

## Sunday, November 26, 2023

Christ the King / Lectionary 34, Year A  
(Last Sunday of the Church Year)

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*I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep*

*Ring of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF THE MONTH ***My Life Flows on in Endless Song***

**No. 763**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

**vss. 1, 3, 4 No. 855**

- 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 thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 3 **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.**

- 4 **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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**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*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>I 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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.

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

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 95:1-7a *We read responsively*

L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

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

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

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

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

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

L: 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*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46** *The coming of the Son of Man*

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>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.’ <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.’ <sup>44</sup>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?’ <sup>45</sup>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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

#### CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON KAIC Intern Brittany Mailleue

**HYMN** *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

vss. 1, 2, 3

**No. 431**

- 1 **O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?  
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?  
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame,  
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way, another's will your aim.**
- 2 **You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive,  
to shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live.  
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:  
a diff'rent rule of righteousness, a diff'rent kind of king.**
- 3 **Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,  
you said the first must be the last and service be our call.  
O Christ in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;  
for still, through us, you come to serve, a diff'rent kind of king.**

#### 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      P: Lord in your mercy.    **C: Hear our prayer.**

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

## OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.      **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.     **C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.*

COMMUNION — HYMN     *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**No. 502**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## COMMUNION BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord Jesus,

**C:** in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

## ***Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

**vss. 1,2,4**

No. 389

- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**
- 4 **Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

### *Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL                    L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                                      C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### **PARTICIPANTS**

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### **CALENDAR**

SUN/NOV 26	9 AM	Worship NO Sunday School
MON/NOV 27	10 – 12	Stockettes
WED/NOV 29	6 PM	Wed Worship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
THU/NOV 30	<b>2 PM</b>	<b>HELP DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS</b> <b>Call CoraLee 612-756-4687 or Candy 507-330-0640</b>
	7 PM	AA
SAT/DEC 2	11 AM	Sid Strandemo <i>Celebration of Life</i> – Visitation 1 hr before
SUN/DEC 3	9 AM	Worship – Advent One
	10 AM	Sunday School

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December Helpers:** Please continue December Sign ups -- NEEDED - **Advent Candlelighters, Worship Assistants, & Communion Set Up.** Use folder at church or google doc link from your e-mail.

**Christmas Shopping Memo:** NEEDED Gift Donations and Youth Volunteers (7th-12th graders) for **Dec. 10th Youth Christmas Shopping.** Contact Youth Director: Bryana Lothert Phone: 507-210-0814 Email: [bbllothert@gmail.com](mailto:bbllothert@gmail.com)

**Movie Night** – During Christmas in Kenyon: Saturday, Dec. 9 at First from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Sunday School Christmas Pageant:** Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>