Trinity Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

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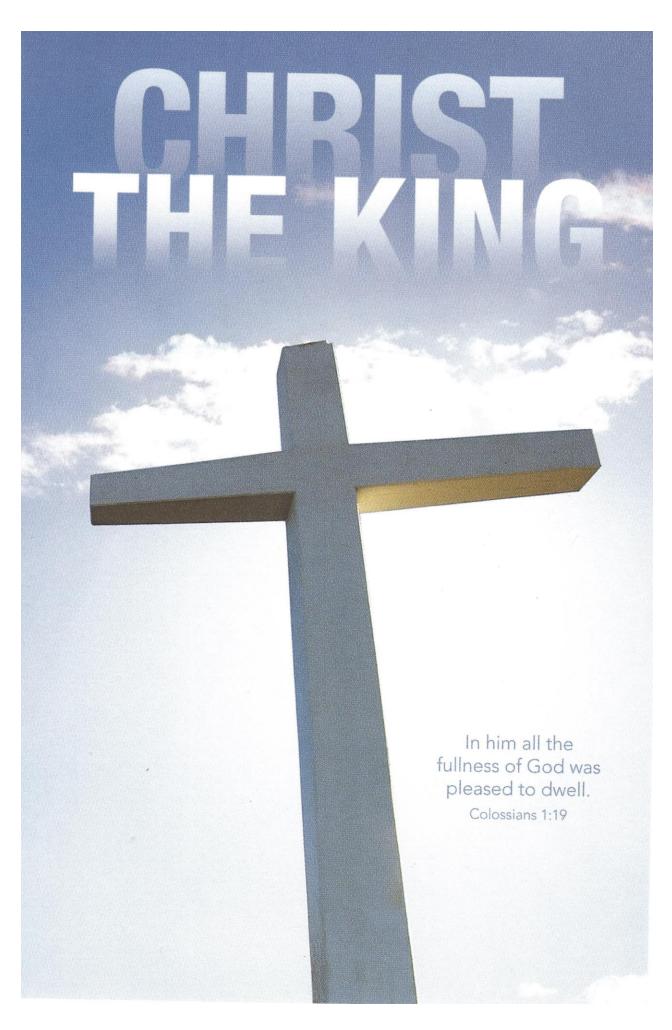
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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE WORD ~ ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP





We gather in the Name of the Lord who calls us to worship God's Name above every name. Your presence blesses this gathering, as together we honor the Lord with our thanks and praises.

For those able, fellowship & refreshments await you in the library immediately following our Sunday morning worship. The Education Hour begins at 10:10.

WORSHIP AIDS

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during today's offering.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available to you by requesting one from the ushers.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

PARISH NOTICES/ RINGING THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

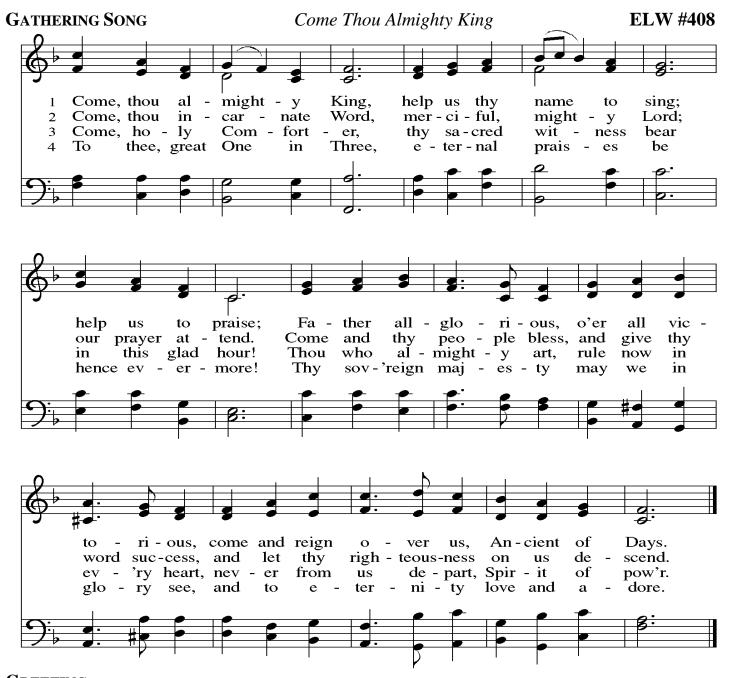
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our maker and redeemer.

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God + forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**





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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

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Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

The first reading is in Jeremiah chapter 23, verses 1-6.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

The second reading is in Colossians chapter 1, verses 11-20.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

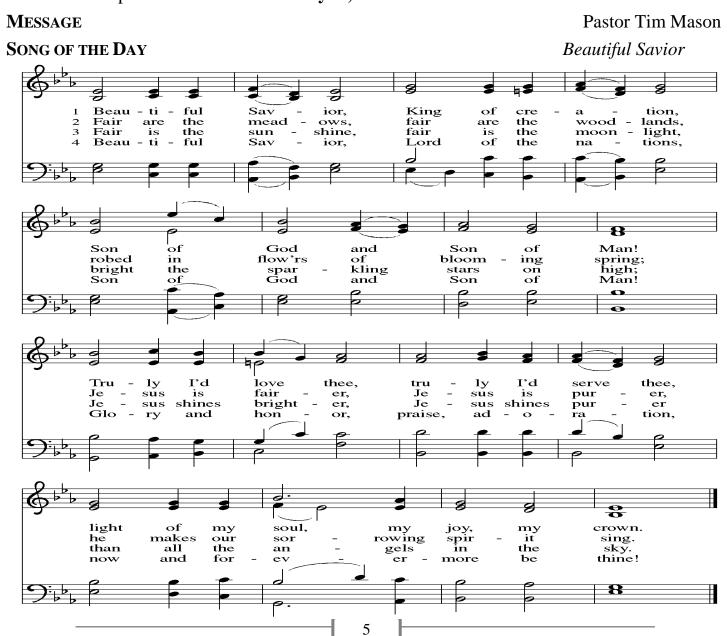
Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb; Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am. GOSPEL READING Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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



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 INTERCESSION

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

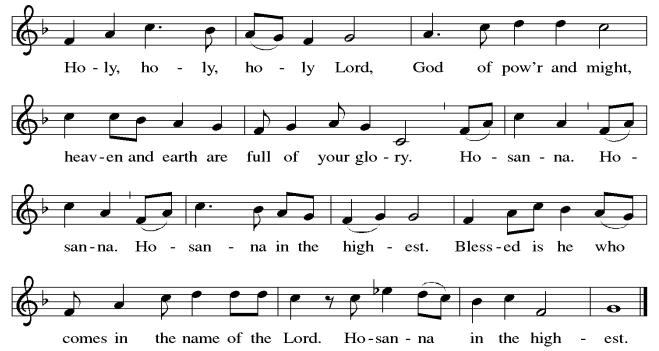
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



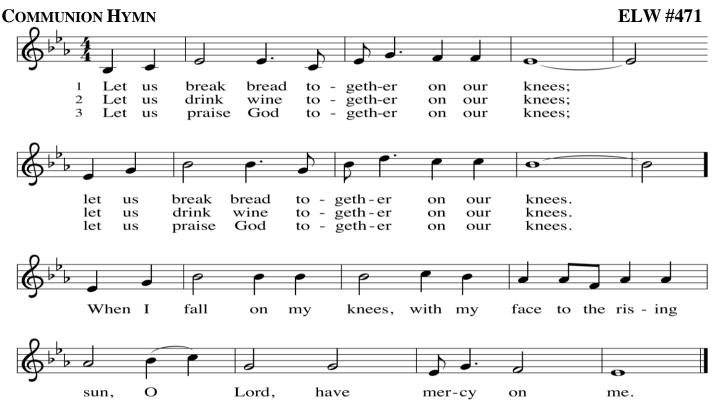
THE WORDS OF INSTITUION

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



COMMUNION BLESSING The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Hunter Mertz	
Reader	Eric Wahlborg	
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen	
Communion Assistants	Larry Baumgardt, Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky	
Greeter	Connie Johnson	
Ushers	Dennis Mangen, Mark Miller	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	

MEALS THAT MATTER Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*



SPECIAL OFFERINGS –During the month of November, we think of our abundance and willingness to share with others less fortunate. For this reason, the Board of Stewardship designates the Thanksgiving Eve offering to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts are accepted for this initiative to the end of the year.

The second special offering that is usually emphasized in November is the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering. These funds are all sent into the churchwide office to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. You may also use your regular offering envelopes by designating "*Thankoffering*" on the special giving line... Thank you for any and all gifts!





The Trinity book club will be reading "Help, Thanks, Wow - The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott. The book offers three simple prayers to get you through tough times, everyday struggles and the hard work of everyday life. Our book discussion is today.



It's Time for Christmas Food Boxes & Morning Snack Boxes starting Nov. 20!

Christmas Food Boxes

It is time to start thinking about filling a Christmas Food Box for the families of our weekend food kids as there continues to be those in our community who are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. We are going to ask you to once again shop for a family and put items on the list in a box provided for you and return it to Trinity. You can join with another family or group to fill one or more boxes. The risk for hunger insecurity has not gone away and we at Trinity are currently feeding 31 children on weekends from 23 families. We are asking you to fill a box to be used by our weekend food families during the Christmas break when they do not have meals provided by the school.

Morning Snack Boxes

Trinity has another opportunity to help our school children this year. There is a need for snacks during morning break so if you would like to fill a box full of snacks, grab a snack box and fill that to help our students.

Here's what to do:

- 1. Sign out a Christmas food box or a morning snack box in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 20th. Put your name and phone number next to the number matching the number on your box.
- 2. Fill the box with the items from the food list.
- 3. Return your box to the table in the narthex by Sunday, December 11.
- 4. Have fun filling the box. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

Social Ministries Board —Michal Lowther, Shari Baumgardt, Sandy Beito and Jim Johnson

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Jesus is our King of Kings. He has come to rule in our lives forever.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday Luke 23:33-43 Christ the crucified king
Monday Colossians 1:11-20 The person and work of Christ

Tuesday Luke 19:28-38 Blessed is the king

Wednesday John 18:33-39 Jesus questioned by Pilate Thursday Revelation 19:11-16 King of kings, Lord of lords

Friday Matthew 2:1-6 The one born king
Saturday Psalm 24 The king of glory comes

Sunday Matthew 24:36-44 The sudden coming of salvation



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son. And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God. Colossians 1:19-20

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, King of kings, teach us to forgive as you forgive. Amen. (Luke 23:34)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord of lords and King of kings, to you our thanks and praise we bring. For health and food and all you give, for every moment that we live. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God make you patient and strong, so that you never give up. Amen. (Colossians 1:11).

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

Imagine that a king is coming to your house today. How will you prepare for his visit?

How is Jesus like an earthly king? How is he different?

What does it mean to have Jesus as your King?

DEVOTIONS

Use this simple liturgy based on Colossians 1:12-14. Give each person a candle. Put another candle on the table. This candle will be called the "Christ candle," and it represents Christ as the Light of the World. Dim lights to darken your devotional area.

Leader: We were under the power of darkness. But, God sent Jesus the Light into the world to save us. (Light the Christ candle)

All: God brought us into the kingdom of Jesus, his Son. We now belong to the king-dom of light. (The other candles are lit from the Christ candle)

Leader: Jesus has paid for our sins and through him we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God, forever and ever. Amen.

Close by praying or singing "Christ, Be Our Light" by Bernadette Farrell.

SERVICE

As this Church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in the church who have served you in God's name—pastors, lay ministry staff, church leaders, musicians, pro-gram leaders, and others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is the last week of the Church year. Next Sunday, we enter Advent. Share memo-ries of your involvement in the church this past year. What were some highlights? What did you learn? In what ways did you grow spiritually? Whom did you get to know better? Whom were you blessed by or through?

Share your hopes for your involvement in the church in the coming year. Say a prayer of thanks for your church and for God's work in and through it over the last twelve months.

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Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message. TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at <u>secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org</u> and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Last week at 11mity		
Weekly Worship Attendance:	97	
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$5181.92	
November Giving:(\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$11,958.84	
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$219,020.87	
Budget Contributions needed	\$263,022.75	
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00	



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

<u>Pray for the Church</u>...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

<u>Pray for our World</u>...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Millie, Alice Mae, Linda, Loretta, Micah, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

<u>Pray for the beloved...</u> who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

<u>Pray for all families...</u> that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

<u>Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces</u> <u>and those far from home</u>...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

<u>Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...</u>that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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