

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday (Setting 3)

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor

Jan Smith, Organist

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness (p. 94-95)

In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** Let us confess...

Most merciful God, **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.**

Gathering Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW # 855

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.**

Kyrie and Canticle of Praise (p. 138-141)

Rejoicing in God's grace, we sing our Canticle of Praise. **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

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 all who are in need in this 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. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Jesus Is the Living Stone" (by Mary McDonald)

WORD

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message "Helping Others/Serving God"

Gospel Acclamation (p. 142) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**

The holy gospel according to Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Lord, when was it we saw you?"
Hymn of the Day "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" ELW # 708
Apostles Creed (p. 105)
Prayers of Intercession Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Peace The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
Offering

We now enter into a time of offering where we joyously share in God's abundance.

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW # 884
Offertory Prayer

Creator God, 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.

MEAL

We now share in Christ's holy meal of forgiveness, love, and grace.

Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (p. 144-145)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you...**

Holy, holy, holy...

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (p. 145)

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymns (p. 146) Lamb of God...

"O Savior, Precious Savior" ELW # 820

SENDING

Blessing

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW # 434

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude