

Christ the King Sunday

November 17, 2024

Thank You to Bishop Emeritus John Roth for leading worship and preaching today

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude – Jean Welch, piano

GATHERING

**Call to Worship*

P: God knows us,

C: knows our names, knows our hearts.

P: God's Word is in us,

C: written deep within.

P: God's love is for us and for all,

C: and so we come together, all of God's children, to worship and praise.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of promise, in your presence we come this day, knowing that your word is trustworthy and true, that your hope is steadfast and your love generous.

C: As the earth reminds us of your promise of forgiveness to Adam and Eve and the stars remind us of your promise of a great nation to Abraham,

P: As the rainbow coat reminds us of your promise to be with us in the pain as you were for Joseph and the lambs remind us of your Passover promise of life,

C: As the golden calf reminds us that you alone are God, worthy of praise, and the temple reminds us that you are a God beyond walls,

P: As bread reminds us that you are a God who provides and a big fish reminds us that you call us to speak your word to others. We praise you for these promises and more:

C: For the promise of voices crying out in the wilderness calling us back into life within your kingdom.

P: For the eternal Word that speaks into our souls through your holy law grounded in your love.

C: We praise you that each of us has heard your call, whether in loud voices or the silent urging of your Spirit and gentle growth into faith, and we recognize that we are all in different places on our journey of faith.

P: May we always acknowledge that we are a creation still in progress, striving, fitfully and uncertainly, towards your desire for us.

C: We ask for forgiveness for all the times we have failed: in what we have said, in what we have left unsaid, in what we have done, in what we have left undone, in what we think, in what we have ignored.

P: May we come to you in quiet repentance, seeking to make amends and striving to do better.

C: Now forgive us, Lord, as you promise, that we would be freed to serve you in all that we do, to speak your word, to stand in solidarity with those who seek truth, and to make right the wrongs among us.

Silence for confession

P: Dear Children of God, God hears your confession and loves you with a love that is greater than sin and death. By the mercy of the Almighty, in the name of Jesus Christ + , your sins are forgiven. Live in the love and fullness of life that God has given to you this day.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song* – “Come Thou, Almighty King” ELW 408 *(piano)*

- 1 **Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 **Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.**
- 3 **Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**
- 4 **To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: God, whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, write your word upon our hearts, so that we need no scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. 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.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

Reader: Adam Krohe

¹In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him. ⁵And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, 'I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord; ⁶so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. ⁷It may be that their plea will come before the Lord, and that all of them will turn from their

evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people.’⁸ And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord’s house.²¹ Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king.²² Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him.²³ As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

²⁷Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah’s dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:²⁸ Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Song – “My Life Is In You, Lord”

(piano)

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life. I will praise you with all of my strength,
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it’s in you, in you.**

Hymn of the Day – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ELW 634 (organ)

- 1 **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 **O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3 **Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4 **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**
- 5 **Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“Praise,” with Marilyn

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–

**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 the Lord our God.

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

**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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855 (*organ*)

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 2 **Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

- 3 **Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**
- 4 **Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**
- 5 **Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King” *(piano)*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fill my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy good-ness prove.**

**I was lost in utter darkness 'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.**

Refrain:

**Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.**

**O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

Refrain:

**Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, thou Fount, come, thou King; Come, thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing, come, thou Fount of our blessing.**

**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*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: Our God is a God of promises,

C: and God keeps God's promises.

P: Go with the promise of God's blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “And He Shall Reign”*

(piano)

*Refrain: And he shall reign for ever, his throne and crown shall ever endure.
And he shall reign for ever, and we shall reign with him.*

**1. What a vision filled my eyes, one like a Son of man.
Coming with the clouds of heav'n he approached an awesome throne. Refrain**

**2. He was given sov'reign power, glory and authority.
Every nation, tribe and tongue worshipped him on bended knee. Refrain**

**3. On the throne for ever, see the Lamb who once was slain;
wounds of sacrificial love for ever shall remain. Refrain**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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The altar plants are given today by the
Roth/Snodgrass family in celebration of Bishop Em. John Roth's birthday tomorrow

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 17, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**
10:30am: Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, November 20, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
10:00am: Discipleship Group
3:00pm: Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Saturday, November 23, 6:00pm: LSSI Reception

Sunday, November 24, 9:30am: Worship
10:45pm: LSSI Presentation

Wednesday, November 27, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 28 **Happy Thanksgiving**

News Updates

Men's Prayer Group

Help us grow our group! You can meet in person at Faith on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00**, or on zoom. Contact one of the guys to let them know you are coming: Kevin Krohe or Larry Kuster.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts. jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

LSSI Reception – Saturday, November 23, 6:00-7:00pm

Come learn more about the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) at a special presentation led by Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson and Molly Arnoldt (Senior Director of Development). We will hear their story and share in some desserts from **6:00-7:00pm in the Great Room on Saturday, November 23.**

“Faith’s Little Flock”

Faith's Little Flock meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the children's sermon until communion time. Activities this month will follow Pastor's theme of God's promises. The children can look forward to making fun crafts while listening to Bible stories. We are also adding some fun music for the little ones called "Sing the Bible". A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered your time this Fall. We will be working on a schedule for volunteers and getting things organized for the remainder of the year.

Blessings, *Melissa Street*

Bible Boot Camp

We introduced Bible Boot Camp, a new program for elementary-school-aged children, in September. Pastor Adam warmed them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel led them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all joined with parents and older youth for a meal. **Our next event will be on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30-6:00**, Spread the word and bring a friend!

Faith Inkubators

Our Confirmation Class has resumed under a different name. Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. **Our next event will be on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30-6:00**. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, November 20**, in the Faith Library. Enjoy good food, great discussion, and a lovely, vibrant community of believers. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Men’s Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, December 7**. At 8:00, we hang out in the kitchen, helping to cook, drink coffee, and visit. At 9:00, we sit down for some conversation and discussion on a specific topic.

Youth Service Projects

Our youth are willing and able to help with service projects in your home! They helped with the *God's Work, Our Hands* clean up as well as washing windows for a member. If you would like to have them help at your home, contact one of our Youth Ministry Team leaders (Marilyn Dichsen, Adam Krohe, and Barb Davenport). They are often available after worship, but may be able to schedule another time as well. If your project falls over a mealtime (or anytime in between), they may appreciate some snacks and drinks.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

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

December 4: "The Extension Chords" (with *Jean Welch*)

December 11: Tyler Carpenter on marimba

December 18: Devon Carpenter on harp

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, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.**

Holiday Food Basket Needs – Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

The Food Center will be assembling over 300 holiday baskets, so your donations truly make a difference – Thank You!

Sweet Potatoes	Chicken Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Potatoes	Canned Corn	Pumpkin Pie Mix
Gravy Mix	Canned Green Beans	Evaporated Milk
(pkg or can)	Mushroom Soup	Cereal
Egg Noodles	Stuffing Mix	Flour & Sugar

Please put your donations in the cloth baskets in the Ministry Center/Coat Room.

Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Helene

If you would like to make a donation to help those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, there are donation forms available in the gathering area on the counter by the coffee sales. Make your check out to "Faith Lutheran" with *Hurricane Relief* in the memo line.