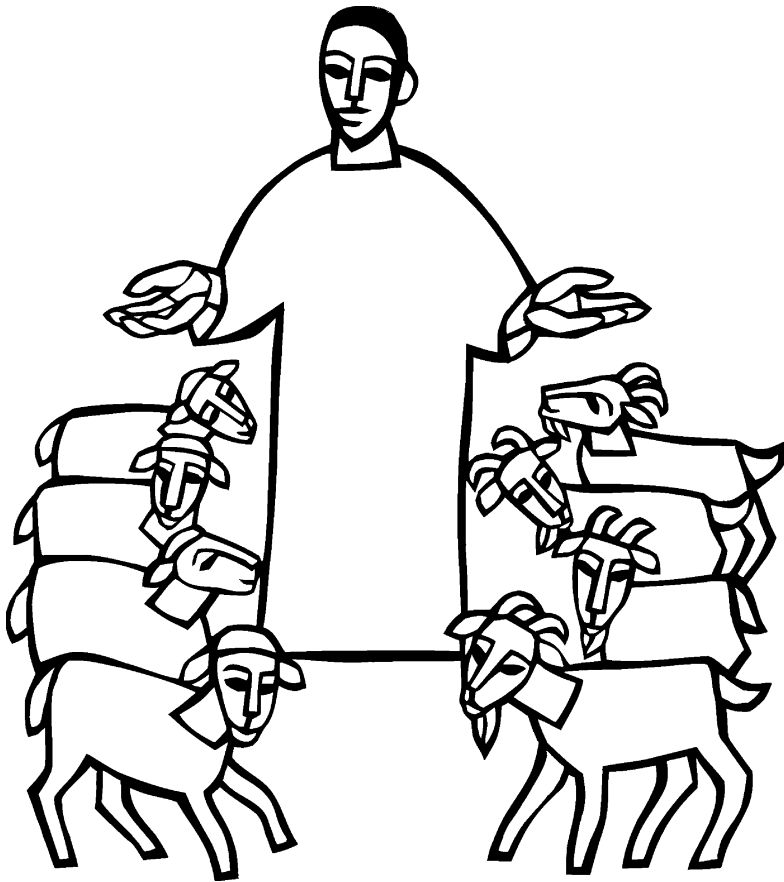


Zion Lutheran Church



***9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

Explanation of Day: Today we mark the end of the Church Year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Traditionally, this is the day we recognize the rule of Jesus. We acknowledge that the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge that the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness. Today, we acknowledge that the reign of God is love for us in all seasons and times.

Worship on this day is a journey through the liturgical year—the way the Church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through Pentecost, we will be reminded of the different seasons in the church year. We will hear God’s Word, sing songs appropriate to each season, and be reminded of the colors associated with each season. In this, we honor and celebrate Christ the King in all seasons and time.

WELCOME

***OPENING SONG**

Holy Is the Lord

Worship Team

***APOSTOLIC 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**

Let us pray. 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.

Advent - The Season of Expectation

Reader: *Advent - The Season of Expectation. The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is not just about preparing us for Christmas, but preparing us for the end of time. Advent means coming or arrival. The primary focus of Advent is on Christ’s second coming. The beginning of the year moves us to the end of time where we await God’s coming again. For when Christ returns, the fulfillment of God’s plan of justice and peace for all creation will fully take effect. As we journeyed through this season, our focus was on hope. The color of Advent, symbolizing hope, is blue.*

Action: (The color blue is brought forward)

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

A reading from Mark:

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Song: Even So Come

Christmas - The Season of Emmanuel

Reader: *Christmas - The Season of Emmanuel. Welcome Jesus! Welcome Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of Christ’s birth and continues for twelve days, ending on January 6. This is the season of gift giving with friends and family. We also tend to focus on giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves and sharing our abundance in a variety of ways, like the ELCA Good Gifts_or in the red buckets of the Salvation Army. More importantly, Christmas is the season of God’s gift given to us in Jesus. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the presence of God in Christ coming into the world. The color of Christmas, symbolizing the light and purity of Jesus, is white.*

Action: (The color white is brought forward)

Reading Luke 2:1-7

A reading from Luke:

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended

from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Song Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Epiphany - The Season of Light for the World

Reader: *Epiphany - The Season of Light for the World. January 6 is the Epiphany of Our Lord and is a day when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to see Jesus. At one point in time, the Epiphany of our Lord was seen as the third holiest day in the Christian Calendar. After January 6, we move into a season of growing in our faith as we explore stories such as the baptism of Jesus and those early beginnings of his ministry. During the time after the Epiphany, we celebrated the revelation of Jesus in every time and place throughout our world. The color for Epiphany is white, symbolizing the light of Jesus. After the day of Epiphany, we changed our color to green as we focused on understanding the growing mission of Jesus.*

Action: (The colors white and green are brought forward)

Reading Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, '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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by

another road.

Song You Are the Light

Lent - The Season of Turning to God

Reader: *Lent - The Season of Turning to God. Lent marks the 40 days before Easter. This time symbolizes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent is a time of preparation and thoughtful reflection on our life of faith and our relationship with God and the world. It is also a time to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. We culminate this journey through our Holy Week services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Historically, Lenten disciplines or faith practices have included alms giving (sharing financial resources), prayer, and fasting. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on returning to God. The color of Lent, symbolizing repentance and royalty, is purple.*

Action:(The color purple is brought forward)

Reading Psalm 51:10-17

A reading from Psalm 51.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Song Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Easter - The Season of Life

Reader: *Easter - The Season of Life. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia! This greeting rang out on Easter Sunday and throughout the next fifty days as we celebrated the*

resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the high point of the Christian year, with the celebration lasting for an amazing fifty days. One day is not enough, we rejoice at God's triumph over death and evil for a time longer than our somber period of Lent. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the risen Christ. The Paschal Candle stayed lit throughout these fifty days as a reminder to the season we were in. The colors of Easter, symbolizing joy and the light of resurrection, are white and gold.

Action: (The color white/gold is brought forward)

Reading Mark 16:1-8

A reading from Mark:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Song At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Pentecost and the time after– The Season of Growing

Reader: *Pentecost – The Season of Growing. Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a grand culmination of a joyous celebration. The color of the day of Pentecost, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, is red. The season after Pentecost continues through the rest of the Church Year, returning us to Advent. This is sometimes called 'the long green season'. Its official name is 'Ordinary Time' because there are no major events in the life of the Church that are celebrated. As we journeyed through this time, our focus was on the life and teachings of Jesus. The color of Ordinary Time, symbolizing growing in faith, is green.*

Action: (The colors red and green are brought forward)

Reading Acts 2:1-6,43-47

A reading from Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other

languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Song Consuming Fire (by Tim Hughes)

Christ the King – Christ is King of All

Reader: *Christ the King—the day which we celebrate today—ends our current Church Year. This celebration began in 1925 after Pope Pius XI decreed that Christians needed to be reminded that their true allegiance needs to be in their spiritual ruler in heaven and not in earthly supremacy. Pius saw the rise of nationalism following War World I as a danger to Christians everywhere. Pius wanted a day that stressed Christ being supreme ruler and head. On this day, our gospel reminds us that Christ obtained his power not through powerful armies, clubs, swords or any violence placed upon another individual, but through violent acts committed by others against Jesus. The crown that our Savior wears is a crown of thorns and through his blood, we are saved. Just as a lamb once saved the people in Egypt, so has this lamb saved us.*

Please rise for the reading of the gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL**

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 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?' 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.' 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.'

After the gospel is read, the pastor and congregation will say:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 INTERCESSION**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Derr, piano

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER (🙏 Amen.)**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (☩ Amen.)**

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus, who, living among us,
healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until
he comes.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

***THE 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Worship Team

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (🙏 Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (🙏 Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (🙏 Amen.)**

Christ is the King

in all seasons and time.

As God's people,

let us rejoice in the gift of love

and the promise of life offered by God for us

through his sacrifice and death on the cross

—where he was made our King.

Return next week in joyful expectation

and be ready to begin a new church year.

Thanks be to God

for God's faithfulness in all seasons and time.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ and the Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

Look What The Lord Has Done

Worship Team

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Christ is king.

Thanks be to God.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Branan Bybel's and Justin Kidwell's birthdays.



Zion Prayer List 11-26-2023

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Deborah Shinault, Ron Trusty, Lucretia Reaves, Jessie Maxwell, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Jennifer Kinna, Tex and Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Dawn Shinault, Linda Crummitt, Lois Holder, Robert Roys, Cathy Baker, Robert Mettert, Janet Young, Gary, Kay & Michael Wachter, Michael Easton, Frank Mrazek, The Hubble Family, Kate Stevens, Sheri Huckleberry, Pat McIntosh, Linda Huckleberry, Nancy Newkirk, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Kris Marcantonio, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Darlah Adams, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.



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