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You are welcome here.

Come join the journey.

November 22, 2020

Worship Service

10 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday / Reign of Christ Sunday

Welcome to worship today.

Welcome to this real live community of Faith, Christ Lutheran Church!

We hope that your virtual presence among us this morning will enliven your spirit.

We are glad and grateful to have you worshipping with us.

Chance favors the prepared mind. Louis Pasteur

Prelude

Excerpts from CLC Worship with the Greater Baltimore Fellowship
Choral Union
Dr. Winston Gray, Director

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey,
you are welcome here!

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence

Chime

Silence

Prayer

Gathering Song

"Potter's Hand" led by CLC Praise Band

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Corky Blake

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel, and will bring them back from Exile. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

“Beautiful Savior” led by Brenda Tarulli

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[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.”

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Message Song

“Awesome God” - Led by CLC Praise Band

Prayers

Angela Drake

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. Let us begin with our own silent, personal prayers.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, 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.

God, **We will be your hands in caring for all kinds of people.**

Gracious God, you cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. With thankful hearts, we promise to use your creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth.

God, **We will be your hands in caring for all kinds of people.**

Gracious God, heal the divisions we erect between us, and grant us wisdom to find ways to remove systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity has been stripped away.

God, **We will be your hands in caring for all kinds of people.**

Gracious God, pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Inspire and sustain those who work in children’s ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Support and inspire this congregation as we endeavor to find ways to make our ministry relevant, inviting, and meaningful to all age groups.

God, **We will be your hands in caring for all kinds of people.**

Gracious God, 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. Today we pray especially for *Jim, Mary Ann and Esther, Geoff Baer, Neil McCardle, Diane Voron, Timmy Henn, Jr., Andrea & Jerry, Kyle, Rod, Ruth, Linda, Rudy, Hugh, Joanne, Allison, Sean, Courtney, Lorraine, Kay, Cathy, Kristen, Dale Kichline, Lorane & Larry, Debbie Riegel, Wendy, Tony & Karen, Gene Heft, Molly, Carol Mitchell, Joe Kupsy, Teri, Patti Ruth, Melissa, Megan, Kathleen, Theresa Sherwin, Judy & Greg, Pearl, Mel, Jane Atherholt, Donna Rader, Jackie & Jess, The Miliren Family & Sue, Janet Mills, Ramona Daily, the Harley family and Ferd.*

Hospitalized this week: Bryan Gerhab and those we name silently in our hearts. A brief silence.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne. 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.

Closing Hymn

“Give Thanks” -Led by CLC Praise Band

Benediction

College Alumni Choir

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” - led by the Lebanon Valley

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour