

Order of worship for Nov 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Greeting

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

And also with you.

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.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, 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.**

3 For 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.**

5 The 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.

"Let Us Shout For Joy (Psalm 95)" by Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of Love
Let us bow and worship God our Maker,
The One who holds the earth**

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of Love
For we know that we belong to God
Who loved us from our birth**

**Let us shout for joy Let us clap out hands
Let us make a mighty joyful noise to the Rock of Love
Let us shout for joy Let us sing and dance
We will make a mighty joyful noise to the Rock of Love**

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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.

34Then 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; 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 his 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."

Sermon

Song: The Least of These

That which you do for the least of these you also do for me
A kindness you give to the least of these you also give to me
The love that you share with your families you also share with me
And the mercies you show to your enemies you also show to me

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 Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Bring healing to every place where the Covid-19 pandemic rages. Grant wisdom to all leaders, that they might make wise decisions that help us all to care for each other. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Grant healing to all who are sick and comfort to all who mourn, especially those affected by Covid-19. Watch over and protect health care workers, teachers, and other front line and essential workers during this stressful time. Guide the work of researchers who are seeking treatments and vaccines for Covid-19. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem
drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless
king
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson
trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever
flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,

- in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their
burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
 - 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not
fail throughout eternity.

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!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

And have fun doing it.

We will! Amen!

BY THE NUMBERS

Check Register Balance 11/20/2020

\$10,493.31

Operating Bank Loan: \$4,912.27

PPP Loan Balance:\$16,984 (Forgiven)

Offering:11/20/2020

Current: \$1,740

Benevolence: \$152

Improvement: \$85

Lutheran World Relief: \$50

Womens Projects Memorial: \$50

Quilt Ministry: \$50

Prayer Shawl: \$50

Announcements:

Christmas gifts for Bremwood Lutheran Home: This year, due to the pandemic, Bremwood Lutheran Home has requested that instead of Christmas gifts for their residents, they would prefer Wal-mart gift cards. If you would like to donate, you can drop off gift cards at the home of Mary Adams. You may also donate money through the church, marking "Bremwood" on your donation. Financial gifts for Bremwood must be received by December 14.

Jesup Ministerial Thanksgiving Service: The Jesup Ministerial Alliance will be putting together a virtual Community Thanksgiving Service this year, which is available on the websites and Facebook pages of the churches involved. If you would like to give an offering to the Jesup Ministerial Fund, which is used for those in need in our

community, you may give through the church, marking "Ministerial Fund" on your offering.

Homebound members: Mary Jo Sullivan is at Grand View in Oelwein

Military members: Jordan Leach is in the Air Force and is currently stationed in Sheppard AFB in TX. If you know of anyone else serving in the armed forces, please contact the church office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or (827-6626). We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

Advent resources: We will have Advent resources available for pickup beginning on Sunday, November 22, on the porch of Shirley Bergman's house, across 6th street from the church. Each household is invited to take a pack of tea light candles (for making a home Advent wreath), an Advent devotional booklet, and a church Christmas songbook, as well as copies of the words to the song "We Light a Candle for Jesus". In addition, families can take packets of children's bulletins for each of their children (bulletins are available for readers and pre-readers), copies of the words to "Go Tell it On the Mountain," and battery powered candles. Please return candles and songbooks after the Christmas season is over.

Advent Sermon Series: The sermons for the Sundays in Advent will be from members of the synod staff of the Northeastern Iowa Synod. The Sermons will be based on the ELCA World Hunger Advent Study, [God With Us](#). A copy of this study may be downloaded from our church website.

Virtual Christmas Pageant: This year, our Christmas Eve service will be a virtual Christmas Pageant, with the United Methodist church.

Special music: We are looking for recordings of favorite Christmas tunes to use throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you are willing to record yourself or your family singing or playing a Christmas song, please let Pastor Kristen or Shirley Bergman know!