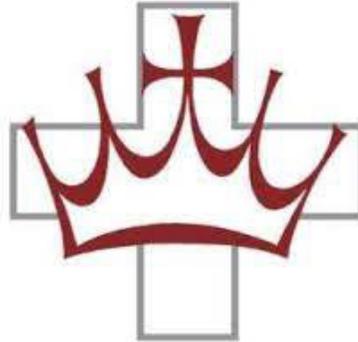


CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**November 22, 2020**

9:30 am Worship

Christ Lutheran Church  
Cottonwood, Minnesota



*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.*

(from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2019)

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

*"Oh, Worship the King"*

Words of Welcome

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made,

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Opening Words of Faith**

from Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,

**All: and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Words of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**All: 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**All: Amen.**

#### Greeting

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

**All: And also with you.**

#### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might,

**All: your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

The Lesson            Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>I 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I 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.            (continued on next page)

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>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.’ <sup>41</sup>Then 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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I 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.’ <sup>44</sup>Then 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?’ <sup>45</sup>Then 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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

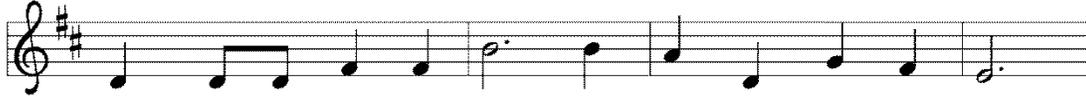
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

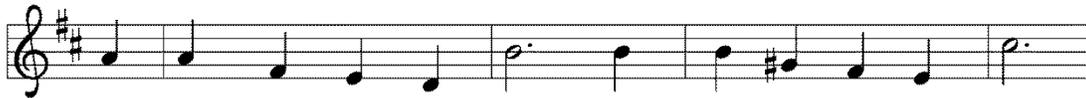
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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the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

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Profession of Faith using the words of 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.**

Prayers of God's People

*The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."*

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**

## SENDING

*God sends us in mission to the world*

Blessing

P: God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**All: Amen.**

Greetings of God's Peace and Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

**Worship Assistants, Thank You For Serving This Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**Ushers:** Alton Huso (C), Chad Gregoire, Jon Hoehne, Marvin Kremin,  
Erik Lundberg, Doug Warnke

**Musician:** Michelle Wood

**Lector and Assisting Minister:** Susanne Lee

**PA Operator:** Pete Lavin, Jon Myrvik

**Video Camera Op:** Bev Isaackson, Tracy Sterner     **Altar Care:** Lois Kolhei, Darla Morken

**Counting:** Jon Myrvik, Tracy Sterner

**Current Worship Options, as of November 18, 2020:**

*In House Worship* – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Online YouTube link* – posted on the church’s Facebook page Sunday afternoon and emailed on Mondays. Links can also be found on the church website: [www.christcottonwood.org](http://www.christcottonwood.org)

*Cable Station Channel 180:* Sundays at 10:45 a.m.; Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

Bulletins are available via email or the church website at  
[www.christcottonwood.org](http://www.christcottonwood.org)

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## Can you help the Cottonwood Food Pantry by today, November 22?

The Cottonwood Food Pantry is partnering with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger to raise matching funds for the Cottonwood Food Pantry.



We need your help to make sure we generate the maximum amount of support for our neighbors during this difficult time. ELCA World Hunger is kick starting our fundraiser with a \$500 Daily Bread grant. With your help, we can raise \$500 or more to match the grant from ELCA World Hunger. **We have until today, Sunday, November 22nd, to meet our goal.** Every gift truly makes a difference. Thank you for your generous support!

Online Link to help with the fundraiser: [https://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1066766&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1391](https://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1066766&pg=personal&fr_id=1391)

### About ELCA World Hunger

During this trying, anxiety-filled time of the COVID-19 pandemic it may be very difficult to think about Thanksgiving. It may even be hard to think of things for which we are thankful. Many of us are experiencing loss of normalcy, uncertainty, loneliness, sadness, grief, frustration, and much more. We may have to search harder than usual to express our thankfulness this year.

From the hymn *Count Your Blessings* come these words, "Count your blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord has done". Name blessings, big and small, that God has given to you. Very likely you will come up with an abundance of blessings for which to be thankful. One way to praise God for that abundance is to share with others. Many people locally, nationally, and world wide are experiencing hunger and food insecurity during this pandemic.

Working with and through ELCA congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, plus Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, from water wells to animal husbandry, and from community meals to advocacy, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that attack the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Consider giving a gift to the Cottonwood Food Pantry by using the online link above to match the grant. Any time of the year, you may leave a donation at Christ Lutheran. For the ELCA World Hunger Program use the convenient envelope available at church in the sanctuary or in the office hallway.

## Cottonwood Food Pantry Hours and Contact Info

### Upcoming Open Nights (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 24

Thursday, December 10, and Tuesday, December 22

*[Also, available in emergency situations by special appointment.]*

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to help on distribution nights, and cleaners and sorters when we are not open.

If you have questions or would like more information...

Tracy Sterner: [tswednesday@gmail.com](mailto:tswednesday@gmail.com)

(507) 476-0215

### Food Items always in need:

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Soups/Chili and Crackers

Cereal: Flavored Oatmeal, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes...

Canned Fruit: Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple

Canned Veggies: Carrots, Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables

Canned Meat: Tuna or Chicken

Flour

Sugar

### Non-Food items we are blessed to provide when donated:

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Toilet Paper

Body Wash

Shampoo and Conditioner

Laundry Detergent

Dish Soap

## Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### **Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Landyn Berends	Brooks Baker	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld
Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Marian Kalass	Teri Kemmer
Cole Louwagie	Anna (Olson) Meyer	Jori Ella Morrison	Clay Newton
Gretchen Noon	Bobby Olson	Ione Olson	Savannah Rausch
Kelsey Sullivan	Gary Vossen		

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

### **Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:**

Arvilla Berg, Bob Bode, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Elaine Elston, Irene Evers, Norm Evers, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts

### **Families of our Congregation:** Marge Reishus

Tom and Amy Jo Remmele

Tony and Ashley Rialson, Conner, Cayson,  
Cayden, Colten

**Sympathy to Family and Friends:** Death of Shi Aamodt (husband Stan Aamodt, CLC members-sons Charlie Olson and Craig Aamodt and families)

### **Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.**

Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica