



CHRIST THE KING!

114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience. . .

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



THE SERVICE of WORD and SACRAMENT



Pg. 26 in Christian Worship

OPENING HYMN: CW 193.....*Come, Now, Almighty King*

PLEASE STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

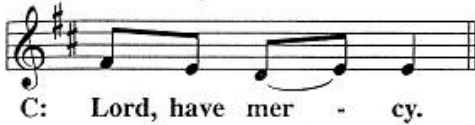
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

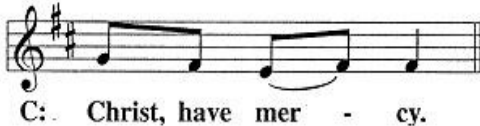
PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY—*Kyrie*

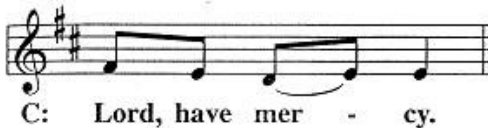
M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE: CW 193.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



PLEASE BE SEATED

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:13-14

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 45 (*Printed on pg. 83 in the front of the hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it 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.”

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever . Alleluia. (Revelation 11:15, NIV)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

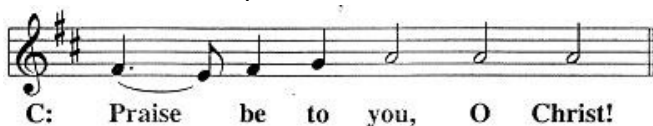
³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 29.....*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont*

To our visitors: *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Taken from Christian Worship pg. 32*

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send your Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

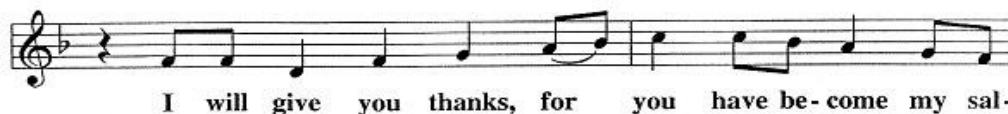
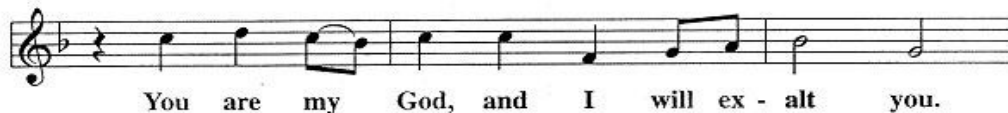
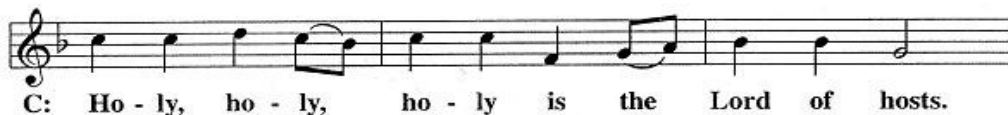
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD— *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



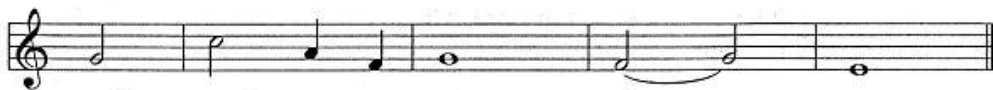
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world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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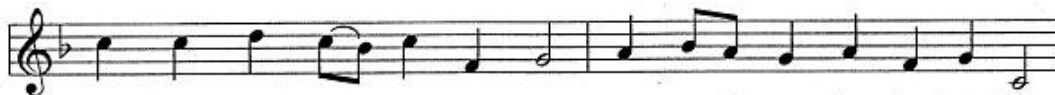
DISTRIBUTION

To our visitors: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. Therefore, if you are not a member of Shepherd of the Lakes, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to wait to commune with us until you've had the opportunity to learn more about what we believe and teach and then publicly express that unity at your confirmation. This is not a judgment in any way on your faith. Rather, we want you to be sure you agree with us before you express that unity at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe and teach or if you have any questions, please talk with our Pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CW 312w1-4,8Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you + peace.



PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CWS 727.....*There Is a Higher Throne*

727

There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



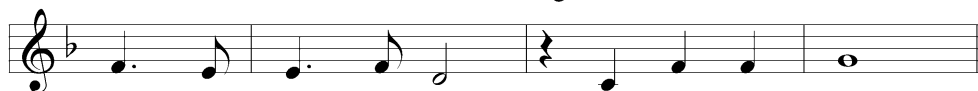
world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

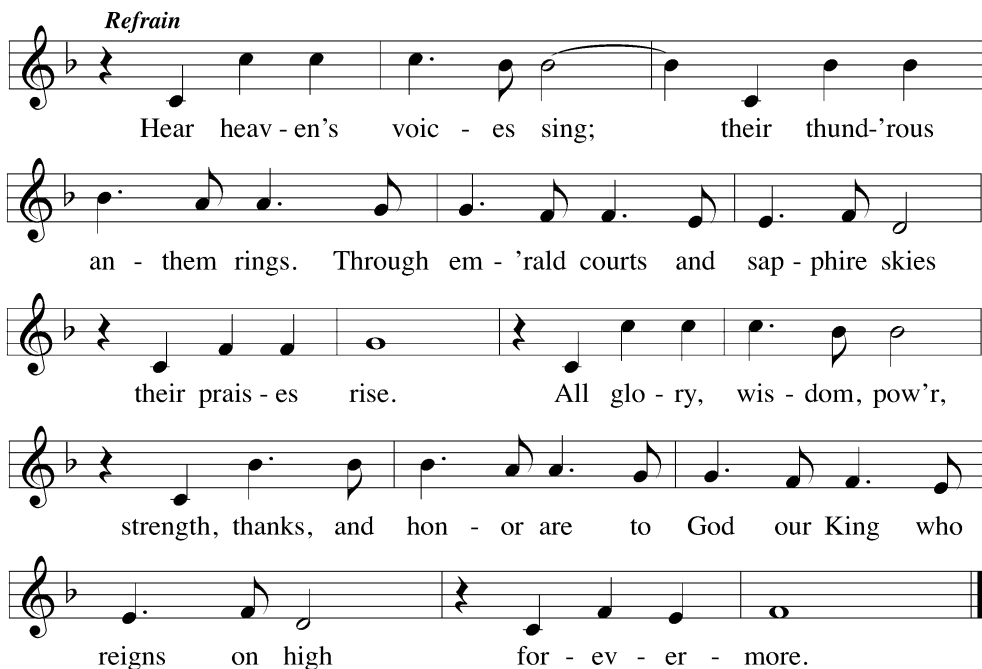


made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund-'rous
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

Notes and News for November 21, 2021

Prayer Requests—As a we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

Donations For Our College Students!—We have a handful of college students from our congregation! And we would love for you to join us in helping them! We are collecting donations (anything from giftcards to dorm snacks) that we can give them!

Poinsettias for Christmas—The Lutheran Women will soon be purchasing poinsettias for the church for Advent and Christmas. If anyone would like to help donate to the purchase of these beautiful seasonal additions to our decorations, you can put your donation in an enveloped marked "Flowers" into the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary!

Christmas Decorating!—Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas after our Bible Class on November 28th. Please bring a sack lunch for yourself to eat before we begin decorating!

Lutheran Women Meeting Change—The monthly Lutheran Womens meeting for December has been moved from the first Thursday of the month to December 9th for their Christmas party! All the ladies are invited and are asked to bring some snacks or hors d'Oeuvres, a white elephant gift, and their stockings in which they have been collecting their monthly offerings for a gift to a place of the ladies choosing! They will also be decorating for the candlelight night as well!

Advent by Candlelight—The Lutheran Women will be hosting Advent By Candlelight again this year! All ladies are welcome to join on December 11th at 1:30pm. There are also invitations on the table in the narthex so the ladies can invite any other ladies they would like to bring and think would love and could benefit from an afternoon focusing on the gospel with the program, *“An Afternoon With Isaiah”*! If possible, please let us know how many of you and your invitees will be attending by Sunday, December 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Rosener!

Martin Luther College Food Drive—Martin Luther College will once again be holding their annual food drive! It is such a big help to many of the students at the college and is very much appreciated by them! There boxes in the entryway where you can put your donations which will be taken up by Joy Johnson. To learn more about the drive or know which items are specifically needed, take a look at your worship folder insert. If you have any questions, you can ask Pastor or Joy Johnson! Thank you!

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Adopt A Seminary Student!—Our Lutheran Women have made the wonderful decision to participate in the *Adopt a Seminary Student!* This program is for congregations to help support our future WELS ministers with encouragement and various needs as they attend the Seminary! There will be a collection box with pictures and biographies of our adopted seminary students into which you can donate anything helpful to our students, such as gift cards, financial donations, dorm snacks and food, and even cards and letters with words of encouragement! At the end of every month our Lutheran Women president will make sure these are sent to our adopted seminary students! For any more questions and info, you can ask our Lutheran Women president, Marie Jacobsen!

Watch Our Worship Live: You can watch us worship live on Sundays at 9:30am by going to our YouTube page. You can scan the QR code to the right to be taken there!



Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Anniversaries: Roger & Charlene Miedtke (11/27, 62 years)!
- + Prayer Requests: We pray for God’s continued care and guidance of Tess and her recovery in the hospital and all her family who have been waiting with her

Coming Up this Week

Sunday 11/21.....Worship 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am

Monday 11/22.....Weeknight Bible Class 6:30pm

Tuesday 11/23.....No Choir or Chimes practice

Wednesday 11/24.....Confirmation 4:30pm
Choir Practice
Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00pm

Thursday 11/25.....Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday 11/28.....Worship 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am
Church Decorating after Bible Class



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