastor Nancy

**More Prayers** -Angel K. and Dan Harvey– healing and housing  
-Peaceful resolution regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine  
-Verne Pratt is at Court Manor in Ashland  
-Sue Grube is at Northern Lights.