



**November 21, 2021**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **Christ the King**

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .  
. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship  
. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life  
. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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### **Introduction to the day**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

## PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(Dobrinski)

Faith Bells

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## **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**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING OF THE NOISY OFFERING

*The Pantry Ministry is becoming vital to the greater community and, consequently, our supply cupboards are becoming bare. So, we will be taking a Noisy Offering on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month to help replenish food and personal care items in these pantries.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

The holy gospel according to John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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."

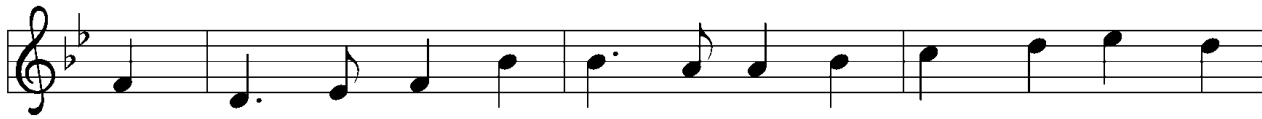
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Kim O'Brien**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

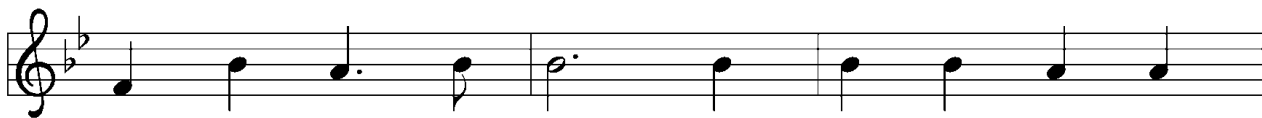
## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:*

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (arr. John Ness Beck)

Tammy Heilman, Bob Nelson, Deb Borton-McDonough, vocal trio

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God,

the earth is yours and everything in it,

yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.

Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,

and strengthen us to be your body for the world

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Now”

arr. Charles Ore

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

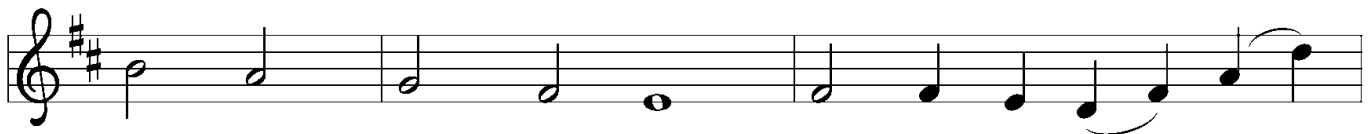
God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✝ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Lay Assistant:** Doug Hirt

**Ushers:** Jon & Elaine Harrison

**Reader:** Linda Hirt

Year to Date	January – October 31
Income	\$ 217,472
Expenses	<u>\$ 237,900</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (20,428)

### 11/7/21

Loose Cash	\$ 80.00
Loose Checks	\$ 35.00
General Fund	\$ 4,500.00
Youth	\$ 190.00
Building Rental	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	<u>\$ 144.20</u>
Subtotal	\$ 4,999.20
Simply Giving	
General	\$ 3,490.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total	<b>\$ 8,514.20</b>

### 11/14/21

Loose Cash	\$ 60.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$ 3,985.00
Youth	\$ 59.55
Roof Fund	\$ 1,050.00
Caring Committee	\$ 100.00
Parish House	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 5,454.55
Simply Giving	
General	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total	<b>\$ 6,054.55</b>

For a quick overview of giving options, please visit the Faith Lutheran Church website and look for the giving button in the top right corner.  
[www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)

# Advent Season News



## Decorating the Church: Date Change!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 27 at 9:30 A.M. Please join if you are able.

## Christmas Eve Services

This year, we will offer two Christmas Eve services.

One at 4:00 P.M. and one at 10:00 P.M.

To aid with social distancing, we have removed some of the chairs from the Sanctuary. Due to the limited seating capacity, we are asking people to sign up for the Christmas Eve service they will be attending. We will be limiting capacity to no more than 125 people per service.



Please use this following link to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-198944226537>

If you are unable to sign up using the link please contact Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org) or 517-349-0620.

## Sunday School During Advent

-Sunday, November 21st: *We will be starting our Advent Lessons this Sunday. We will have an Advent card for each family.*

-Sunday, November 28th: No Sunday School

-Sunday, December 5th: *we will have Sunday School, but we will be staying after church to record the Christmas pageant.*

-Sunday, December 12th: *we can watch the pageant within the church service.*

