

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

22 November 2020

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions,
 princedom, pow’rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia! “Alleluia!”
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia! “Alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life
and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast
of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

Refrain

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children, we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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WORD

ANTHEM

“Whatsoever You Do”

Willard Jabusch, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel’s kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, “my servant David,” who will feed and care for the people.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

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CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Aaron Couch

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.</p> <p>2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.</p> | <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.</p> |
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* AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Pastor: These persons desire to publicly affirm their baptism: Joan and John Beck, Laurie Larson Caesar, Kevin Kindschuh, Neal Narayan, and Margie and Ralph Thomas.

Affirmation of baptism includes the following responses...

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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...

Pastor: And you, people of First Immanuel Lutheran Church, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All: Amen

Assistant: We rejoice to receive you as members of this Christian community and as partners in Christ's mission in the world.

All: As your sisters and brothers in Christ, we welcome you into this fellowship in the Gospel. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

SETTING THE TABLE

Refrain:

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

1. As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.

Refrain

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, our hope and our salvation...

...All honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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

Pastor: We are all God's beloved children, and the risen Christ welcomes us to this holy meal.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

A brief time of quiet reflection...

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God,

People: **that at your table you satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of Word, bread and wine, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen**

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ✠ guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: **Amen**

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CLOSING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

1. On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

2. Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.

Refrain:

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

Refrain

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God!