

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A community of disciples for Jesus Christ, dedicated to glorifying God
through worship, spiritual growth and service to others.*

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

Service of the Word

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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**

GATHERING SONG

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

*APOSTOLIC 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.**

***KYRIE**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(in unison, see insert)*

WORD

READINGS *(See Insert)*

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 95:1-7a *(read responsively)*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter

C: **Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Video Sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW 634

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(in unison)*

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, 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 (*See insert*)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Salvation Belongs to Our God

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*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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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.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation Stands

Congregational Responses are **in bold**

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Worship 10:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. “THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE...” We will rejoice and be glad in it.” Thank you for choosing Unity as your place to worship this morning. If you would like more information concerning the ministries and outreach of Unity church in the community please speak to one of the Ushers.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve 2021 budget and elect council members will be held during the worship service today.

ALTAR FLOWERS given by Ralph Adcock in memory of Willa.

THE 2020 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Please sign up for Altar flowers. Next open dates are November 29, December 20.

WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH NOVEMBER: The Synod has assigned us supply pastors for several Sundays in November. On the Sundays when no supply pastor is assigned, we will continue to have worship using a video sermon downloaded from the internet. For the time being Unity will continue using Service of the Word and refrain from taking Communion. Hand sanitizer will be available and you are encouraged to use it upon entering and leaving the church. **Reminder:** It is mandated that you wear a face mask and sit 6 ft apart when in confined spaces with more than 10 people gathered. Masks are available for those who need one. Unfortunately singing in church is considered one of the riskiest behaviors for spreading the virus. We will be using recorded music and hymns from previous worship services which you are encouraged to hum along with.

Please be considerate of our congregation members who are in the high-risk category for catching and being severely affected by the corona virus. Do your part to make sure that all our members are able to worship in a safe environment. Hope to see everyone back in church soon!

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS: Harold Shook, Tina Carpenter, Lora Childers, Jewell Coulter, Glenn and Peggy Davis, Bill & Farrell Gibbs, Dave Shannon, Kathy Whisnant, Sue Heavner, Unity college students.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dave Shannon, Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb, Bette Killian.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Tyler Prince, Katherine Jones, Louise Whitener, Brian Childers, Wes Starnes, Brenda Caldwell, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson), Edith Michael, Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, Nancy Lang, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Gifts and graces of the Unity Lutheran Family.

Serving Today Sunday November 22, 2020

Lay Minister: Ruie Jones

Lay Reader: Tinita Stoker