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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IN JESUS CHRIST!*

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
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**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**Christ The King Sunday**

**November 22, 2020**

**Opening Song Gathering In Spirit & Grace “We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

vs. 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

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The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

**Litany Giving Thanks to God for Every Sign of Love, Psalm 95**

Pastor: Today, on this Christ the King Sunday, we fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus and cry holy, holy, holy; and we celebrate and trust every sign of your love and grace, as we give all our thanks and praise, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God: In his hands are the depths of the sea, the heights of the hills are also his. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we fail to trust the goodness and grace of Christ our King. *(silence for reflection)* Friends, our God reigns to faithfully fill every need! Receive again His signs of love and grace in these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Trust anew, beloved; you are blessed creatures of our God and King!

**Prayer of the Day**

**All: Loving God, today we remember you, our faithful King, forever remember us, providing us with every good gift sent from heaven above. Guard and watch over us; restore your Kingdom. Grant that we and all people, who are divided by sin, may be united in The One who is worthy, The King of all creation. Today we give you all thanks and praise, you send your Holy Spirit, to renew us once again, with every sign of your love and grace. In Christ The King, we trust and we pray. Amen.**

## Hearing The Word of God

### Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

(all read bold print)

*Jesus said*, “When the Son of Man comes in glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then 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; for 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, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And 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.**’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You are the accursed, depart from me into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I 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.’ Then 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?’ Then 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. (NRSV)

“Jesus Loves Me” (*Sung by Worship Leaders*) & Children’s Sermon

Sermon “Thanks Be to God for Every Sign of Love In Our King!” Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Abundant Grace “All Creatures of Our God and King”

(*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

- vs. 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
And silver moon with softer gleam.
- ref: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- vs. 7 Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness. Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One. (*refrain*)

### **Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer**

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

**All: Thanks be to you, God, for every sign of your love and grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion**

#### **The Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

### **Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you give thanks for every sign of God's love and grace in Christ The King! In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, giving thanks for every sign of love, together serving The Lord of life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Going Anew in Grace & Hope**

### **“Crown Him (Majesty)”**

*Tomlin/Maher*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

vs. 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 me,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King, Through all eternity.

ref: Majesty! Lord of all! Let ev'ry throne before Him fall!  
The King of kings, O come adore  
Our God who reigns forevermore!

vs. 2 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. *(refrain)*  
Forevermore!

bridge: All Hail, Redeemer, Hail! For He has died for me.  
His praise and glory shall not fail, Throughout eternity!  
All Hail, Redeemer, Hail! For He has died for me.  
His praise and glory shall not fail, Throughout eternity! (*refrain*)  
  
Praise God, who reigns forevermore!  
You're the God who reigns forevermore!

**Songs During Holy Communion      “What A Beautiful Name”**

*Fielding*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.  
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater;  
What could separate us now?  
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

*Join us next Sunday, November 29, as we share and celebrate  
The First Sunday In Advent!*

*“And This Will Be A Sign For You ... A Sign Promised!”*

*Worship to include a Children’s Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!  
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist  
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,  
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!  
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to  
God’s table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you  
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings  
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab  
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab  
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

*Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!*

*Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.*

*For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the SignUpGenius links  
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through  
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,  
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to  
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible  
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed  
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

*On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!*

*A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!*

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,  
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,  
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!  
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: [jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org](mailto:jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org)*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God’s people and to be God’s Church,  
as together we make known and we trust anew*

*God’s gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways  
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every sign of God’s love and grace!*

**“GIVE THANKS, FOR THE SIGNS OF LOVE IN OUR KING!”**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 22, 2020**  
**EZEKIEL 34:11-16,20-24; EPHESIANS 1:15-23; MATTHEW 25:31-46**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**What excites you so much, that it is on your heart all the time? Spouse, family, career, Jesus? Is your heart into action? Is your heart touched by those in need? Is your heart driven by all who are God's children and family? Is your heart into seeing Jesus in others? Jesus today tells us, 'just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it unto me.' As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, let us give thanks the King of kings, the Lord of lords, has his heart focused on us. Jesus satisfies our every hunger and thirst, and he fills our every need. Does Jesus do all this out of obligation or duty? No! Jesus' heart is into comfort and mercy, power and hope, life and grace, forever fixed on you! In this season of thanksgiving, let us give thanks for and celebrate, Jesus, our King, God's Perfect Sign of Love!**

1. Is your heart into action? "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." Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:20; Matthew 25:40
  - A. What motivates you, touches you, drives you? Obligation? Duty? How do you act differently when your heart is in it?
  - B. The King's heart is into action, signs of love are active in our midst!
  
2. Is your heart into helping those in need, those who are different from you? "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." Matthew 25:40
  - A. What kind of hunger do you see?
  - B. What are people thirsting for?
  - C. What keeps us from reaching out to the strangers?
  - D. What leaves people naked or vulnerable?
  - E. Why are we hesitant to care for the sick?
  - F. What imprisons people? What keeps others away?
  - G. Every sign of God's love, The King's heart, graces one and all!
  
3. Is your heart into all of God's children, all of God's family? "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." Ephesians 1:15, 22; Matthew 25:40
  - A. God has made us family. Life continues to pull us together.
  - B. Every sign of God's love, The King's heart, makes us family.

4. Is your heart into seeing Jesus, above all else? "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.**" Matthew 25:40
- A. Do we know we can impact how others see Jesus? Would you like to do something for Jesus? God will help us do something incredible for Jesus by doing unto others, as Jesus does unto us!
  - B. Every sign of love, The King's heart, moves in us and through us!
5. Thanks be to God for every sign of God's love for The King's heart is alive in Jesus, gracing one and all! Ezekiel 34:12,24; Ephesians 1:18-19; Matthew 25:31-32, 40
- A. Trust God does not do anything out of obligation, because 'He has to.' The King's heart is motivated by grace and mercy.
  - B. The King's heart is big enough for every need, every child.
  - C. Trust as a shepherd cares for his flock, and as a king serves his people, far more so, Jesus, our faithful King, our loving Savior, puts his heart and grace into every sign of love, now and forever!

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