

Welcome!

**Christ the King Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Last Day after Pentecost**

November 25, 2018

9:30 a.m.

**Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota**



Christ's authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.
(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017)

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

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Glory to you, Almighty God.

C: You spoke and light came out of darkness, order rose from confusion.

P: Glory to you, Jesus Christ!

C: You met us as a refugee, a threatened child, the word made flesh, born in a forgotten place.

P: Glory to you, Holy Spirit!

C: You brooded over chaos, mothering and shaping God's new creation.

P: Glory to you, God, Three-in-One!

C: You are surrounded by the song of the saints in heaven and you are present with us now. Amen.

(From Worshipping Ecumenically, edited by Per Harling)

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Jesus Shall Reign” ----- [434]

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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.

Seasons of the King

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

Readings for the Season of Advent

Luke 1: 26-33

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" - - - - - [249] (stanzas 1 and 4)

Readings for the Season of Christmas

Isaiah 9: 6-7

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" - - - - - [275] (stanzas 1 and 4)

Readings for the Season of Epiphany

Matthew 2: 1-2

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“As with Gladness Men of Old” ----- [302] (stanzas 1 and 5)

Readings for the Season of Lent and Holy Week

John 18: 33-37

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.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” ----- [344] (stanzas 1, 4, and 5)

Readings for the Season of Easter

1 Corinthians 15: 20-25

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

“Lift High the Cross” ----- [660]

Sharing of God’s Peace

P: The peace of Jesus Christ, eternal King, Lord and Savior, the giver of everlasting truth, be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.

Offering

On behalf of those who are hungry, thirsty, alone, and friendless, we offer our gifts and ourselves. We claim your kinship with all God’s children and participate in the work through which all of us were redeemed and reconciled and made whole.

Choral Offering

“You Are My All in All”

Jernigan, arr. Harlan

Please remain seated for the prayers and reading.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the People of God

The congregation will respond 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 blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Reading for the Season of Pentecost

Acts 1: 8

^{1:8}You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Pentecost Sending Hymn.

Sending Hymn – “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” - - - - - [400]

Blessing

P: In the leaving, in the letting go, let there be this to hold onto at the last: the enduring of love, the persisting of hope, the remembering of joy, the offering of gratitude, the receiving of grace, the blessing of peace.* In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace with the eyes of your heart wide open to see Christ everywhere and in everyone you meet. Go in peace and love to serve Christ the King and neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Children of all ages and those who are young at heart are invited to come forward and choose an instrument to play around the altar rail during the Postlude.

*(From Circle of Grace, by Jan Richardson, page 166)

Blessing for the Journey

As the Holy Spirit blows into our hearts, may we feel the imagination of the Creator, the compassion of the Christ, and the motivation of the Spirit.

May we feel the energy of this complex Holy Trinity God within us – always giving, always receiving. A God who cherishes diversity.

And, as God intended, may we celebrate the value and dignity of every being – all of us. Without exception.

(by Lynn Willis, LEAD Spiritual Guide)



Received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Brett Parry Bossuyt.

Please remember Brett in your prayers, as well as his parents Parry and Ginny Bossuyt and sponsors Jacob and Carolyn Roe.

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, November 25 —

Ushers: Chuck Broberg, Trinity Broberg, Josh Fragodt, Pat Hinz, Tom Hinz, Mike Lee
Organist: Gwen Arneson
Acolyte: Landon Albertson
Lector and Assisting Minister: Linda Magnuson
PA: Larry Isaackson
Video Camera: Bev Isaackson
Altar Care: Lois Kolhei, Darla Morken
Counters: Michelle M., Jonathan O.

**Advent Devotional Booklets for Families with Children, and for Adults
Now Available at Rear of Sanctuary**

Devotional booklets are now available during the season of Advent, which begins next Sunday, December 2nd. Please help yourself to the booklet that appeals to your needs as you deepen your prayer and meditation time during this holy time set aside as preparation for what is to come at Christmas.

Do you have your Advent wreaths or candles all ready to go at home? There are so many ways to mark the weeks leading up to Christmas with increasing light through the lighting of candles. Some Advent wreaths are elaborate and others are very, very simple. There is no "right" way to construct or use an Advent wreath. Consider lighting one additional candle each week as you use the devotional booklets mentioned above or another daily devotional resource.

Senior High Students: there is no "hangout" with Vicki this coming Wed., November 28. See you next week, Wednesday, December 5. Sorry for the inconvenience.

– This Week: November 25, 2018 –

Today, Sunday, November 25

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments
NO Preschool Sunday School
9:30 Worship
10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Wednesday, November 28

6 pm Mission Possible
**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
PRACTICE**
6:30 pm Choir
7:00 Confirmation
NO Sr. Hi. Hangout with Vicki this
week
8:00 Council Meeting

Monday, November 26

5 pm Worship on Cable 180
7:00 Deborah Circle @ Church

Tuesday, November 27

1:30 pm Communion @ West Prairie
2:30 Communion @ Fieldcrest

Thursday, November 29

9 am Assembly of *Connections* news

Next Sunday, December 2

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments
9:00 Preschool Sunday School
9:30 Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

There is Still Time!!!

Christ Lutheran Church has been selected to participate in a Three-Year Program called Leadership for Faithful Innovation. This program was offered through the Southwestern Minnesota Synod in conjunction with teaching and training through Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

Your pastor, Pastor Janel, has already begun the first steps in the program and one of her first tasks is to ask the congregation to participate in a “Spiritual Life Inventory.” The anonymous “Spiritual Life Inventory” survey will help your church’s leaders understand your personal spiritual life and church engagement. It will take approximately 8-10 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Online Link: <https://z.umn.edu/SLI-Christ-Cottonwood>

Paper Copies are available at the back of the church. The paper copies must be turned in by November 28 in order for them to be registered online.

Because of your generosity in sharing of time and resources, we have been able to reach out with God's never-failing love in countless ways, both inside and beyond our congregation.

We are grateful for your financial gifts which allow us to continue the many ministries that we hold in common inside of God's mission for us here in this faith community.

Financial Snapshot	
Giving Year To Date (Jan-Oct)	\$157,204
Expenses Year To Date (Jan-Oct)	\$164,073
Shortfall Year to Date	-\$6,869
Needed Weekly To Make Budget	\$3,896
Last Week's Giving Nov. 18	\$3,549

Robin's Nest Children's Home in Montego Bay, Jamaica, is currently seeking candidates for an immediate opening for an On-site Assistant Director. On-site Director position in 2020 application process starting soon. Robin's Nest is a Christ-centered atmosphere. **Please see more information and apply at robinsnestchildrenshome.org**

Prairie Home Hospice Tree Lighting in Cottonwood is on Friday, November 30th, at 4:30 pm at the corner of 1st and West Main Streets (to the side of Norwegian Mutual Ins. Office). To give a contribution, contact 507 337 0080 or pick up a form at our Christ Lutheran office and mail to Prairie Home Hospice, 408 East Main Street Suite 8, Marshall MN 56258. Suggested contribution is \$12 per light.

Blood Drive, December 4, Cottonwood Community Center, from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm. A \$5 Amazon "thank you" gift will be emailed when you give at this Blood Drive. To make an appointment, call Sue Hanson at 507 337 9289; Walk-ins are also welcome.

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:

Craig Ahmann	Brenda Beam	Bob Bode
Mark Bode	Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza
Norm Evers	Sue Gropel	Gordy Geistfeld
Jon Hakes	Barbara Jarvis	Pr. Curt Miller
Gretchen Noon	Rodney Olson	Sonny Olson
Amy St. Pierre	Gary Timmerman	Joyce Warnke

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

Families of our Congregation.

Pray for: Randy Fenger and Barb Breyfogle
Jason and Wendy Fischer, Kaitlin, Jordan
LaVonne Fischer

Death: Frank Edmondson. Pray for Allie Enga and Family.

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