# Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



In response to rising case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we strongly request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.

#### **Announcements**

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **□** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P Have mercy on us, O God.
- We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.
- P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for  $\pm$  Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Q** Amen.

#### **Procession and Musical Interlude**

P 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

P Let us pray ... Almighty and ever-living God, 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. **G** Amen

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

- <sup>9</sup>As 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. <sup>10</sup>A 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.
- <sup>13</sup>As 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. <sup>14</sup>To 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.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** 93 (To be read responsively.)

<sup>1</sup>The 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 can-not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

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

<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

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

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>and 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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! 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.

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

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.

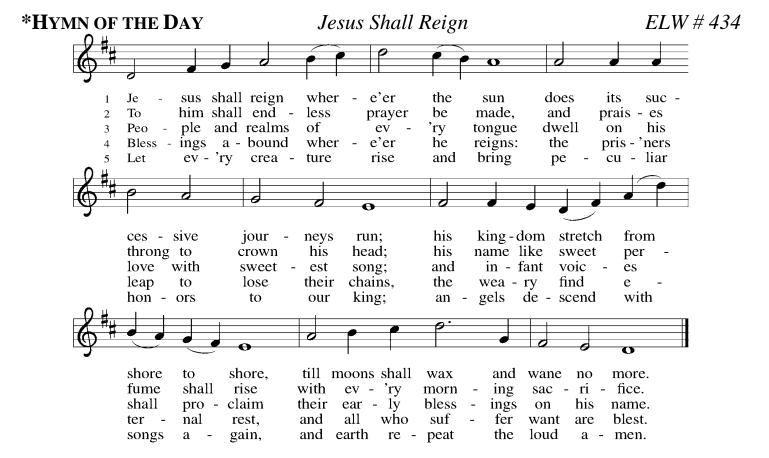
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate 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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>Pilate 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Andrea Lindgren Oslikova



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

#### \*CREED

- P 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 the Church

- P Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
- You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
- We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- 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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **©** Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**P** A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

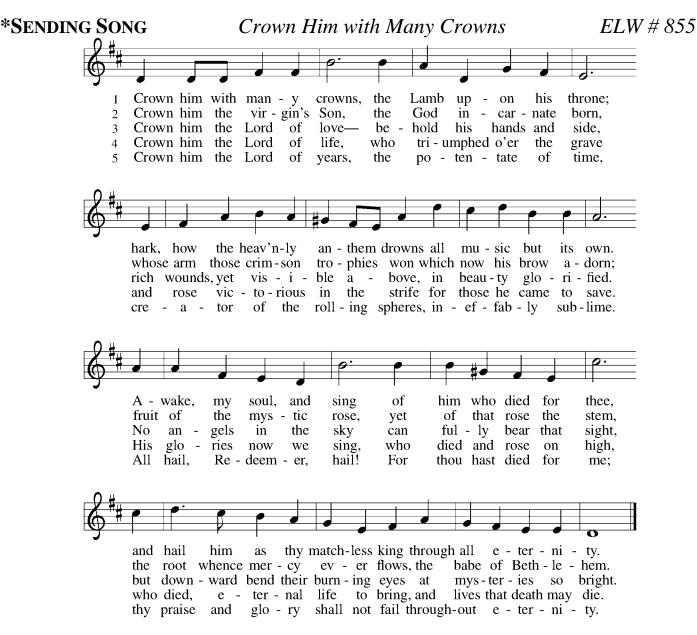
#### **Post Communion Prayer**

P 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. C Amen.

#### **Blessing**

P 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.

Everyone Is Invited To Sing The Sending Hymn While Remaining Masked



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

#### **Dismissal**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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# Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

#### **Serving God and Us**

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Greg Haffling

Our Acolyte (10:30 a.m.) – Gabby Decker

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminary"

Welcome our guest preacher, Andrea Oslikova, Major Gift Officer: Andrea graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in 2004with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She also spent a year of study at the University of Economics in Prague, Czech Republic. After three years of service in Slovakia with ELCA Global Missions, she returned to the United States and later began a successful career in corporate banking with a focus on Learning and Development. She came to ULS in 2018 and enjoys her work as a Major Gift Officer. Andrea is also a part-time student at ULS working toward an advanced degree.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Joe Hinton, Shearl Hite, Barrett Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Joan Partner, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Don Smith, Luther Steele, Dawn Theofield, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jim & Ginny Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

#### **Office Hours This Week:**

Pastor Traci – Wednesday 1-4 p.m.

Office Hours – Mon., Tues., &Wed. - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

Office Hours – Thurs. & Fri., - Office is Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

#### **This Week Events**

Today – **Seminary Sunday** 

Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Catechism, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Monday - Employee Meeting, Christian Ed. Office 10:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH

Tuesday - Bible Study 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday Yoga 5:00 p.m. FH

Sunday – Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

#### **Worship Schedule for November**

In November, we will offer two Sunday services each week.

**8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

**10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

### **Martinsburg Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is open for food distribution on twice a month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mt. Pleasant United Church of Christ will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.

**Items most needed for November**: Mushroom Soup, Scalloped Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple. Many Thanks for all the school supplies given! *Linda K. Smith* 

**New Photo Directory:** Carlos Lamborn will be taking pictures for the new photo directory after the 10:30 a.m. service for the first 3 Sundays of December. There will be no charge for the pictures and if you would like a copy of the picture so you can have it reproduced just ask Carlos or Mike.

#### **Readings for the Week:**

Monday Psalm 76; Daniel 7:19-27; Revelation 11:1-14. **Tuesday** Ezekiel 29:1-12; Revelation 11:15-19. **Wednesday** Ezekiel 30:20-26; John 16:25-33. **Thursday** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. **Friday** Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. **Saturday** Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24. **1st Sunday of Advent** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.

# **Bible Study**NOVEMBER Zoom Bible Study



Tuesdays at 4PM, we'll meet on Zoom for Bible Study using the Semicontinuous Old Testament readings from Job:

November 23: Job 38:1-7 [34-41] November 30: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

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# Coming Soon on November 28, 2021

The first Sunday in Advent is coming soon, and our "*Mitten Tree*" will be in the Narthex!

Please bring elementary school – age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the "*Mitten Tree*" from Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for children needing these items. Donations of money can be given by marking a pew envelope "Mitten Tree", and the money will be used to purchase needed items.

Let's help children have a warmer winter!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# **In Case of Emergency**

Office hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In off hours, if there is an emergency ALL phone calls should go to Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267.

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**YOUR RECORDS** 

# **Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers**

Age: 18 - 100 years old

**Staff Committee** – **Kaye Burket** - responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities and responsibilities of our working employees.

**Social Ministry Committee** – **Tina Harclerode** - promotes faith in action through social responsibility at the local, state, national and international levels.

**Finance Committee** – **Jim Barley** – monitors church finances and investments; prepares budget; recommends spending allocations.

**Worship and Music Committee** – **Jane Fagans** - works with the pastor and music staff to provide meaningful worship experiences.

**Evangelism Committee** – **Mike Lamborn -**responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.

**Stewardship Committee** – **Need Volunteer** -encourages members' use of their time, talents and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for us.

**Nominating Committee** — responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

Peggy Freyer Martie Gilbert Ruth Marshall Peggy Steinfurth

## **Congregational Treasurer – Beth Garner**

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If no more volunteers offer to fill the open positions before the meeting then nominations will be taken from the floor.

Please call Peggy Steinfurth at 515-6205 or talk to one of the committee members to volunteer.

Cove Christmas Love: The Martinsburg Area Association of Churches are collecting items this year to distribute items to families that are most in need for a blessed Christmas. Prior to the date of distribution, local businesses and churches accept donations of new toys, books, and new blankets. A special checking account is maintained to manage monetary funds designated for this program. St. Matthew has a box in the Narthex marked "Merry Christmas Cove Christmas Love".

If you have any questions please call Pastor Chris at Memorial Church of the Brethren at 814-793-2422. Please make checks payable to "Cove Christmas Love" and mail to Pastor Brant Leidy, Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, 300 S Mulberry St., Martinsburg, PA 16662.



#### St. Matthew Lutheran Church

# Time and Talent Opportunities for 2022

God calls each of us uniquely into ministry. When we, as good stewards of the passions and gifts God has given us, respond by joyfully dedicating ourselves to God's work in the world, ministry happens.

All who participate in the life of St. Matthew are encouraged to "Share the Ministry and Love of Christ" through their time and talents.

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Communion Assistant	Journey to Bethlehem	Coordinate flowers
Audio/Visual	Assisting Minister	Arrange and/or provide
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