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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it and bear Christ's name into the world, bringing your reign of love and compassion to all people; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

Prelude Music

**“Shout to the Lord”
“Lord of Justice”**

W&P #124

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

We gather as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father and of the Son ‡ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Trusting in Christ's forgiveness, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Holy God,
how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God, now and forever!

Song of Praise:

“He is Exalted”

W&P #55

**He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name.**

**Jesus is Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high**

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Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high**

***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-lasting 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. **Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Celebrate Jesus”

**Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.**

**He is risen, He is risen
And He lives forevermore.
He is risen, He is risen;
Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord.**

***Gospel: John 18:33-37**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"The King of Glory"

**W&P #136
vv. 1,2,5**

Refrain:

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

**1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.**

Refrain

**2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness.**

Refrain

**5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen;
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.**

Refrain

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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.**

DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS

**Memorials given in Memory of Betty Madison for:
Clavinova Piano in the Sanctuary**

Order of Blessing

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to dedicate this memorial to the glory of God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Gracious God, giver of all good things, be with us now as we dedicate this memorial gift to your glory.

Dedication of Clavinova Piano:

May it please you, gracious God, to receive and bless this piano that we now dedicate to you. We thank you for Betty in whose memory it is dedicated. Let this piano, alone or in concert with other instruments and voices, be to all who worship here or with us online, a source of joy and inspiration and a reminder that we are to make a joyful noise to the Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

To the glory of God and the giver of all good gifts,

We dedicate these items.

To the memory of loved ones and with gratitude for each donor,

We dedicate these items.

May all who use them be united in joy, sustained in sorrow and enlivened for service, and bring us at last to the perfect worship of your heavenly banquet, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

ELW #752

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r,
send us grace.**

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Holy One, Ruler of kings, we bring you our gifts, we bring you our service, we bring you all that we have, and dedicate these gifts and our hearts to you today and always. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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

Come with joy and expectation to be fed on Christ's mercy and goodness.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

ELW #433

**Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down,
for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne,
he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down,
for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne,
he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.**

"Majesty"

W&P #94

**Majesty, worship his majesty:
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flows from his throne
Unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty:
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
‡ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

**1. Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**2. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**3. No more dying there,
We are going to see the King
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King**

**No more dying there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

**4. Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King!**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Jan Van Newkirk** (back surgery—Monday), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer’s 6 month old daughter), **Kathy Johnson** (back & leg issues), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson’s cousin’s husband), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker’s great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Ray Blomenkamp** (Neal Blomenkamp’s father)

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker’s granddaughter & husband).



David Kleensang, 11/21; Jon Carlson, 11/22; Hank Rahmig, 11/23;
Twila Aschenbrenner, 11/25; Gloria Gorr, 11/26

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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Please note: if you have been using the Give+ app for your donations, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app to make any future donations in this manner.

NOVEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Baking Supplies

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.





WOMEN OF THE ELCA NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project for November is our “**THANKOFFERINGS.**” Every day throughout the year, we have many things to be thankful for.

Following this tradition, November has been set aside to collect the Thankofferings from the women and men in our congregation. We ask for you to put your Thankofferings in an envelope and then the offering plates on any November Sunday.



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

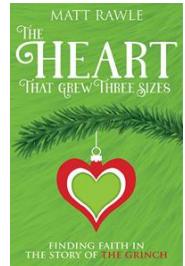
No JAM this week.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Pastor’s Tuesday Evening Study

The Heart that Grew 3 Sizes: Finding Faith in the story of the Grinch.

Join Pastors Chris and Sheryl as we look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. This 4-week study will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16th & 30th (*we will skip Thanksgiving week*) and Dec. 7th & 14th.



BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army at Safeway on **Saturday, December 11th from 9 am through 7 pm.** If you are willing to volunteer, please stop or call the church office to sign up.

Interested in Becoming a Member of Calvary?

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, Dec 12th. Please talk to either Pastors Chris or Sheryl if interested.



Church Membership

Establishing Roots in a faith community!

ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree will be up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Paper ornaments will be on the tree with first name, age, and gift idea. Names are from the Lakota Lutheran Center. **Please bring your gift NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th.** Please see the December Tidings for more information.



The Doves Program is looking for someone to deliver the supplies from Calvary Lutheran Church when needed to the Doves Center in Gering. Please contact the church office if interested! Thank you!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – November 21

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
LAY READER: Dennis Gorr
COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr
POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne
ACOLYTE: Ben Moravec
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – November 28

USHERS: LaDonna Schmidt & Vicki Howell
LAY READER: Kathy Randall
COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle
POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle
ACOLYTE: Andrew Miller
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 21

Memorial Dedication

9 a.m. – Celebrate Generosity Event
10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, November 22

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, November 23

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary
1 p.m. – Quilting

Thursday, November 25

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Saturday, November 27

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, November 28

10 a.m. – Worship

NOVEMBER 21, 2021
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



Christ rules with a power unlike any other.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the king of truth
Monday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	The time of judgment
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
Wednesday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Thursday	1 Corinthians 4:14-21	Paul's concern for Corinthians
Friday	Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus brings God's message
Saturday	Psalms 93	The majesty of God's rule
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
John 18:36 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you who are the author and creator of all that is, help us to see in you the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this meal remind us of the feast that you promise for all those you have freed to live as children of grace and truth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty, bless you with peace.
(Revelation 1:8)



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NOVEMBER 21, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
The King of Glory Comes



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How can power be used for good? How can it be used for bad?
- If you had unlimited power, how would you use it to change the world?
- How do you think Christ's power and rule look different than the power seen in earthly governments?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 18:33-38a.

The good news of Jesus Christ is not about escapism as some kind of running away from the world that God created. We are reminded of this from the opening chapter of John: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14a). The living Word reveals the power and glory of God that is filled with "grace and truth" (John 1:14b). In chapter 18 Jesus distinguishes between God's grace and truth that lead with love and mercy and the rule of bullies who demean and control others with violence. That is the Roman "peace" that occupied territories like Judea through governors like Pilate who served under Emperor Tiberius. No, Jesus' reign "is not from this world" (v. 36). As followers of Jesus, we engage with creation and our neighbor with a power of a different kind. It is a power that blesses, heals, and makes new through the cross of Christ. It is a power that through a death perpetrated at the hands of the powers from "this world" put Jesus to death and shows itself to be powerless through the humility and weakness of the Son of God. This is the one who came to serve and give us the everlasting power of divine love. Where do you see the good news of Christ's reign happening in the world today?

Pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your reign that is filled with divine power as it is filled with grace and truth through Jesus Christ, the one who came to set us free. Amen.

SERVICE

Service to others is filled with humility and love; it is people helping one another. The new church year begins next Sunday. As this church year ends, think of the ministries that have taken place over the past year and who has been responsible for them: worship, music, Sunday school, youth group, Bible studies and more. How can you show appreciation and thanks for those who have served over the past church year?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. Think or talk about the traditions you have established in your home over the years. One common Advent tradition is having an Advent calendar. Another is the Advent wreath. If you have not had a tradition in the past, consider beginning one this year as part of your faith journey in your home.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org