

Worship in the Home

Christ the King

November 22, 2020



In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

Prelude

Announcements

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Rejoice for Christ is King

ELW # 430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, 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.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

³⁴“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’ ⁴¹Then 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 the devil’s angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

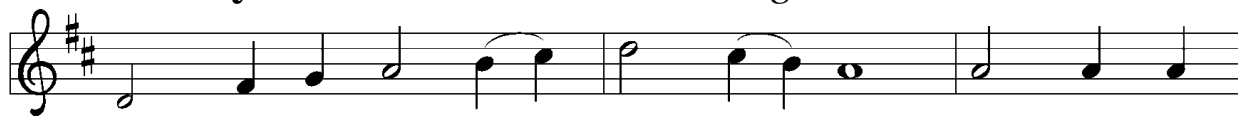
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

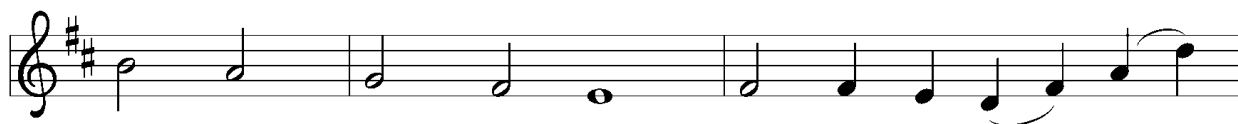
Hymn of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW # 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Reflection

The parable judges us: we have not always given food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, welcome to the stranger, nor help to the naked, sick, and imprisoned. But God is also full of mercy. Indeed, this Sunday comes to show us who this God really is: the one whom Jesus calls Father, who passionately cares for the world and gathers the scattered and injured of the people, including us, judging all rulers who misuse the weak; the one shepherd Jesus Christ who, in his cross, identifies with all the wretched poor and remains as close to us as the closest needy person; and the Spirit who gives us wisdom to know this one God and who mercifully makes of us a community — the church — to bear witness in the world. This Sunday of the Last Judgment is also a kind of Trinity Sunday, a revelation of the one God who fills all in all. Such good news comes to us in the word, like food for a hungry flock, turning us again away from fear in a difficult time to care for our needy neighbor, helping us to be more “sheep” than “goats.”

Prayers of Intercession

On this the last Sunday of the church year, let us pray to see God's reign in the church, in the world, and with all in need.

Great God, we praise you for sustaining the church through another year of grace. Continue to shepherd your people with your tender care. Sustain the social ministries of the body of Christ, and increase ecumenical sharing of opportunities for ministry. You are the great and holy God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Sustain the world that you have made, the heights of the hills, the seas and the dry land. Guard the animals during the winter months, and direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all. Be a source of strength and refuge for all weathering severe storms. You are the great and renewing God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, that your reign may be honored throughout the world. Be with the people of Armenia, Ethiopia, and Hong Kong. Bless the work of the United Nations and of agencies that promote the wellbeing of all peoples. You are the great and peacemaking God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Bless all the newly elected officials with a love of concord and a desire for justice. Turn us away from historic prejudices, and show us your image in each of our neighbors. You are the great and reconciling God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Visit our homes on Thanksgiving Day. When we are separated from loved ones, embrace us with your care. Keep gatherings safe. Even in our reduced celebrations, give us voices to offer thanks to you for your perpetual blessings. You are the great and generous God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We beg you to end the earth's pandemic. Bring healing to the millions who are suffering from the coronavirus – any who are sick, dying, despairing, isolated, unemployed, and all exhausted medical workers. Guide researchers in developing a vaccine. You are the great and healing God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Show your loving power to all who are in need. Equip us to feed the hungry, to provide clean water for the thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, to visit the prisoners. We pray especially for. . . You are the great and gracious God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We appeal to you, Sovereign God, we who are like both the sheep and the goats, and we ask that in compassion you will hear the prayers of our own hearts... You are the great and loving God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

We praise you for all the saints who have died in the faith, especially this week for the hymn writer Isaac Watts, who gave us words to praise the reign of Christ. At the end of all things, bring us together with all the saints into your kingdom of joy. You are the great and eternal God: **In mercy, receive our prayers.**

Receive our prayers in the name of the one who taught 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.

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! **Amen**



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.

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For those worshipping in real time from home, Zoom Fellowship will be available immediately after the 9AM Sunday service:

596-621-1441, passcode 8675309

Readings for the Week:

Monday commemoration of Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100; Miguel Agustin Pro, martyr, died 1927) Psalm 7. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America) Esther 8:3-17. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748) John 5:19-40. **Thursday** (Day of Thanksgiving [USA]) Psalm 80:1-7. **Friday** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18. **Saturday** Micah 2:1-13. **First Sunday of Advent** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

Reflection text: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw

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St. Matthew Masks Are Here!

Contact us to have one sent or delivered to you. Help spread the Good News, not the virus, and love your neighbors when you need to be out in public. (Free will contributions are gladly accepted.)



Schedule

Meetings – NONE

Online Worship

Sunday: 9 AM Livestream ONLY

Monday & Friday: 9AM posted Hymn Devotions

Tuesday & Thursday: 9AM & 9PM Morning & Night Prayer

Online Study

Tuesday — Friday: Midday Kids' Devotions

WORSHIP CHANGE: We are going back to only online worship starting this Sunday, November 22nd. The service will be livestreamed as usual at 9 AM for the rest of November. Check the December Messenger for schedule changes. We have NOT been informed that anyone at in-person worship has tested positive for coronavirus, but we would like to exercise extra caution to make sure this does not happen as cases continue to increase in our area. Stay safe and have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns:, John Aljets, Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Helena Bassler, Barry Brumbaugh, Kelly Burk, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Melissa Fetzer, Brian Fleck, Jim Freyer, Amy Haffling, Erika Hallam, Betty Helsel, Dan Hershberger, Jeff Hoenstine, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Rick McIntyre, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Nathan, Jim Negley, Zowe Orczeck, Aunt Mica, Elaine Ormsby, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Kaleb Sollenberger, Barbara Smith, Connie Smith, Luther Steele, Michael Sutton, Wyatt Sweinhart, Cindy Thomas, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Ashley Zanfino, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

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

Basic Training for the Army: Nathan Smith

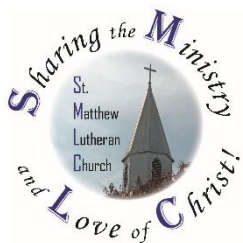
Serving God and Us Today

- Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott
- Our Organist – Mary Nelson
- Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel
- Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck
- Our Sexton – Bill Brown
- Our Audio/Video Tech – Shawn Orczeck
- Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Anna Klepser

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*United Lutheran Seminary*”

Our “Annual Commitment Card”

Please complete the card below and return in the offering plate or to the church office by November 29, 2020.



**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
Stewardship Commitment Card 2021**

Mission in the Parish \$ _____ (wkly. or mthly) circle one
(Current Expense)

Mission in the World \$ _____ (wkly. or mthly) circle one
(Benevolence)

Ventures in Faith \$ _____ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

Building Fund \$ _____ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

Total Giving \$ _____ (wkly. or mthly) circle one

(Please circle one) →

Weekly or Monthly

**St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran
Stewardship
Commitment Card 2021**

Mission in the Parish \$ _____
(Current Expense)

Mission in the World \$ _____
(Benevolence)

Ventures in Faith \$ _____

Building Fund \$ _____

Total Giving \$ _____

**KEEP THIS SECTION FOR
YOUR RECORDS**



2021 Offering Envelopes

Everyone who is a confirmed member or is a visitor and has requested envelopes receives Offering Envelopes. Included in this "Bulletin" is a NEW Time and Talent Sheet and a Commitment Card for 2021.

Electronic Offerings: If you would like to have funds given directly from your savings or checking please call Lori or Laura at 814-793-2413 to get more info. It is only a 5-minute process.

If you already give Electronically and would like to increase your offerings, checking please call Lori or Laura at 814-793-2413 to get more info. It is only a 5-minute process.

Time and Talent sheets from previous years are deleted and a NEW TIME & TALENT SHEET needs to be completed EVERY YEAR.

January 2021 Offering Envelopes will be mailed in December 2020 to your homes.

The other options for offering or tithing are below:

Ways to Support St. Matthew

Offering Envelopes: These are mailed to our contributors at their homes monthly.

❖ if you would like to use the "Simply Giving" on-line program of automatic bank drafts from your checking account. (*Forms are in the church office. Please see Lori.*)

Giving Online: Visit the church website at "www.stmatthewlc.com"

- 1) Click on the "**Give**" button, (on the top white banner)
- 2) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Mobile Giving:

- 1) Visit "**Play Store on your mobile device**"
- 2) Find the "**Vanco Payment**" app (this is free)
- 3) Click on the "**Install**" button
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one-time contribution or recurring contributions.





Dear Ministry Leader & Partner,

As the Christmas season gets closer, we begin to set our minds on things like peace, love, and joy. But we know that not everyone in our community experiences these things, especially in these uncertain and trying times. For some, the holidays bring a reminder of grief, depression, loss, and desperate need.

Among the Martinsburg Churches a collective vision is to impact the lives of those around us, letting all that we do be done in love (I Corinthians 16:14), we believe direct involvement in the community is extremely important. It is our hope that we can count on your support as we gear up for our annual “Cove Christmas Love” event, which reaches out to families in need during the holiday season. As a part of our mission, we distribute toys, grocery store gift cards and other items to area families with children under the age of 16. By asking your congregation to stand behind this project and provide donations of gift cards, new toys, as well as monetary donations, you can help us in our mission to give every child a Merry Christmas, one gift at a time.

Donations may be mailed in, or pickup arrangements may be made.

On behalf of our team, I want to thank you for any consideration you may give to our cause!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chris Garretson, 210 N. Wall Street, Martinsburg PA 16662

Pastor, Memorial Church of the Brethren Office (814)793-2422

Coordinator, Cove Christmas Love, Mobile (814)254-8328, Martinsburg Association of Area Churches

Email: PastorChrisG@outlook.com



Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020

The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the “crown of glory,” the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see 1 Peter 5:4). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby, Jesus.



MITTEN COLLECTION "BOX"

November 29, 2020

Please drop off (in the mail slot by the Maple St. Entrance) school-age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be placed in the Mitten Box from November 22nd until December 20th. These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Donations of money can be given by mailing to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and in the memo line write "*Mitten BOX*", and the money will be used to purchase needed items. *Let's help children have a warmer winter!*

Committees Need Volunteers

Age: 18 – 100 years old

Christian Ed. Committee – Needs Volunteer - responsible for enlightening and overseeing our religious education among our youth and adults.

Evangelism Committee – Needs Volunteer - responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities of connecting our members and fellow neighbors.

Nominating Committee – Needs Volunteers (2) - responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

If you were thinking that chairing a committee is a lot of work; it's not. Responsibilities of chairing a committee, means that you oversee your committee members and attend Council Meetings once a month. Some committees meet once a month, some just once every quarter or once or twice a year.

Please call Sheena Tremmel at 515-2962 to volunteer your **Time** to God. Or you may talk to one of the committee members:

Shelley Clinich John LearLinda Smith Peggy Steinfurth