

Christ the King

November 26, 2017

8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C Amen**

Gathering Hymn

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' vs 1-4

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Greeting

P Grace to you, and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

C Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, and he is the ruler of all earthly kings. He loves us and sets us free from our sins by his blood.

P To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

C Amen

Be seated.

Opening Litany (*Psalm 95*)

A Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

C Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

A For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C He holds the deepest part of the earth in his hands, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The ocean is the Lord's because he made it, and with his own hands he formed the dry land.

A Oh, come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

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

Hymn

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' vs 5 & 6

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and

shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation *'Alleluia!'* p. 142

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give

me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us'

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Stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

p. 104

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

Be seated.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory *'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'* **184**

Offering Prayer

A Creator God,

C you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving p. 144

Lord's Prayer p. 145

Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God' p. 146

'O Savior, Precious Savior' **820**

'Blessing and Honor' **854**

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Sovereign God,

C in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Sending Hymn *'Christ Is the King!'* **662**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.

Worship Assistants: November 26

Greeters: Mason–Tom & Mary Jensen
East – Marty Grow

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Mark Balkman

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: LuAnn Seidl

Ushers: Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seidl,
Jon Seidl

Hospitality: Sieg

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 11/19: 8:30 am–58 & 10:30 am-19

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 11/16 – 138 students

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Marian Breitenfeldt.

For Healing for Norma Bryant; Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

Announcements

Advent will be here soon. Plan now to attend the Mid-week Advent services at 6:30 pm in December. These services will be about 30 minutes so you can plan your Wednesday activities. We are inviting Trinity to join us for these services.

Dec. 6 – The Angel Speaks to Zechariah’s Fear

Dec. 13 - The Angel Speaks to Joseph’s Confusion

Dec. 20 – The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt

Congregational Meeting

Grace will hold our Semi- Annual meeting
on December 10
at 11:15 following second service.

Christmas Display. The Altar Guild will be decorating the church during the Advent/Christmas seasons. Garland, trees, wreaths and plants will be part of this and remain in place until January 8, 2018. You are invited to help with the cost by giving a suggested gift of \$12.00 or any amount you choose. You may place your gift in an offering envelope and mark it “Christmas Display.” There is a sheet on the desk where you can place your name or fill out the form in the newsletter and return it with your gift. Thank you for helping beautify the church during these seasons.

Linwood Place Apartments has openings: large 2 BR with 1½ bath, large 2 BR, and 1 BR. Our waiting list is empty! Call now to see an apartment or to secure a spot for the future. This is the time to act!!! Call Becky at 920-734-7725 or 920-594-2016, or call Brian at 920-840-3578.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 26.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, Nov. 27.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. FVC Board Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 28.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Nov. 29.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 30.....10 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice

Friday, Dec. 1.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Dec. 2.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Dec. 3.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship