

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ 875 Sunflower Drive ~ DuBois, PA ~ (814) 371-2470

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Christ the King Sunday ~ November 28, 2021 ~ 9:45 am

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen

We bow down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord; we bow down and we worship you Lord;

We bow down and we worship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: and in your light we see light.

Opening Hymn – King of kings

King of kings and Lord of lords: glory, hallelujah. King of kings and Lord of lords: glory, hallelujah.
Jesus, Prince of Peace: glory, hallelujah. Jesus, Prince of Peace: glory, hallelujah.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings

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First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A: A reading from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

A: Here ends the reading.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A: A reading from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Without God, where would you be now?
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Without God.*

Gospel – John 18:33-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message- “Thy Kingdome Come” – Jenny Gordon

Hymn – He is exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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Offertory – As the grains of wheat

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one, were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from the ends of the earth be gathered into one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

Blessing

P: God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go – carrying with you the peace of Christ, +the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn – Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty: unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the king.

Majesty, worship his majesty: Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Christmas Play Prep

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

Thursday-6:30-Choir Practice

Friday-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

Saturday-11:00-5:30-Ring Bell for Salvation Army @ Big Lots

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Dec 5-6:00-7:30-Confirmation Event

Mon-Dec 6-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Dec 7-2:00-Bible Study

Thurs-Dec 9-6:30-Choir Practice

Fri-Dec 10-9:00-3:00-Communion Kits Available

Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3:1-18

Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-54; 9:45-85; 11:00-39

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Sandra Dunlap on her Birthday by Jim Dunlap & Family.

The additional arrangement is in loving memory of Kenneth Sprague on his Birthday by Shirley Sprague.

We welcome Jenny Gordon as our worship leader today. Thank you for your presence among us.

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army . . . Saturday December 4 at Big Lots (DuBois Mall). Thanks to all who signed up!

Ποινοετιας for Christmas Eve . . . Order forms are on the table in the narthex. **Please order by December 5.**

Confirmation . . . The next event is **Sunday December 5** from 6:00-7:30 in the fellowship hall.

"Treasures for Children" We invite you to take part in the Salvation Army Christmas program again this year. Each paper ornament hung on the tree in the narthex contains a Christmas wish list for a local needy child. A handout with additional details is also by the tree. Take an ornament from the tree and purchase a gift. Gifts are due at the church by **December 7**. Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter!

Late Pentecost Season Devotions: Road Trip Through the Bible! This devo gives us a fuller sense of the entire Biblical story. The devotions are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Christmas Caroling & Fellowship . . . Join us **Sunday December 12**, from **2:00 – 4:30** for Christmas caroling! Come spread some Christmas cheer to your church family. Bring a snack to share; beverages will be provided. Friends are welcome! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Save the date . . . All are invited to the children's Christmas Play, **Friday December 17 at 7 pm.**

Cookies needed for fellowship after the Christmas Play! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board; cookie donations are needed by 3 pm on **Friday December 17.**

Volleyball Teams . . . We hope to have one or two volleyball teams this winter in the First Baptist Volleyball League. Games are played Saturday evenings and will begin in early January. Sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board—please include your email address if you think we don't have it or if it has changed.

Mission of the Month: DuBois Area Food Pantry. The Food Pantry serves hundreds of families in our community each month. If you would like to make a donation, *please make your check payable to DuBois Area Food Pantry*. You may drop it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" or mail it to the Food Pantry at PO Box 157, DuBois, PA 15801.

The December Worship Assistant Schedule, World Hunger Envelopes and **Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries Harvest Home Envelopes** are available in the narthex.

Food Pantry Items for November are quick oats and/or evaporated milk (canned); items for December are canned tuna and/or egg noodles.