



Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2020

9:30am Livestream

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Gathering

Prelude: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

St. Luke Ringers

Welcome (Announcements)

Pastor Beth Brashear

Table Talk: "Conversation from the Heart"

Valerie Thibeau

Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Apostolic 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.**

Prayer of the Day:

O God of justice and love, you illuminate our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

Gathering Hymn: **"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1,3,5)**

Red Book no. 855

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

The Word

Children's Sermon

Pastor Patti Welch

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Jim Van Horn, reader

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Kyle Farnstrom, reader

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **“Thy Word”** by Amy Grant

Music leaders: Jim and Deb Steele

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.’ ³⁷ 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?’

³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

⁴⁰ 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.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.’ ⁴⁴ 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?' ⁴⁵Then 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.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: **"A Different Kind of King"**

Pastor Patti Welch

Prayers of the Church

Prayer leader: Ashley Lindsay
Tom Lynham and Modern Worship Team

Prayer Chorus:

"He is Here"

God is here; Christ is near us, in our hearts, in our lives, in our midst;

God is here; Christ is near us, calling us to trust God's love.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Anthem: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Matthew Armstrong

Virtual Rejoice Choir

Sending

Ministry Opportunities:

Connect: Join us in person for our “Giving Thanks” Drive-By Parade today, Sunday, November 22nd from 11am – 12noon. Enter at California St.

- The first 50 households to drive by will receive a bag containing Advent Candle Kits and an Advent Devotional booklet along with a hearty wave from Pastor Patti, Pastor Beth, Kim Weber, Judy Willis and members of the youth ministry teams.
- Please, bring non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House. Just put them in your car trunk and when you come through pop the lid and the volunteers will unload. Thank you!

A St. Luke Family Christmas: During this unprecedented Advent and Christmas season, let's be family for one another! Stay tuned for an Advent-long “Secret Santa” prayer and letter writing exchange that culminates with the reveal and a gift exchange all together (one BIG family) at **10am** on Zoom on Christmas Day! Check out our website to learn more and to sign up!

<https://www.stlukechurch.com/christmas-with-st-luke.html>

Serve: Giving Tree 2020: Check our Weekly Update for how you can make Christmas for refugee families and for families at the Letty Owens Center. Visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AAAA72EA0FBC61-christmas>

Benediction

Sending Song: “Mighty to Save” by Reuben Morgan/Ben Fielding

Modern Worship Team

Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Maurice Whitney

Tom Skyler, organ

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