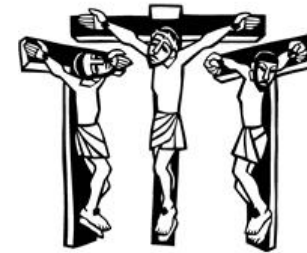


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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2019
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

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.

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Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God**

*Prel-
ude.....A time for silent reflection
Welcome and Announcements*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,
Healer of our every ill,
Source of unending mercy.
Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope,
Let us turn again to God,
Confessing the truth about ourselves.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,
**we come before you, beloved but broken.
We have not always treated others
as we would want them to treat us.
We have not always called out injustice and abuse.**

**We have not always been kind to ourselves.
We have not always taken care of the world
we share with other living creatures.
Remind us of who we are,
beloved children bathed in your love.
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,
bringing healing to the brokenness around us.
Amen.**

At every moment
you are held in existence by the love of God,
renewed by the Spirit within and among you,
and made alive again in Christ.
Receive this assurance in Jesus' name:
you are forgiven and freed
to live for the healing of the world.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW #855

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.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

help with the shipping cost. Not only will a child receive a shoebox, they will receive the "Greatest Gift of All", the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You will find two inserts in the bulletin today with regard to our Mission Support. Inquiring minds want to know "just what does the Synod do with the money we send?". These inserts provide the answer, as well as the answers to other frequently asked questions. Please take the time to look these over. Thanks.

The W-ELCA "Thankoffering" envelopes may also be found in the bulletin. Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Please return your "Thankoffering" by December 15. Thank you.

Bishop Arends is retiring at the end of his current term. The process of electing a successor has begun, and is detailed in the information placed on the table in the narthex. The involvement and feedback from members of the Synod congregations is encouraged. Please feel free to take a copy of this information with you as you familiarize yourself with the election process.

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097. This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail message.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, Justin Arndt (608-435-6642) (608-587-6642) or Nalani.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

Wed., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 30	Sanctuary Christmas Decorating	9:00 AM
Sun., Dec. 1	Christmas Program Practice	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
Wed., Dec. 4	Confirmation	6:30 PM—8:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have a time of fellowship following the Thanksgiving Eve service. Would you be able to donate a plate of cookies, pan of bars, cake, or other dessert item? If so, please bring them to the basement before the service. Thank you.

The loose offering at the Thanksgiving Eve service will be donated to the Wilton Food Pantry. We are also asking folks to bring a food donation for the pantry and have been provided with a listing of items which are regularly asked for: cream of chicken soup, elbow macaroni, noodles, kidney beans, applesauce, cream style corn, pasta sauce, cooking oil, flour and sugar. While not a food item, larger size diapers are also a regularly requested item.

As a part of a recent Sunday school lesson, the children are designating a special offering taken today, and the next two Sundays toward the ELCA Good Gifts. You will recall this will involve purchasing baby chicks,

little pig, goat, funds to help educate a girl, or a litany of other items. This money, combined with the noisy offering collections, will be used to that end. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the W-ELCA ladies for donating \$250.00 to the cause. Their gift is in honor of the Sunday school teachers: Joel and Lori Arndt, Justin Arndt, as well as Greg and Nalani. The children always have a great time as they discuss and vote on which items to purchase. Thank you for supporting this cause through your noisy offering donations.

We are blessing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes today during our church service. Thank you to all who participated in this project, from packing a shoebox, to donating money to fill a shoebox, to donating for

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast" ELW p.149

*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 and forever.
Amen.**

Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST READING

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

A reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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.

⁵The 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. ⁶In 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.**

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.

¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the**

**when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

ELW #641

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loves us.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN

Sending

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

**OUR
PRAY-
ERS**

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Linda Bauer, Helen Summerfield, Lois Schultz, Linda Finnigan, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Florence Krause, Judy Bever, Tammy Roscovious, Darlene and Paul Babbitt, Pam Eaton, Cliff Herman, Jeff Sullivan, Dakota Holiday, Carla Von Haden, Family of Howard Gloede (son of Ray and Gladys Gloede)

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale ,
Seth Tormoen

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Barb and John Ornes, Reader: Justin Arndt
Altar: Nalani and Greg Bever, Communion Server: Barb Ornes,
Ushers: Greg Bever, Leonard Arndt, Steve Brandau, Jerry Von Haden

CALENDAR FOR —November 24—December 1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: 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.

P: God keeps adding places to the table.

Come to the banquet that has no end.

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.

“Lamb of God”

ELW p. 154

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future**

earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

A reading from Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messi- 5

ah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The gospel according to Luke 23:33-43

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When 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.

³⁴□ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." □ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Sermon

Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

*Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

ELW #295

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 (Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great..)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OF-

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

FERING

*Offertory Hymn

"We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

*Offertory Prayer

**We thank you, God our host,
for inviting us here to taste the future
when you will feed all the hungry at your table.
Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities,
so that we might bring hope to a suffering world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**