

Service of Holy Communion
Christ the King
November 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“God’s Holy Word Alone Shall Be” - Michael Praetorius
“Harmonia Sacra” - Gerre Hancock
“Laudate Dominum” - David Cherwien

WELCOME

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

GATHERING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

Red Book #838

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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORY TO GOD *stanzas 1 and 2*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LUKE 1:68-79 *read responsively*

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from
our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the alleluia before and after the verse, which is chanted by the cantor.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- ¹ cestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

GOSPEL **Luke 23:33-43**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." ¶ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"

Red Book #727

APOSTLES' 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The kingdom of God comes on its own without our prayer. But today, on our prayers, we pray that it may come also to us.

To your church, that it may witness to Christ's way of peace and accept suffering without inflicting suffering, we pray: **Let your kingdom come.**

To people of every nation and tribe, that there be no more bombs and bullets, we pray: **Let your kingdom come.**

To those who tolerate cruelty in speech, practice, or policy, that they be changed: **Let your kingdom come.**

To those whose experience of Thanksgiving this year will include grief or loneliness, we pray: **Let your kingdom come.**

To those who do not know they are loved, to those who cannot believe they are forgiven, we pray: **Let your kingdom come.**

To those in prison, both those who have committed crimes and to those who have done nothing wrong, we pray: **Let your kingdom come.**

To those who are dying this day, and to all your beloved who now rest in your mercy: **Let your kingdom come.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King”

- W. Glen Darst

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant creator.... United by your Spirit and with all your people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Red Book #616

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

SENDING HYMN “Soon and Very Soon” Red Book #439

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Thou Wondrous King” - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Jim Cunningham	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Evan Stein	Crucifer
Emily Stein	Acolyte
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Karen Boltz	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Larry Christy and Jack Rudzki	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy and Bill Vilcheck,
in memory of loved ones.*

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our hosts, Jessie and Josh Kamerer.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 11/21	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 11/23	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Devotions on Zoom
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 11/24		<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i>
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 11/25		<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i>
Saturday, 11/26	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sunday, 11/27	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn with the family of Hazel Warheit, who died in resurrection hope on Tuesday, November 15th. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

December Newsletter submissions are due in the church office today.

Christmas Flowers Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. If you would like a flower to take home, please place your order by Sunday, December 4th. You may also order by contacting the church office (724) 283-2378 or officefelc@zoominternet.net.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. Please join us next Sunday, Nov. 27th, for an intergenerational event, *Advent - Waiting for Jesus Christ*. We will have a light lunch, family advent wreath making, and a visit from John the Baptist. We will meet in the social hall after worship. Hope you can join us!

Join Us on December 7th for an Advent Dinner at 6 PM followed by a service of Lessons & Carols at 7 PM. Please bring a dish to share! Sign up in the social hall if you plan to attend.

Join us for Daily Discipleship Bible study at 9 a.m. If you wish to join by zoom, please join the worship link. We'll conclude by 9:40.



Advent Christmas Tree Drive Tradition: We will be collecting monetary donations for the Butler County Children and Youth Agency during the first two weeks of Advent, Nov. 27th and Dec. 5th, for Christmas 2022. With our help, we can continue to make Butler County a place where children and families are happy and thriving. This program has been around for many years because of the need and sustained through our participation in it. Please use the specials line of your offering envelope and make your check payable to First English Lutheran Church. God bless you. Thank you, Karen Domanski

Handel's Messiah: The MUSIC CLUB CHORUS of NEW CASTLE, Harry Cunningham, *Director*, will present its 80th Anniversary Performance of George F. Handel's *MESSIAH*, November 27th at 3 PM at the HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 415 Fourth Street, Ellwood City. Admission and parking are free. A free-will offering will be collected to help defray production costs. For more information (including directions), please visit our website: www.ncmusicclubchorus.org.

Do you have joys and concerns you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshipers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

PRAYERS

Family of Chris Holman; family of Hazel Warheit; 6-month-old baby girl in Ohio; Jack Beiler; Karen Knepp; Zachary Sutton; Tony Sequite; Hazel Warheit; Kyle Badger; Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those affected by hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

ZOOM MEETING INFO

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

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