

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville

Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2021 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on Lasset Uns mit Jesu ziehan

(Manz et al)

(The assembly stands and turns to face the cross in procession.)

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

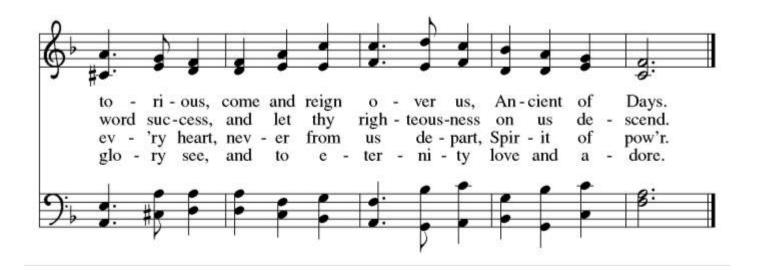
Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

(Follow the processional cross.)

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King





Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly sits.)

Anthem

King of All Ages, Throned On High

(Isom)

King of all ages, throned on high, Yet saviour too of those with faith, Death at your onslaught died in fear And grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heav'n Christ Receives from God the Father's hand Power over all created things; A gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds
With shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still,
Give back the glory we have lost.

Glory, glory to you, O Christ, our Lord.

Exalted far beyond our sight
Rejoicing in bliss forevermore
With Father and with Paraclete, Amen.

Word

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel:

9 As I watched,

thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne,

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

13 As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

14 To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

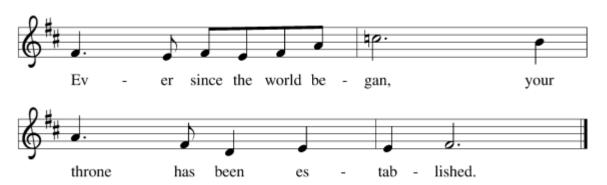
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Refrain



1 The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

- 2 Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting.
- 3 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.
- 4 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.
- 5 Your testimonies are | very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. (**R**)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation:

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (The assembly stands. Choir will sing verse.)



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Gospel John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

(The assembly remains seated.)

(The assembly sits.)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, responding, "God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, teachers, musicians and other leaders. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community, including the Good Shepherd Center and Salvation Army. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace, especially Wendy, John, Bob and Sunny. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(The assembly sits.)

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude on *Picardy*

(Keene)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

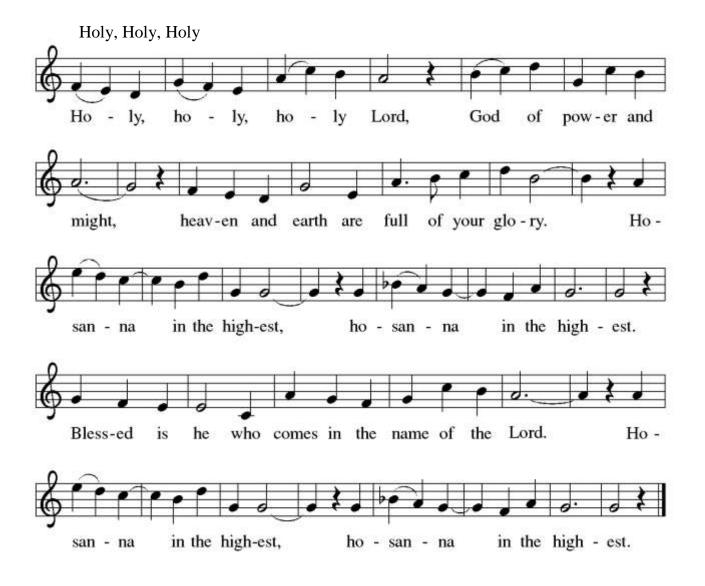
Lift up your hearts.

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 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Breaking of Bread

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

(The assembly sits.)

Lamb of God



Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

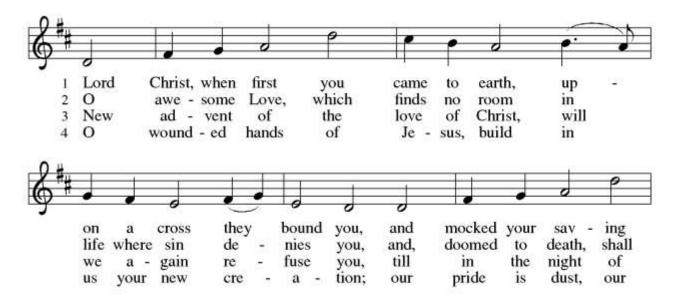
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

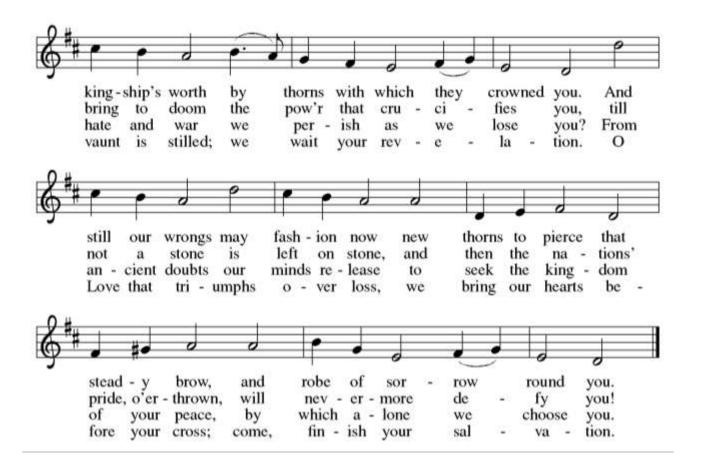
Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending hymn

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth





Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Finale on St. Magnus (Rawesthorne)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Pianist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Dan Eppley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Preaching..... The Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Marj Stubert

Communion Assistant Catherine Snyder

Lector Tyler Martin-Call

Acolyte Clara Balas

Head Usher Mary Beth Bradley

Altar Guild The Richardson family

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, November 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 24. Attendance at the Sunday, November 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 65. Total: 89.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, November 21, 2021, Christ the King

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes 1:00 p.m. Reformed: Always Reforming

4:00 p.m. Sonya Wilt visitation in Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021

10:00 a.m. Sonya Wilt funeral service

Messenger articles due today

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

NO Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Office closed

Friday, November 26, 2021

Office closed

Saturday, November 27, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 28, 2021, First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, November 29, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:15 p.m. Advent Vespers

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Friday, December 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 4, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (with prayers for healing)

Order Poinsettias, Donate to Decorate the Church and/or Donate to the Domestic Disaster Response

Forms to order or make donations are available in the November Messenger and in the Narthex. Deadline to do so is **Sunday, November 28, 2021.**

Please note that all three trees have been spoken for but the altar and columbarium flowers are available.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26** so that the staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Christmas for Bethesda

In the narthex there is a bulletin board with the names of some girls that reside at Bethesda in Meadville. If you are interested in providing a gift for one of these girls, please choose a gift tag, purchase the gift, and return it *unwrapped* to the church *with the tag attached to the gift* and *in a plastic bag*. The deadline for all items to be returned is Wednesday, December 8. There is also a list of "general" items that can always be used. Gift bags and wrapping paper are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or at the church office.

Advent Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will begin on **Monday, November 29 and conclude on Thursday, December 23** in the choir pews. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 8:50 a.m. Please use the rear parking lot door for entry. Take this opportunity for quiet reflection at the beginning of your day as a way of making spiritual preparation during Advent.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Bryce Stubert (son of Josh Stubert and grandson of Marj Stubert)

John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)

Carol Junk (daughter-in-law of Betty K.) Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)

Lisa Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)

Marie Eaves
Paul Yoos

Dave Hollenbaugh

Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)

Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)

Tillie Schell Barbara Swartz

Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Henry Heil

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift) Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)

Lori McCann Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong) Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Carl Long

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst) Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Bill Dunn (brother of Beth and Ed, nephew of Warren and Pat Roth)
Sunny Wilt
Jerry Hall (brother of Rich and Denise Hall)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)