



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA
Forest City, Iowa

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November 19, 2023 9:15am
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

#634 [vs. 1,3,4,5] ELW

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *God will shepherd Israel*

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a [read responsively by whole verse]

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 *The reign of Christ*

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 *The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats*
Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING FOR GOOD SAMARITAN ACCOUNT

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"**

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APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: Hear us, O God.* **C: Your mercy is great**

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Joyce Kasper

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

Chris McCormick

Jennie Spencer

Liam Bartleson

Kris Monson

Marie Thayer

Hayden Despenas

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Ernie Uetz

Parker Farland

Connie Nyhus

Missionary Karen Anderson

Mary Paulsen

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always.* **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING: "Perfect Peace"

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"As Saints of Old"**

#695 (vs. 1-2)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of all goodness,

C: generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMNS: **"Jesus Shall Reign"**

#434

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

#441

"Borning Cry"

#732

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

#855 [vs. 1,3,4,5]

BLESSING / DISMISSAL:

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE