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Sunday, November 24, 2024 Christ the King Sunday

Service of Word and Prayer

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with many Crowns



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.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Hymn of the Month: What Have We to Offer? No. 156



What Have We to Offer?



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Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

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

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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

Word of God, word of life.

that shall never be destroyed.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

- ¹ 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 cannot be moved.
 - ² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
 - ³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
 - ⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} 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, ⁵ 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, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

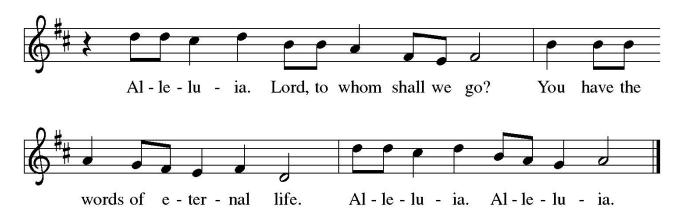
So it is to be. Amen.

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

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Gospel Acclamation





Gospel: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John, Glory to you, O Lord.

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

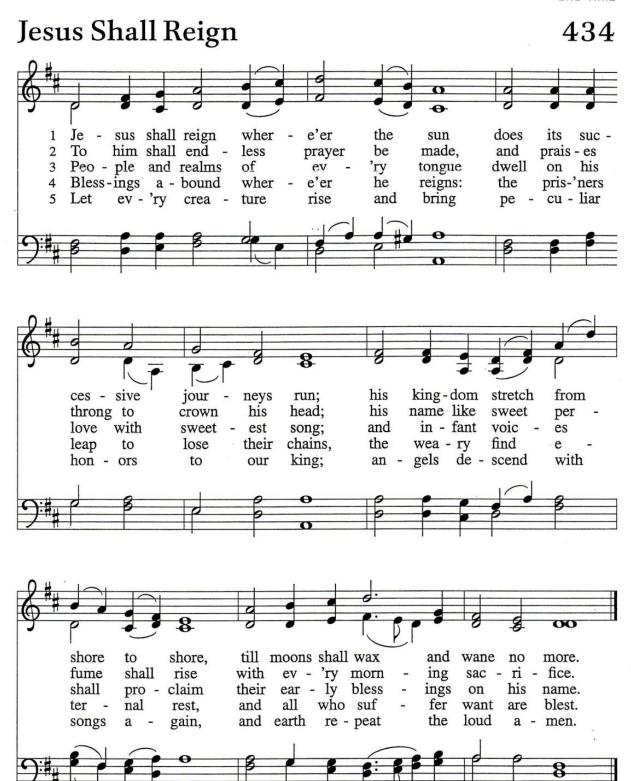
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Shall reign No. 434





Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song - Give Thanks

No. 41



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Prayer:

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

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 was 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 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.

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world.
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (*local officials may be named*). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (worship ministries may be named). Merciful God, receive our prayer. Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your eternal presence the saints (*recently deceased members of the congregation may be named*) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,

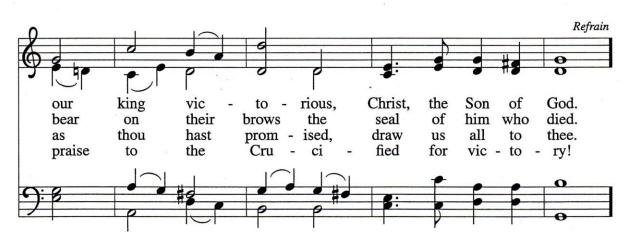
→ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Lift High the Cross

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Dismissal.

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann

Lectors: Sally Warner

Usher: Roy Patterson & Sally Warner

Acolyte: Drew Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann

Lectors: Gayle Thompson

Usher: Barb Sessler & David Wobser

Acolyte: Natalie Thompson

November Altar Care: Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the hurricanes, war in Israel and Ukraine; for all effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike;

the students, faculties, and staff of the colleges, universities, and seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;

the ministry of Safe Harbour helping victims of domestic violence.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and the 49th wedding anniversary of David & Cathy Wobser.

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. LOOSE CHECKS will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

ATTENDANCE

November 17: 45 + 30 = 75

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

November 17:

General Fund - \$3,264.50

Building Improvements - \$290.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am Senior Thanksgiving Meal 11:45 am

MONDAY Dartball 7:30 pm

Bellevue @ V1 Castalia @ V2

WEDNESDAY Women's NA Group 9:00 am

"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 7:00 pm

THURSDAY Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

FRIDAY Carol on Vacation Office Closed

SATURDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 11:00 am

SUNDAY Communion Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Hanging of the Greens After late service

Dress casual

THE YOUNG AT HEART will have lunch (\$3.50) on December 2 at the Sandusky Senior Center and following lunch the Edison Show Choir will perform. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TODAY.**



OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE is back again this year. This is our annual wider church mission support event and is now out for you to purchase items from.

This is how this works:

Pick an ornament from the tree which you would like to support. Take it and an envelope with you, fill out the information needed on the envelope.

Place the money in the envelope.

Bring it back next week with you or mail it to the church office.

You get to keep the ornament or give it to the person you have honored or a family member of someone you have memorialized.

All memorials or honoraria will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING BOXES are being replaced with ThankOffering Envelopes. Sorry but our donation counters are asking for no change this year. Please pick up an envelope and place your donation inside and return it any time between now and Christmas Eve. Your donations go towards the Community Mission Fund.





AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR SEATS AND FEETS (underwear and socks) or gloves/mittens or scarfs for Care and Share and Crossroads Homeless Shelter.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY will be on December 14 at noon at the Castalia Cemetery with the laying of the wreaths to follow.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH at 930 Main Street, Huron is offering a free concert from area churches "Celebrating the Birth of Jesus" on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm.

MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on Wednesday, December 11th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (or until gone). The menu includes baked ham & scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetable, applesauce, and dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery. See the bulletin board for more information.

FIRELANDS CHORUS INC., will be presenting their annual Christmas program, "Christmas Carols & Candlelight." Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th, at Zion Lutheran Church, 503 Columbus Ave., Sandusky. Doors open at 7:00 pm the program begins at 7:30 pm. Concerts are free with a freewill offering being collected.