

HOLY COMMUNION
Christ the King

November 22, 2020

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

8:00 am: *Prelude on Coronation*

10:30 am: *My Tribute*

Wells
Crouch

Kyra McFadden, soloist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

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;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

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.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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 as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

A A reading from Ezekiel.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the

strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 95:1-7a (*The congregation reads the verses in bold face type.*)

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

³For the LORD| is a great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**

^{7a}For he | is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

A A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that,

with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to

me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Martha Kriebel

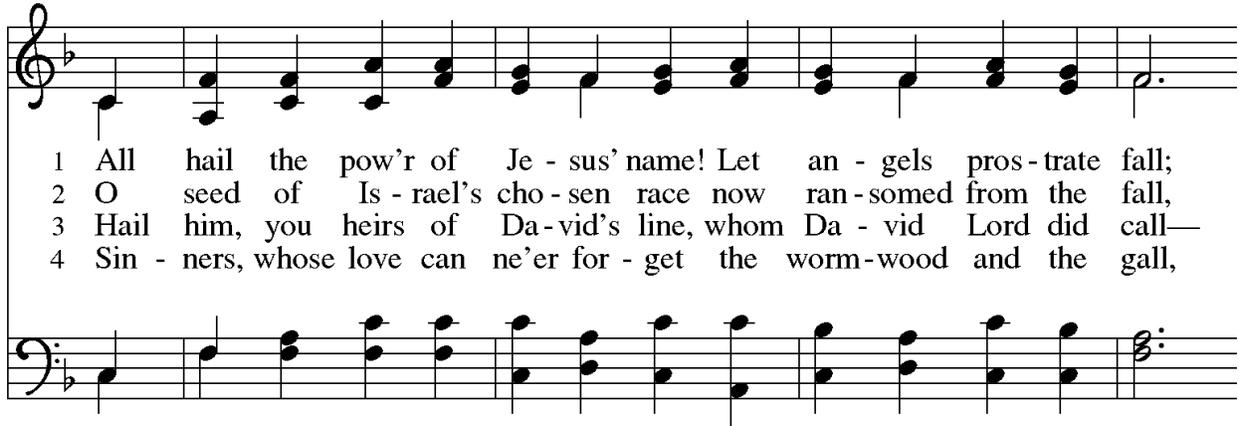
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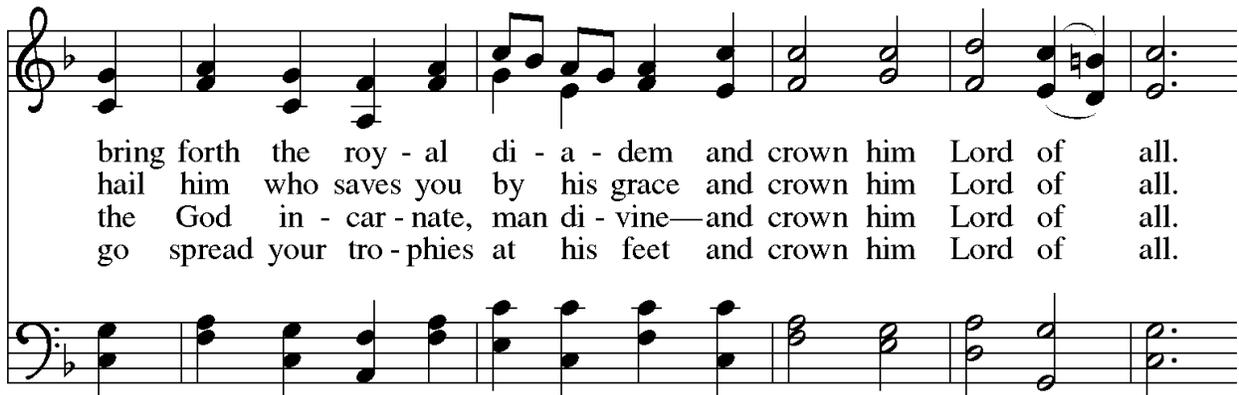
HYMN OF THE DAY: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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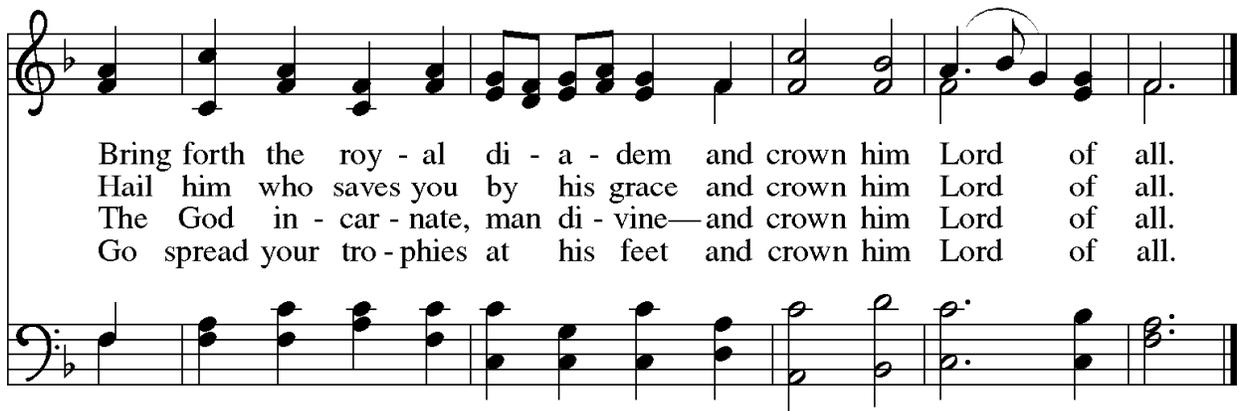
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized,
for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in
grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

*The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.
The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.*

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION.

P IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,
OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;
BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:
TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ✝ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY ✝ BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

and each person may respond

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.
C Amen.

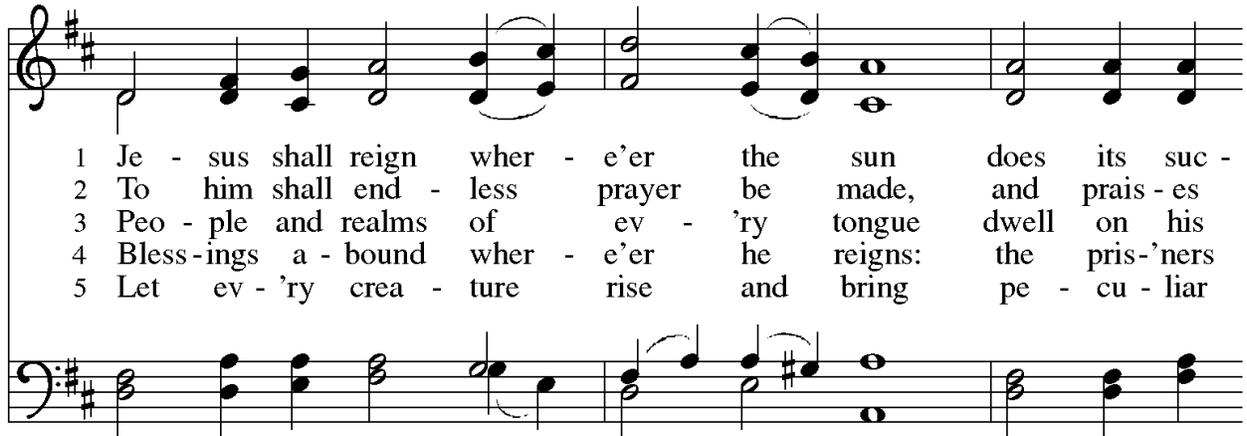
DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

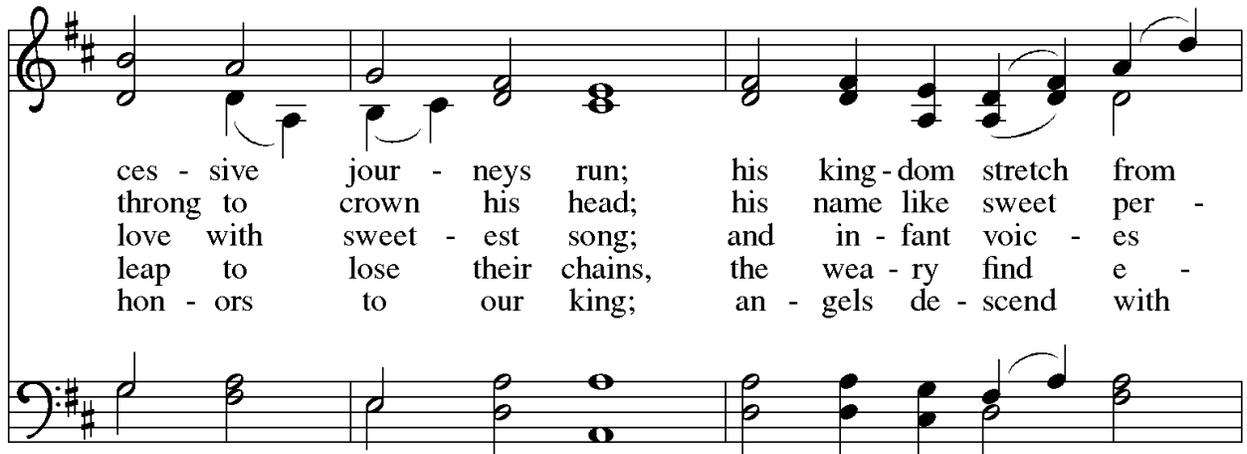
HYMN: *Jesus Shall Reign*

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Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on Coronation*

Payne



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The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.



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Video Production: Jim Lien

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave are given to the glory of God by John and Lois Robinson in loving memory of parents William Conrad and Hilda Duffield and John and Mildred Robinson.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by David and Jeannie Halteman in honor of our anniversary.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Cathy Menendez and sons in thanks for blessings received.

We're so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

Please see a list of changes/requirements for worship on the following page.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed. Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator will be available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

**We are never alone during this stressful time.
Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.**

Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners: Green Phase

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held at the usual times: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary during the Green Phase. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.



Today is Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday

A day to show gratitude for God's blessings and God's countless gifts to us. During both significant and ordinary moments, we should say "Thank You" to God.

We are blessed to have our Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church and the former Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville, the Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel as our guest speaker. This year, WELCA's ongoing theme is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. As one of the pioneers of women's ordination, the Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel is greatly admired for her many contributions to both the church and the community in which she belongs.

Additionally on this day, we will be serenaded by the vocalist Kyra McFadden. Kyra is a case manager at the Norristown Hospitality Center. Please extend a warm Augustus 'welcome' to both Pastor Martha and Kyra.



Thankoffering Sunday is an opportunity to appreciate the quilts and afghans made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA which on this day adorn the church sanctuary. In the upcoming weeks, the quilts will be packaged and sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world for those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown. The committee is under the direction of Mildred Stuffle. Many thanks to all the women who partake in this ministry. If you are interested in helping this group in their endeavors, please feel free to reach out to Mildred for more information.

Lastly, it has been a tradition on Thankoffering Sunday to take up a special offering which will benefit the life-changing ministries of the Churchwide Women's Organization of the ELCA. All proceeds collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Your donation supports programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses to facilitate the long-term success of the WELCA program. It is the only collection of the year that we do for our National Organization. Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God! There is so

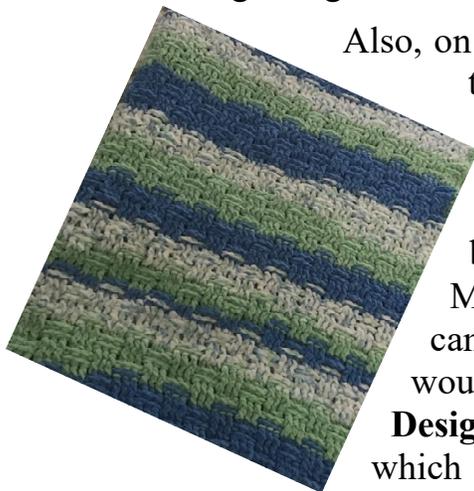
much to be thankful even during this very difficult time of the Covid-19 Pandemic. **Please make checks payable to Augustus Women of the ELCA. If you wish to have your contribution recorded on your quarterly statement from Augustus Lutheran Church, please include your congregational # on your envelope.** If you are unable to attend the church service in-person, you can still donate to the ministries of the Women of the ELCA by one of the following two ways:

1. *Donating online at <www.augustustrappe.org>.* Just follow the “DONATE” prompts under the “GIVING” tab. Don’t forget to add “WELCA-Thankoffering” in the comments box so that your donation gets contributed to the appropriate cause.
2. *By mailing-in your financial commitment. Checks and money orders can be made out to ‘Augustus Women of the ELCA’.* Additionally, please write “Thankoffering” on the memo line. Send your donation to the following address:

Augustus Lutheran Church
c/o Women of the ELCA
717 West Main Street
Trappe, Pa, 19426

We would like to thank you in advance for your support of the Women of the ELCA.

Thankofferings date back to the 1800’s when Christian women formed “mite” or “cent” societies to support the mission of the church. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed over 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.



Also, on this day Augustus WELCA will be drawing a winner for the 48” x 54” beautifully crocheted, soft & cozy afghan hand-made and donated by Mildred Stuffle for WELCA’s Turkey Dinner – “Prayer & Pledge Drive” which is currently on display in the Muhlenberg Center. It is sure to be a welcoming addition to anyone’s home. Thank you, Mildred! Good luck to everyone who participated in this campaign, and our deepest thanks for everyone’s support. We would also like to give our most heartfelt thanks to **Print Copy Design Solutions** for their financial and direct mailing donation which made the mailing campaign possible. If you have any

printing needs, please reach out to Augustus' own Laura Schlegel to see how she can help fulfill your needs. We would also like to thank Pastors Martha and Howard Kriebel, and Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer for their matching fund contributions of up to \$1000. Additionally, we would like to extend our gratitude to Thrivent for their financial backing and support. We would also like to thank the community and congregation for their donation of time, talent, and treasure. No contribution went unnoticed. At this time, we have surpassed the \$10,000 threshold for funds being sent to our Missionaries, Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, in support of the children of Tanzania. That's awesome and extremely generous of the Augustus family at a time when many other organizations cannot fulfill their financial obligations!!! It is something that the church should be very proud!!! The final amount and the winner for the afghan will be announced at a later time.

2020 Christmas Poinsettias

POINSETTIAS CAN NOW BE ORDERED FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer
412 Dartmoor Road
Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

Phone: 619-715-4850

E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail



ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, December 13, 2020

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME _____

CONTACT INFO: _____

COLOR	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
RED	_____ @ \$10.00 ea	_____
WHITE	_____ @ \$10.00 ea	_____

Check One:

_____ I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24.

_____ Please distribute my plants to others.

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

Christmas Gifts for Silver Springs: The Women of ELCA at Augustus Lutheran Church are again participating in the Christmas toy drive for Silver Springs Martin Luther School. We will be putting a collection box out starting November 8th in Muhlenberg hall. Please feel free to drop anything on Gemma Service's request flyer in to the box till December 6th. Due to many changes from the pandemic, a lot of their students are learning virtually. They wish to include these children and their families in the Christmas Celebration. So they are also placing a bigger demand on \$25 dollar gift cards to the following stores. Target, Walmart, Amazon, Visa cards, Shoprite, Acme, Giant, Marshall's/TJ Max, Burlington Coat Factory, Five Below, Aldi's , Footlocker and Best Buy. If you wish to donate gift cards they can be placed in a special box next to the offering plate each Sunday and will be held in the office. Or they can be mailed "in care of WELCA " to the church office. They will also be delivered to Gemma Services after December 6th. All will be appreciated by the School. Please below for Silver Springs gift donation suggestions.

Toys

- Large and medium-sized stuffed animals
- Games – Checkers, Chess, Mancala, Jenga, Connect 4, UNO, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trouble, and Apples to Apples are favorites
- K'Nex building sets
- LEGO sets
- Pokémon cards and toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Squishies toys
- Tech Deck miniature skateboard toys
- Beyblades and Beyblades arenas
- Playing cards and card games
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, tangles, cubes
- Dream Lites or other soft night lights
- Books for children and teens

Clothing & Personal Care

- Pajama sets for boys and girls – youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys – youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XXL. Nike, Adidas, and Champion are favorite brands
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals – youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats – Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Socks for boys and girls – adult sizes 6-11
- Crossbody bags, wallets, wristlets, and fanny packs
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, and makeup
- Toiletry gift sets with body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant. Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please!
- Water bottles – Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites
- Winter coats – youth & adult sizes



Arts & Crafts

- Craft kits
- Crayola art kits
- Gel pen sets
- Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
- Crayola Model Magic modeling clay
- Fuzzy posters to color
- Coloring books and large coloring pages
- Sketch books and drawing paper – non-spiral bound, please!
- Journals- no locks, non-spiral bound, please!

Sports

- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and kickballs/playground balls
- Football gloves – youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves – youth and adult sizes
- Over-the-door basketball hoops
- Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards

For more information about Gemma Services and the children, youth, and families we serve, or to make a gift online, please visit www.gemmaservices.org.