

Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2021
Messiah Lutheran Church
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Prelude: Owen Polifka
Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure and whose love is endless. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. Silence

God, our comforter: **like lost sheep, at times we go astray. 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; we have not loved ourselves. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us. Help us receive your forgiveness, your renewal and your leading, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Jesus, God makes you righteous. Wear the robe of righteousness and receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Hymn: ELW #838 Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you tell us you are not an ordinary king. Show us this day how to follow you as our king of love. Show us the joy in living for you and giving our lives away. By the power of the Holy Spirit, show us how to live in your loving, amazing grace. Amen.

Readings: John 18:33-37 The Whirl Children's Bible

Romans 12:1-6 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. Living then, in pure grace, it's important that you not

misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

4-6 In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

Sermon: What happens when we follow the King of Love?

- 1-We view our lives as a sacrifice, pleasing to God.
- 2-We view surrendering to God as a way to worship God.
- 3-We see our minds being renewed by God.
- 4-We know and follow God's will.
- 5-We accept and live in God's grace, and also offer grace to others.
- 6-We live as humble servants of Jesus.
- 7-We see ourselves as belonging to God's family.
- 8-We know and use our God given gifts to God's glory.

Sermon Hymn: The King 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 of the Peace: Please stay seated, smile and wave!

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer: Stay seated and use the pre-packaged holy communion elements. Please place in receptacle when you leave. Thank you.

Blessing: Go in peace. Be not afraid. Love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Thank you to worship assistant, pianist Owen Polifka, and ushers Sally Randell and Mary Westlund.

Thank you for faithful attendance. Worship attendance on October 24 was 42 in the building with 19 on Zoom. On October 31 we had 34 in attendance with several more on Zoom. On Nov. 7 we had 40 in-house and 11 on Zoom. On Nov. 14 we had 23 in-house, 13 on Zoom.

Thank you for your generous giving of time and talents. We are organizing two community fundraisers: Pasties for sale at \$6 per pasty (meat or vegetarian). Orders must be received by November 26. These come frozen and will be here sometime in December. Made by The Fat Radish. Call Jared Myers at 715-685-8020 if you have any questions.

And, on Sat. Dec. 4 from 5:00 to 6:30 we will be serving a Take-Out Ham Dinner for \$10 (dessert included). If you want to help by donating food or your time, call Bob Leis at 373-0187. Money raised will be used to help those in need locally, nationally and internationally as well as helping with our local church needs.

Youth Fundraiser Bake Sale Wed., Nov. 24 at Washburn IGA, a Thrivent Action Team event From 10:00 am to Noon Linnea Gregoire and friends are raising money for Camp Daniel, a camp for people with disabilities. From 1:00-3:00 pm Messiah youth are selling baked goods to raise money for upcoming youth activities. You may help by contributing money and/or bring wrapped and priced baked goods directly to the IGA between 1:00-3:00 pm. Call Pastor (715 209-1100) with questions.

Housing Needed: Please call the church office if you happen to know a place for one single female to live. Her long-term rental home has been sold. She needs a new place to live by Dec. 1.