

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ the King Sunday

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GATHERING

Please rise as you are able.

The end is near. There is no doubt about it.

The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. 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, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Crown Him With Many Crowns* ~ ELW# 855 [Vss. 1-4]

GREETING ~ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast* ~ ELW pg. 187

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING ~ **JEREMIAH 23:1-6** ~ *Restoration after Exile*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

~ *The Righteous Branch of David*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

PSALM ~ **PSALM 46** ~ *God's Defence of His City and People*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING ~ COLOSSIANS 1:11-20 ~ *Paul Thanks God for the Colossians*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

~ The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ~ Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN ~ *Gospel Acclamation* ~ ELW# 175

GOSPEL ~ The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

LUKE 23:33-43 ~ *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they

cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'~ The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

SERMON ~ "Christ or King?" ~ Pastor Rodger Prois

Silence for reflection.

Please rise to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Beautiful Savior ~ ELW# 838

THE APOSTLES' CREED ~ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ~ United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.



We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution, especially our namesake, Long Lake, and also protect the animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people especially the citizens of the Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Help us to care for all who are in need especially those we name here and those known only to you held closely in our hearts.....

Jacob Bangsberg; Doug Olesiak; Kathy Hanson; Felecia Kleven; Kyli Kleven; Larry Johnson; Chuck Jackson; Jo Alvin; Bud Rieschl; Jim Gronberg; Bob Tucker; Sue Sleik; Sharon Rubin; Heather Purdy Larson; David Frost; Wally & Margie Cason; Fran Ackerman; Tom Weigel; Terri Decker; Reverend Ed Zaiser; Jean Teska; Natalie Clark; Heather Strand; Pastor Rodger; Jean Olund; and the family and friends of Fran Ackerman; the family and friends of Hayle Borkopp.

Please observe a moment of silence reflecting on those for whom we pray.

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share God's peace with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Please Rise

OFFERING HYMN ~ *Nothing Can Trouble* ~ ACS# 1033

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Text: Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582; adapt. Taizé Community

Music: NADA TE TURBE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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OFFERING PRAYER ~ Blessed are you Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ ELW# 473

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ~ 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Blessing, Honor and Glory* ~ ELW# 433

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Soli Deo Gloria* ~ ELW# 878

Please rise

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ~ We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

FAREWELL and GODSPEED ~ The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** *Dottie Lind*, as you leave our community of Long Lake Lutheran, we wish to bid you farewell.

When you came to this community we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In Long Lake you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community and God has blessed us through you.

Eternal God, we thank you for *Dottie* and for the time we have shared. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Almighty God, bless us and direct our days and our deeds in peace. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION ~ The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ~ *Soon and Very Soon* ~ ELW# 439

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL ~ Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**