

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

Commitment Sunday

Greetings and Welcome

“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.
The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man
that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.”

Martin Luther

Psalm 98

1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
2 The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Special Music: “Psalm of Gratitude,” arr. Krug

Exaltation Ringers

Psalm 150

1 Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
5 Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*Refrain: Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
teach me to move in the pow’r of your Spirit,
teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
teach to me to dance to the beat of your heart.
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
teach to me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

1. **You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth,
in you is joy without measure.
So, like a child in your sight, I dance to see your delight,
for I was made for your pleasure, pleasure. *Refrain***
2. **Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say ‘yes’,
a will that leaps to obey you.
Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in your face;
let my whole being praise you, praise you. *Refrain***

**Thanksgiving for Baptism*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Psalm 105

1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

5 Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

6 O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Hymn of Praise – "When In Our Music, God Is Glorified" ELW 851 (organ)

- 1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**
- 2 How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**
- 3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!**

- 4 **And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**
- 5 **Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

Children's Sermon: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Song— "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689

(organ)

As we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God, we also bring forward our financial stewardship commitments for 2023. Please come forward to place your commitment card at the basket by the altar or raise it for an usher to take for you.

- 1 **Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 **God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**
- 3 **Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**
- 4 **Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

Reading – Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Sermon – “Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song”

Song of the Day – “Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song” ELW 808 (organ)

- 1 **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
- 3 **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**
- 4 **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

Stewardship Time

*“Simple Gifts,” arr. Daniel Carter
Chancel Choir*

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**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.

Communion Songs:

*“Let All Things Now Living”
Melissa Street, flutist*

“Earth and All Stars” ELW 731, vv. 1, 2, & 5 (organ)

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son! Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

“One Bread, One Cup,” arr. Bobby Fisher

Allie Snodgrass

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Make Me an Instrument”*

(piano)

*Refrain: Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.*

**1. When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. *Refrain***

**2. When someone is hungry, when someone is cold, let me be there,
oh, let me be there.**

When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. *Refrain*

3. **If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**
If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. *Refrain*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner

Greeter: Barb Fishback

Reader: Gilbert Joehl

Usher: Larry Kuster

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sharon Zuiderveld

Drummer: John Demien

Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & Kelly Street

Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe

Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



Singers:

Marilyn Dichsen

Adam Krohe

Melissa Street

Kelly Hartz

Nichole Licht

Carol VanderKloot

Terri Kimler

Kris Roth

Church Council Members:

Barb Davenport

Kelly Hartz

Kelly Street

Ken Devlin

Mike Oldenettel

Lisa Taylor

Naomi Hahn

Karen Sibert

The altar plants are given today by Carol Rauen
in memory of Chuck Heacox

Song Credits

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News Updates

What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 20, 10:30am: Sunday School

Wednesday, November 23, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, November 24: **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Sunday, November 27, 10:30am: Sunday School

Wednesday, November 30, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group

11:30am: Advent Allegro Lunch

12:15pm: Advent Allegro Concert: The Extension Chords

Thursday, December 1, 5pm: Parish Worship Meeting

6pm: Church Council Meeting

6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal

6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 3, 9am: Men’s Breakfast

Commitment Sunday and Music Celebration today

Bring your intent cards with your financial pledge for the new year as we celebrate the generous support of our Faith Family towards our shared ministry. If you did not receive a letter, there are some available on the Coffee Sales counter in the gathering area. We will also be celebrating the importance of music to our lives of faith as we include a variety of musical selections and welcome the gifts of one another through their musical offerings.

Decorating the Church

Many hands make for a beautiful setting for our worship during Advent and Christmas. We will gather after worship **today** to decorate our spaces. We welcome all volunteers, so plan to join in the fun. Lunch will be provided after we have finished.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

November 30: "The Extension Chords" (*with Jean Welch*)

December 7: Tyler Carpenter on Marimba

December 14: Jacksonville High School Madrigals

December 21: Anna & Bethany Ferraro

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5.

We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales** or contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com).

Reverse Advent Project

Faith will partner once again with our friends at Grace Lutheran Church in Virginia in our 2022 Reverse Advent project, collecting food for individuals and families in need. Reverse Advent projects add up rather than counting down to Christmas, by adding a different food item each day of Advent. You may choose one of two ways to be a part of the fun. If you want to collect food, take home a festive bag located on the coat tree next to the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. You will find the suggested list of food items attached to each bag. If you don't want to collect food, money donations are also needed. This year we hope to use these to enable us to buy fresh food items (e.g., eggs, milk, bread, fruit, vegetables) to add to each gift. We encourage you to reach out to friends and neighbors to participate along with us. Take them a bag and list and let them experience the joy of sharing the spirit of the holiday. Then volunteer to bring their bag back to church. Better yet, invite them to an Advent Allegro concert or a worship service and they can place their bag with the others. If you find your bag too small for all your items, just take another one as needs arise. Tie the handles together when you return your bags to the church. We hope to fill the area under the Working Cross with bags of food for our neighbors. Please bring your bags to the church by Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10:00am on Wednesday, December 21, in the Faith Library as we meet for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. This month, we'll explore the special relationship between cousins Elizabeth and Mary, mother of Jesus. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Faith is scheduled to ring bells on **Tuesday, December 6** from 11-6 at Midland's Farm & Home (1203 W. Morton Ave.). If you would like to ring bells, please sign up on the sheet on the Coffee Sales counter by the coat closet, or let Sharon Zuiderveld know at **217-883-1258**. We will be indoors and will have one-hour time slots available. Please consider helping our community with this worthwhile event.

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia to help decorate the church for Christmas, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area and drop your check (or cash), for \$15.00 made out to Faith Lutheran Church with a notation for *Poinsettia*, into the decorated box. Please indicate if the poinsettia is in honor or memory of someone special to you. **Please sign up by December 11**. After the Christmas Day service, please take your plant home to enjoy. Questions? Call Kris Roth (245-8919, Tuesday-Friday mornings).

Music Rehearsals

Exaltation Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm, and **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm. We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at jrwelch53@msn.com or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift. Hope you will join us!!
Jean Welch, Director of Music

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **New Item: \$5.50** coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

Clothes for the Prison

Now that Covid is nearly over, Chaplain Kean has requested new or gently used men's clothing for those offenders ready to start their journey home. If you have any to donate, please bring them to Sharon Zuiderveld's office in the church at your convenience. Any and all sizes are appreciated.

Jacksonville Symphony Chorale

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorale is holding rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the McGaw Fine Arts Building (room 124) on the Illinois College campus. They are blessed to again have the JHS choir joining them under the direction of Stephanie Soltermann! If you would like to sing with the chorale, contact Terri Benz (217-370-2472), or just show up at the rehearsal.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Annual Banquet

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host our annual banquet on **Saturday, December 3rd**, from 4:00 - 6:00pm, at Hamilton's in Jacksonville. We would like to ask Faith to host a table (or 2) at the banquet. (Larry and Laura Sweatman have a table, and we could expand that to 2 tables if others from Faith would like to attend.) There is no cost to host a table. This is a great opportunity for you to invite people to hear the Gospel, while enjoying a great meal and building relationships. This year's keynote speaker is SHG Football Coach Ken Leonard. Coach does a great job sharing how his walk with Christ has changed his life and how he coaches. All of us can apply this message to our lives. We will also have some local coaches and athletes share how God is working in their lives.

We will be happy to accommodate any number of guests that you would like to bring. Let me know if you have any questions (tsweatman@fca.org). We would like to know if you can host a table **by November 29**. We are looking forward to a great day of encouragement! Thank you for considering the opportunity to support the ministry of FCA! Todd Sweatman, Western IL Area Director

Eastern Europe Crisis Response -- Ukraine

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation**; make check out to Faith with “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” in the memo line.