

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts We carry light and love to the world.

> Sunday, November 20, 2022 Chríst the Kíng



NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday, November 20, 2022 Christ the King Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

The Liturgy is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Today's worship service is being live-streamed beginning at 9:25am and will be replayed next Sunday at 6pm on FM radio station 102.9. The service is available to view anytime on the home page of our website www.nlcww.org.

In-person attendance for last Sunday: 136 On-line views: 81



INTRODUCTION

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday after Pentecost before the beginning of Advent that starts the new church calendar year. Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that have been celebrated in the seasons of the church year during the past twelve months. In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday's service also provides an appropriate bridge to the new church year that begins this coming Sunday on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming (advent) of the Kingdom of God amid the darkness of a sinful world. As such a bridge between the completed year and the beginning of a new year, this Christ the King service uses scripture and song to provide both a retrospective and introductory overview of the journey through the life of Christ and the gospel message that the Seasons of the Church Year provides. This offers not only an opportunity for a worshipful reflection on the significance of the life of Christ, it also presents opportunity to remind people of the meaning of the various seasons of the church year.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

Indicates the start of worship.

PRELUDE

Crown Him King of Kings

Damazio/Tornquist

THE GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand as you are able and turn toward the baptismal font.

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! (Psalm 95)

Please look toward the cross as it processes toward the altar.

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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

Kyrie eleison, **Lord, have mercy.** Christe eleison, **Christ, have mercy.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

COMMENTARY TO THE CHURCH YEAR

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.** Please be seated.

THE WORD God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

SPECIAL MUSIC

King of Kings

Ligertwood/Ingram Soloist: Gina Fell

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

9:2, 6-7 Reader: Tim Noe

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

257 vv 1 & 7



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

1:1-7 Reader: Patti Cotter

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

270 vv 1 & 2



COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

1:15-20 Reader: Tim Noe

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars



COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF LENT

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER 1:3-11 OF PETER Reader: Patti Cotter

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When Ι sur - vey the won drous cross on which the 1 For - bid it, Lord, that should boast the Ι save in 2 See. from his his head. hands. his feet. sor - row and 3 Were the whole realm of na ture mine, that were a Δ _ • θ 0 prince of died, glo ŗу my rich - est gain Ι Christ, things death of my God; all the vain that gled love flow min down. Did e'er such love and small; pres - ent far too love so а maz ing, _ 0 0 • 0 8 0 count but and pour con - tempt all pride. loss on my his blood. charm me most, Ι sac - ri fice them to or thorns com - pose rich crown? sor - row meet, so a di vine, de - mands my life, all. so soul, my my 0 **•** 8 0

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COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF EASTER

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

2:1-11 Reader: Tim Noe

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

37:1-14 Reader: Patti Cotter

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

God of Tempest

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COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF MISSION

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to You, O Lord.

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. ³⁴Then 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY Take My Life, That I May Be 685 vv 1-3 con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Take my life, that Ι be may thee: 1 Take my hands and 2 let them move at the im - pulse of thy love; my King; Take my voice and sing al-ways, on - ly, 3 let me for not a mite would I 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, with - hold: take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow praise. in cease-less take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. let them be filled with mes - sag - es take my lips and from thee. pow'r as thou shalt choose. take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Remain standing or sit as you desire.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



OFFERING

You may drop your offering in the basket by the exit door or at the office during the week. You may also donate on-line at <u>https://www.nlcww.org</u>, or on our Facebook page.

The Assisting Minister unveils the chalice and paten.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Maker of all things. As You have entrusted us with all that You have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our Sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are You, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer Christ himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Please be seated.

Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you come forward.

Please let an usher know if you cannot come to the altar to receive communion. We will have communion brought to you.



Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give You thanks, most gracious God, that You have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Please look toward the cross as it recesses to the baptismal font.

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SENDING

People of Nativity, what is our mission? With the birth of Jesus in our hearts we carry light and love to the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Be a blessing in the world! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE	Jesus Shall Reign	Benton Price
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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

PRAYERS: The list will be cleared every other week. If you wish to remain on the list for longer than two weeks, please call the office and request a long-term prayer. In case of emergency, contact the office at 352-597-1456 and leave a detailed message. Messages are checked daily.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tracey Baker, Baynon family, Windy and Bill Binns, Linda Borowski's family, Agnes Burkart, Joyce Colombo, Woody and Joan Cornetta, Tim Cotter III, Denise Crawford, Judy Dietz, Ruth Edwards, Irene Froehlich, Nora Geiser, Addy Hackl, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Richard, Meaghan and Bobby Heinecke, Kay Hill,

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PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Areil Dietz-US Army, Tyler A. Germann-US Air Force, Robert M. Heinecke-2nd Lt USMC, Maj. Matthew Henry, Colton Hill, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, Cpt. Will Lawlor, Zachary McGuire, CTT2 William Pause, Brandon Pierce, Clinton Pierce, Isaac Redmond, Andrea Roache, Joel Roberts, William Robishaw, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, LCpl Erich Timm, Kesley Underwood, Kyle Underwood, Chad Waldorf.



Flowers on the altar are given by:

Leonore & Gary Kopitzke

In celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on November 18.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to order flowers in honor or in memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office at 352-597-1456. Donation is \$25.00. Flowers can be picked up after the 9:30AM Sunday service, or you can schedule a pick-up time with the office if you are not attending service.

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