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Christ the King

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27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

David Cherwien

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Jesus, Lord Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

ALL: v. 1, 3, 5; Women: v. 2; Men: v.4

GATHERING

P Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who creates and redeems and renews the face of the earth.

C Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the ✙ Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C Amen

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

**C we acknowledge that we are sinners
and we confess our sins—
those known to us that burden our hearts,
and those unknown to us but seen by you.
We know that before you nothing remains hidden,
and in you everything is revealed.
Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;
and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

C Amen

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P With a heart full of mercy and compassion,
 God saves us and † forgives us all our sins.
 Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us
 and by the light of the Holy Spirit
 guides our feet into the way of peace.

C Amen

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

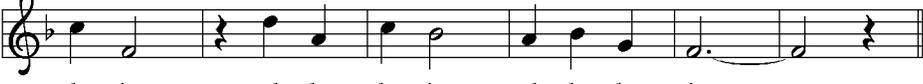
A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together....

C 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

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, the Lord 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.

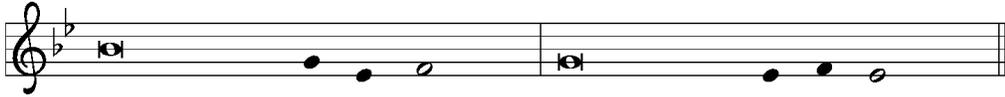
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of 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."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46



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- 1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain (Choir)
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;**
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- 7 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
- 8 **The LORD of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain
- 9 Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- 10 **behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;**
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

ALL: ¹²**The Lord of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Gospel according to Luke Chapter 23

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

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. 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Guest Speaker, Geri Lewis
Howard Training Center

SERMON HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

APOSTLE'S CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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

A With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Response: ... Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

The offering is an act of worship; a response of gratitude and thankfulness.

OFFERTORY

Clap Your Hands
Choir

Michael Jothen

OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please return to your seats at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great
Thanksgiving.

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.

PREFACE

P 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
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 - en 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the'. The third staff continues with 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and phrasing slurs.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

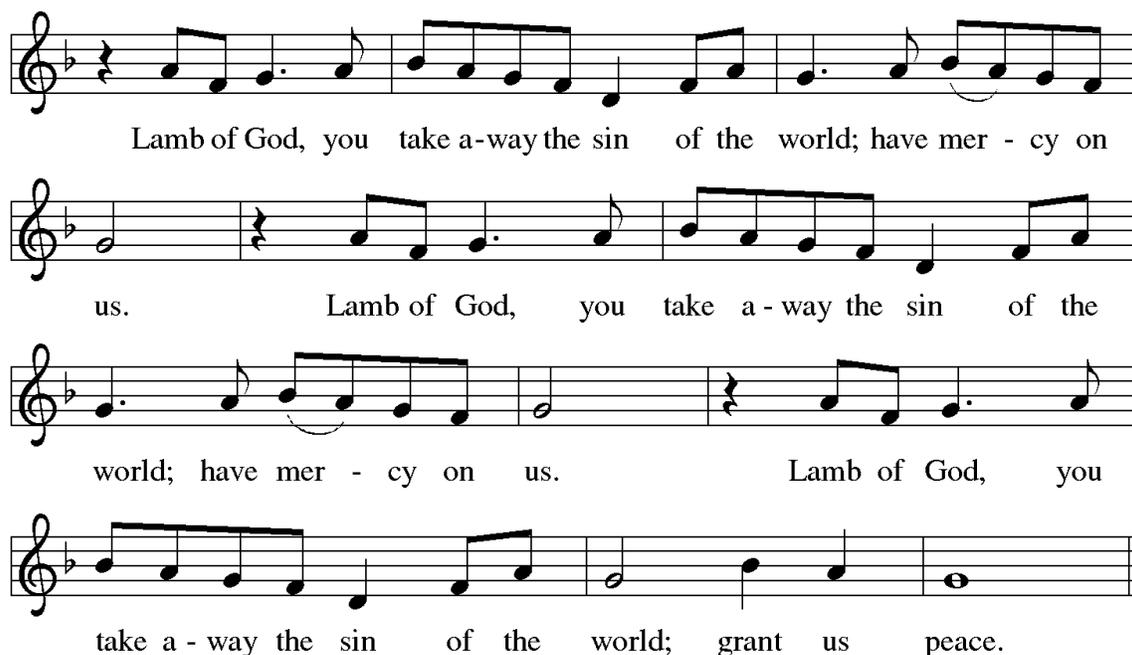
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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

P Share in the inheritance of all the saints.
Come to the table prepared for you.
We offer continuous communion at the altar rail. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

My Song is Love Unknown
Now We Join in Celebration
Jesus, Remember Me

ELW #343
ELW #462
ELW #616

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, shepherding God,
that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day,
feeding us richly with the food of Paradise.

Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives,
and gather us with the saints in the day of our death;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Home Communion Minister(s) come(s) forward.

P Let us pray,

C **O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen**

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P Let us pray:

C **God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.**

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Wilbur Held

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Lyn Crase

Assisting Minister Barbara Crawford

Acolyte Fanney Bjargardottir

Ministers of the Word Susan Hall, Dianne Santana

Cantor David Holtz

Communion Assistant(s) Dianne Santana

Usher/Greeter Reuter/Dieterich

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Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar today are given, to the glory of God, by Lois Owen.



TONIGHT! Abrahamic Traditions Thanksgiving Service at Congregation Beth Shalom, this evening at 7:00 pm. This service is becoming a tradition worthy of being upheld! Participants include Emanuel Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, The Islamic Center of Modesto, and Congregation Beth Shalom. This year's theme is "Abrahamic Traditions - Faith in Action" and promises to be one of the most profound experiences of your holiday season. Congregation Beth Shalom is located at 1705 Sherwood Ave. Modesto (behind Our Lady of Fatima parish). Please plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors to celebrate Thanksgiving amongst this ecumenical gathering!

Today: Youth Group—5:30-6:30 pm—Katie’s Room.

Choir Rehearsal after the service at about 11:00.

Text Study meets Tuesdays at noon in Katie’s Room. All are welcome. Bring along your lunch.

Thursday Morning Bible Study on Martin Luther. Regularly meets in Katie’s Room from 9:30-11:00 am. *First Thursdays only*, meets at Casa de Modesto with our members who are residents there. Everyone is welcome!

On-Going Adult Education Sunday evenings twice a month from 5:30—7:00 pm (meet in Katie’s room). “The Abrahamic Traditions, Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith.”

2nd Sunday of each month Healing Prayer during communion.

NEW Bible Class meets every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm—“Biblical Art Journaling.” See Megan Armes for more information. Meets TODAY.

Lifeline Screening will again be offered at Emanuel on December 1. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Emanuel members receive a 10% discount on all screening tests with advance registration.

Call for young Christmas singers:

Emanuel would like to have children sing two songs during the 5:30 Christmas eve service. Those songs will be familiar Christmas songs. To be comfortable with singing them we will practice for 10-15 minutes each Sunday of advent immediately following the regular worship service. To do this well, it would be most desirable to have a very large group of young singers. Please let David Holtz know that you will have your children, or grandchildren, or neighbor children or ... participate on Christmas eve (regardless of their ability to attend the short rehearsals).

Emanuel's "Story Corps"

In 2003 **Story Corps** (storycorps.org) was launched in NYC and quickly spread across the country in an effort to build an oral portrait of America and Americans. Audio recordings are stored in the Library of Congress for anyone to use. Their stated objective is, "... to remind one another of our shared humanity, to strengthen and build the connections between people, to teach the value of listening, and to weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that everyone's story matters. At the same time, we are creating an invaluable archive for future generations."

With the support of our own Social Media Ministry Team, Emanuel is developing a compilation of members' 10-minute oral reflection on their faith journey through life, including what it means to you to be Lutheran. Recordings will be stored and accessible on the ELC website (emanuellutheran.org). We would like every member to be a part of this valuable collection. These conversations could take place at Emanuel, or in your or my home, or in a coffee shop – your choice. You may be asked in the near future to participate or you may sign up in the Narthex.

Advent is coming ...

Our crane mobile has migrated from the sanctuary and into storage along with the red and orange Pentecost fabric runners. The space is soon to be filled with the advent and excitement of Christmas. Plans are being created to suspend a large number of Christmas ornaments high, just below the beams, to build on the anticipation and joy of this wonderful season.

Would you like to be part of this display? If so, you may contribute an ornament for inclusion by placing it in the collection box in the Narthex. There will be a general color theme of red and gold but really, any color ornament is okay – but it must be a round "ball type" ornament (no novelty ornaments please). You might want to write on the ornament or insert a prayer into it. Contact David Holtz with questions (578-0926).

If you are bringing treats on Sunday, Please check the treat calendar for upcoming openings.

Advent Soup Suppers begin on November 30th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WELCA's Cookie Exchange Party will be held Saturday December 3 at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies and at the end of the party, you can pick out 3 dozen cookies of many favorites to take home and enjoy. There will be beverages served as you enjoy eating cookies and singing your favorite Christmas songs with Barbara on the piano and David on guitar!

If you aren't too busy that day, please join Debbie in the church at 10:00 am to help decorate the Christmas tree and make our church festive prior to the cookie party!

Also, WELCA will have a bake sale the next day in the Narthex....please join us for a fun weekend as we prepare for Christmas 2016!

Save the Dates! Wired Word Potlucks—Friday, December 9 at the home of Marsha Waggoner or Saturday, December 10 at Jim and Paula Barton's beginning at 6:15 pm. Choose either date and join in the discussion of current topics from the news and reflect on Bible passages that relate to those topics. Please be sure to add your name to one of the sign up sheets in the Narthex. *See you there!*





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

November 2016

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust."
(Psalm 91)*

During the week of Veterans Day (Friday, Nov. 11), I invite you to join across this church to pray for service members, veterans, chaplains and their families. Let us pray for an ordered civic life and respect for the dignity and worth of every person. In worship on these days, please remember the impact of family separation and mobility for veterans and those currently serving, many of whom are members of our congregations and communities.

In New Orleans this year, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a memorial asking, "the Office of the Presiding Bishop to establish a Sunday of prayer and action closest to Veterans Day each year to unite this church in prayer and encourage practical assistance for military members, veterans, ELCA chaplains and families."

I invite you to pray for the pursuit of peace and for the right use of power in cases where war is a response to aggression. Pray for those who have answered a vocation of military service and for their families. Through prayer, let us encourage our ELCA chaplains as they witness for Jesus Christ and make Christ present in word and sacrament. Prayer is powerful, and knowing this church remembers in prayer those who serve helps sustain their hope in Christ. For worship resources, prayer aids and other ideas visit: elcachaps.com.

Whether your congregation is new to addressing military concerns or has a history of prayer and action for those touched by war-time service, I ask for your prayers. Consider making the Sunday closest to Veterans Day an opportunity to care for those who have served as together we turn to God as our refuge and strength.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

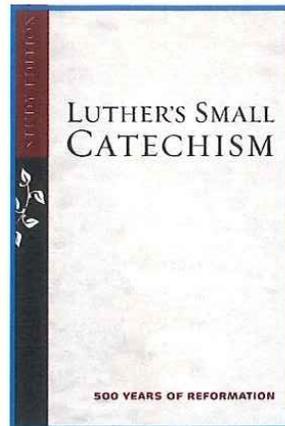
ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Luther's Small Catechism

Of all the things Martin Luther wrote, he is probably best known for two things: the hymn “A mighty fortress is our God” and the Small Catechism. Interestingly, Luther himself was ambivalent about the lasting value of most of his writings, with two exceptions—and one of them was this little pamphlet, the Small Catechism. And this from someone whose writings changed the whole landscape of the Western religious world.

Most of us know the Small Catechism well. Many spent hours memorizing it as teens. But how did it come to be, and what is it that makes it so helpful?

In 2017 we are observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's start, when Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses. If that was the act of a passionate young man, a decade later he was facing the needs of the church he was reforming. If it was no longer enough just to go through the motions, following the lead of a Latin-rite priest, then what was at the heart of what people needed to know—and how were they to learn that? To meet that need, Luther the pastor and teacher created two catechisms—the Large (primarily intended for pastors) and the Small (for use in the home).



A catechism is a document that lays out the basic ideas of religion in a simple question-and-answer format. For the Small Catechism, Luther chose to open up some of the basics of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments of Holy Baptism

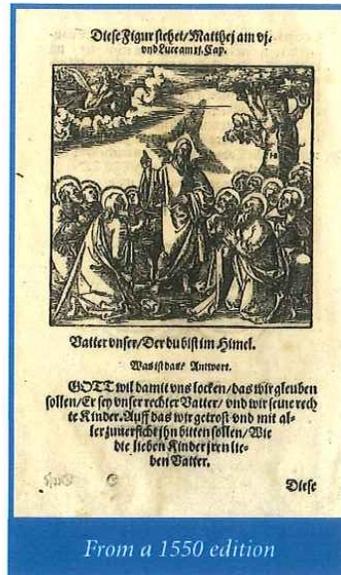
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and Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys and Confession. It's worth noticing that he based this teaching document on what already existed rather than starting from scratch and inventing a whole new system. Luther was committed to the church catholic.

His genius is shown in the way he opened up these statements of faith. The famous question in each case was, in German, "*Was ist das?*" In English, most of us know this as "What does this mean?" but a literal translation would be "What is *that*?" And then

he proceeded to tell, in beautifully simple language, what each commandment, each part of the creed, each petition of the Lord's Prayer, tells us about God and about us as God's children. These explanations set out a God who is not the stern judge of Luther's own childhood, but a loving parent who offers us unconditional grace and only then invites us to live accordingly.

How profound was Luther's achievement in writing the Small Catechism? A mark of it can be seen in the simple fact that nearly five hundred years after its first publication in 1529, and after being translated into hundreds of languages, it is still one of the most effective tools for learning and teaching what the Christian faith is all about.



Fall Emanuel Canned Food Drive



We have an opportunity to support others through food and nutrition by collecting canned and non-perishable food to share with Interfaith Ministries Modesto. Please place food items in the container in the Narthex.

Sunday 10/23 to Sunday 11/20

Thank you for your support of this annual community activity.



Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the symptoms below, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Lifeline health screenings that will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 1, 2016

Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THUR 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service INTERFAITH SUNDAY
	12:00 pm Lectionary Study	10:00 am Weekly Staff Mtg.				
7:00 pm Lydia Circle @ K. Kraft's						5:30 pm Adult Study— Abrahamic Traditions

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Assisting Minister	Ministers of the Word	Cantor	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Nov 27 Advent 1	David Holtz	B Crawford Wilke		Suzanne Wilke	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Lois Silva
Dec 4 Advent 2	Suzanne Wilke	D Holtz L Owen	David Holtz	Dave Henke	Emma Hoover	Owen Family	Van Diepen/ Kroeze
Dec 11 Advent 3	Paula Barton	B Reinheimer B Rokaitis		Rokaitis/ Schmidt	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/Knoll	Van Diepen/ Kroeze

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

November 27 Advent 1	December 4 Advent 2	December 11 Advent 3
Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



New Prayer Requests: Kay Altmas—comfort & peace; Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of fallen Sheriff's Deputy, Officer Dennis Wallace who was killed in the line of duty last week. Alexander Smith (Anthony Pino's nephew)—health, healing and well-being

Sympathy is expressed to the family of member, Elaine Urch who passed away recently. Please keep them in your prayers. A memorial service at Emanuel is being planned for January.

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Bill Fox; Virginia Dall; Keith Thurston; Anna Hooper; Anthony Pino & Aaron Daubenspeck; Lena Shirley; Marj Sample; Teri Scott; Pat Smith; Jill Klenz

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas; Shelda Fritts

Our Family: Ian McKenzie (Schmidt); Sheila Barton (Barton); Joy Morgan (Scott); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Evelyn Thurston (Thurston); Cindy Johnson (Salonen); Helen Opitz (Smith); Robert Schlipman; Sherry Orsetti; Laurie Spinuzzi (Silva); Linda Luis-Thompson (Strand); Bobby Horton (Crawford); Joyce & Manuel (Scott); Gay McCready (McCready); Richard Epting (Epting); Sue and George Reinheimer; Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Gregory & Alley (Scott); Donald Murray (Murray); Christine Williams (Dieterich)

Our Friends: Mark, Matthew & Amanda (Scott); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Adrienne (Nelson); Pastor Stan Niemi; Tom Aja (Crawford); Jennifer Turner (Dieterich); John Pienado (Knoll); Dawn Wagner; Mark Davis (Ixcot); Leila Afshin (Skustad); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Mary Martin (Martin); Cheryle Pickel (Crawford); Sydney (Silva); Jerry Larson (Clarke); David and Jeffrey Hudson (Reinheimer); Atephen Washer (Norquist); Evelyn Wangeman (Hoaglund); Larry Decker (Dieterich)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law); **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016; **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut; **Chad Vander Veen** (friend of Susan Hall), US Army in Iraq.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of your reign, that all divisions cease, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For your creation in all its beauty, for water and land, plants and animals, and for those who advocate for the just use of the earth, that all creatures enjoy life abundant, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For government leaders, for those who provide justice and safety, and for those in war-torn places, that all be guided by the peace of the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the alienated, for the sick and suffering, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for those in need of reconciliation, that God provide them with skilled medical practitioners and counselors, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those traveling this week, for those gathered with family and friends, for protection from inclement weather, and for the body of Christ gathered here, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We pray for your healing touch on those we name before you now, aloud or in silence (*pause for silence*). Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

God of hope, today we pray for the pastors & churches of our newly named conference, Sierra Central Valley. This morning we lift up Pastor Janna Mikkelson and Faith Lutheran Church in Pioneer. Sustain Pastor Mikkelson and enliven the leadership of Faith Lutheran Church; energize them for ministry in their community, and enable bold witness for the sake of the Gospel. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for all the saints who lived their lives giving thanks to God and are now at rest, that their witness strengthen our confidence in the resurrection to eternal life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

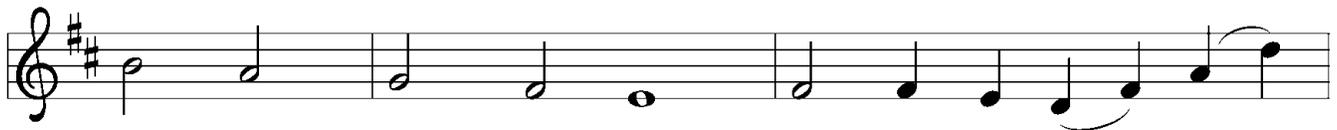
Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN #434

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.

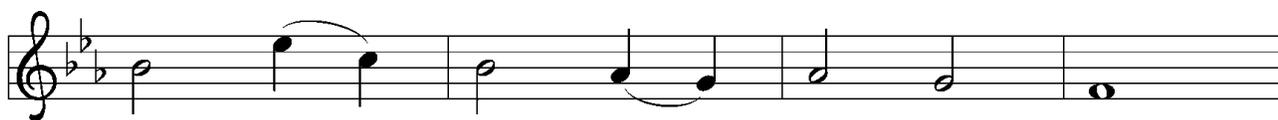
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

SERMON HYMN #838

Beautiful Savior



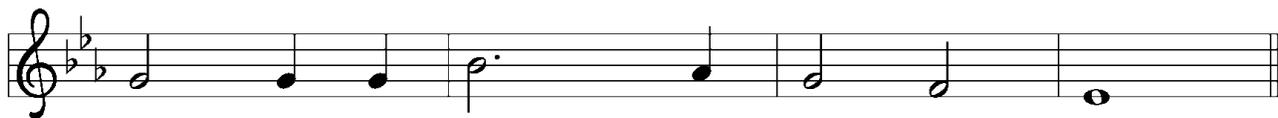
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

SENDING HYMN #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893