

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Smudging Ceremony

L: Creator, we offer the burning of sweet grass, tobacco, sage and cedar as a prayer for purification and as a reminder for those gathered here to cleanse our thoughts and hearts that we may hear and be guided by your word and direction.

We thank you for all our relations: the four legged, the winged, the star people of the heavens and all living things you have blessed us with to sustain this life. Empower each of us through the bringer of Peace, your Son Jesus, to see and change for better the common life of all people and creation. Hear our prayers this day and every day.

Accept our thanks for all the blessings you have given us, and for the opportunities to use these blessings for your honour and glory in service to others. Miigwech.

Gathering Song Song at the Center

Refrain: From the corners of creation to the center where we stand,
Let all things be blessed and holy, all is fashioned by your hand;
Brother wind and sister water, Mother earth and father sky,
Sacred plants and sacred creatures, Sacred people of the land.

In the east, the place of dawning, there is beauty in the morn,
Here the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born;
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
They shall shine with light and glory when the morning breaks again. **Refrain**

In the south, the place of growing, there is wisdom in the earth,
Both the painful song of dying and the joyful song of birth;
As the earth gives up her life blood so her children's hearts may beat,
We give back to her our rev'ence, holy ground beneath our feet. **Refrain**

In the west, the place of seeing, there is born a vision new
Of the servant of the servants who proclaimed a gospel true;
Let the creatures of creation echo back creation's prayer, **Refrain**
Let the Spirit now breathe through us and restore the sacred there.

In the north, the place of wisdom, there is holy darkness deep,
Here the silent song of myst'ry may awake you from your sleep;
Here the music still and holy sounds beneath the snow and night
In the ones who wait with patience for the coming of the light. **Refrain**

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Greeting

L: The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator, and the communion of the Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

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.
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.
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.
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.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93

Refrain:



Sing the LORD'S praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

L: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

C: **Refrain**

L: The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!

C: **Refrain**

L: Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

You are the way_ You are the truth. You are the light_ of my life_

You are the word, speak to my heart_ and my soul. 1. 2. soul.

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L: The holy Gospel according to John.

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

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Message – Story-telling by Carolyn Klaassen

Hymn of the Day # 856 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

Creation Care Creed

**We believe and trust in God, all-powerful Creator and Sustainer,
who fashions the heavens and the earth and all that is in them,
who provides in generous abundance all that is needed
for the whole of creation to thrive,
who grieves at the way we neglect and spoil his masterpiece,
and calls us to account,**

who, like a loving parent, sees our weakness and yet persists in love.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ,
who was born like us, choosing to share our humanity
with its joy and its pain,
who lived an earthly life, affirming and celebrating the goodness
of the physical world,
who died and came back to life to show us that in sacrifice
lie the seeds of freedom and hope,
who returned home to his father – his earthly work complete.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,
who breathes life and purpose into all living things,
who calls us to join in the work of sustaining and renewing the earth,
who transforms our hearts and minds,
empowering us to be faithful stewards,
who will lead us home at the end of our age.

We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs,
cherishing the earth and labouring for its healing and renewing,
in loving obedience to God,
following the example of Jesus Christ,
and seeking the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, the pastor will say "Creator God" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Creator be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those with whom they are worshipping.

Response

We respond to God's grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving

Offering Prayer

L: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving For the Word

L: Creator God,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.

For your Word of life, we give thanks.

C: For your Word of life, we give thanks.

L: We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways.
When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.
For your Word of promise, we praise you.

C: For your Word of promise, we praise you.

L: Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.
Upheld by the voice of your Word,
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,
serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.
For your Word of power, we plead.

C: For your Word of power, we plead.

L: Abide with us in your Word, O God,
that we may speak your blessing to others,
today and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing with Water

L: The Great Spirit be with you

All: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Great Spirit

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We thank you, our great Creator, for the gift of water.

Over the water the Great Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit to lead us,
through his death and resurrection, from sin into everlasting life.

We give you thanks for the gifts of your creation,
for the waters that cleanse and nourish our bodies.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism
that free us from the bondage of sin and death.

We give you thanks for the living waters that cleanse
and heal our wounds, and feed our thirst for justice.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we who are touched by your love
might be healers in the desert places of your world,
and bring water to the thirsty of the land,
continuing in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory,
now and forever,

All: All my relations.

(Carolyn will sprinkle each participant with the cedar leaves)



Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

L: Beloved people of our Creator,
You have been purified in the waters of baptism,
gathered and nourished with the Word,
then sent forth to bring new life to a suffering world.
So may the holy Trinity,
Creator, Saviour, \dagger and Spirit, one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song # 439 **Soon and Very Soon**

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King,

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 21, 2021

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers have been placed on the altar in honor and praise to Christ the King!

Thank You Carolyn Klaassen! We offer our thanks to Carolyn Klaassen for your co-leadership in our service today, together with Student Pastor Elina.

Pastor Eric back this Tuesday: Pastor Eric returns to the office on Tuesday, November 23rd. Please contact the office in the interim for any pastoral needs or concerns you may have.

TODAY: ELCIC Bible Book Club: We meet today at 9 am to look at the book of *Revelation*. All are invited to pre-read the introduction [here](#), and the questions [here](#), and to read as much of the book of *Revelation* that you can. Bring your questions with you, and come and join in on the spirited discussion that follows.

TODAY: Christmas Craft Sale at Heather House: Sunday November 21st from 10:00 – 3:00. Due to Covid concerns, and wanting a safe and comfortable sale for all who attend, we will not be advertising to the general public this year. If you are reading this, consider yourself a friend and invited to our sale. Looking forward to seeing your smiling face – covered with a mask.

TODAY: Lutheran Church of the Cross Victoria Presents - *Dance Like Everybody's Watching*: Tonight at 7:30 pm, Lutheran Church of the Cross Victoria hosts this online event. We'll view a 30 minute film together (available in-person or online) that follows the lives of three dancers, revealing the racism and stereotyping they experienced in Victoria's dance community. Following the film, Simone will facilitate a Q & A period leading us through a discussion about racism, diversity, inclusion, cultural appropriation and creating safer spaces. The live-stream link will be available [here](#).

Book Club: The book club is meeting this **Wednesday, November 24**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hansens'. The book to be discussed is *Farewell to Mars* by Brian Zahnd. The book for January is *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

News from OUTREACH TEAM...

1. Although 3030 Gordon is temporarily suspending donations being randomly dropped off due to COVID, they are in need of some cold weather items. Items may be placed in the box in the foyer of the church labelled **For 3030**. Items requested: men's underwear (new) medium and large, womens' underwear (new) s,m,l, warm socks, mens and womens' coats or warm hoodies (clean gently used), gloves, belts and running shoes.
2. Please continue to donate items to the Food Bank.(baby food is needed too). Keep an eye out as cases of soups and beans etc...are now on sale.

"The crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' He answered, 'Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.' " Luke 3: 10-11

On Eagles Wings Advent Devotionals: We have received a supply of this year's Advent Reflections from *On Eagles Wings*. You can pick up a copy if you attend worship, or request one to be sent to you by contacting the office. Advent begins this year on November 28th.

CLWR Gift-Matching on Now! The opportunity exists to multiply your gift-giving with three specific matched gifts from this year's CLWR's Gifts from the Heart online catalogue. Hard copies of the catalogue are expected to arrive at the church soon, and you'll be notified when they do.

Canada Lutheran is Looking for In Mission Nominees: Every congregation and community has special people who use their energy, talent, and leadership in ways that make them role models. If you know of any such individuals for our *In Mission* column, please get in touch with us at editor@elcic.ca and tell us why you think we should interview them. *Canada Lutheran* is the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada that helps nurture the Lutheran spirit by providing inspiration and information to help our church members deepen their faith, follow church news, find the relevance of their Lutheran faith in today's complex world.

Living our Faith: For the last two years, we have been sharing National Bishop Susan Johnson's vision for a four-year emphasis on **Living our Faith** - as together we **pray, read, worship and love** (www.elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith). Over the past year, many of us have been enjoying the Bible Book Club as a way of living into the theme of "Read". Now into the third year, we continue our focus on worship with the goal of deepening our experience in worship when the community gathers (either together in person or online) and to deepen our individual practice of daily devotion. Would **you** be willing to share with us a tip, suggestion, or inspiration on how you make worship a daily practice, how you fit devotions into your life and/or how you actively seek to deepen your devotional practice? We are looking for just a sentence or two (40-60 words) and we welcome resource suggestions as well. [To share your thoughts and ideas now, please fill out this quick and easy form.](#) See the latest of these suggestions/inspirations, this one by Rev. Herman & Carol Hagen on page 12.

Notice of the BC Synod AGM: The BC Synod AGM will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 at 10 am** via Zoom. To view the notice, please click [here](#).

In-Person Worship: Public Health Safety protocols currently limit the available seating in our Sanctuary. While these temporary measures are in place, please call or email the office weekly to reserve your seats.

Anglicans, Lutherans to Meet for Assembly in 2022: The Delegates to the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's](#) National Convention and the [Anglican Church of Canada's](#) General Synod will gather together next July, for Assembly 2022. Inspired by the theme *Let there be Greening*, delegates, special guests, and partners will gather for worship, workshops, special presentations, and business sessions. To read the full news release, please [click here](#).

UN Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence Inspires Churches Beyond Borders 2021 Devotional:



Churches Beyond Borders - made up of the [Anglican Church of Canada](#), [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#), [The Episcopal Church](#), and [The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) - has developed devotions written by laity and clergy, timed with and inspired by the United Nations' annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, designed to be read from November 25 to December 10. To read the news release and download the devotions, please [click here](#).

CREATION CARE:

- **Climate Crisis Needs Reset of Global Economic Model:** (LWI) - The climate crisis requires an urgent "system reset" of the world's current development model "founded upon fossil fuel-driven economic growth." That is the message to heads of the G20 nations from leaders of the [Lutheran World Federation](#), the [World Council of Churches](#), the [World Communion of Reformed Churches](#), the [World Methodist Council](#) and the [Council for World Mission](#). They stress that "these changes must happen within a rapidly closing window of opportunity." To read the full article, please [click here](#).
- **The Story of Plastic:** The documentary *The Story of Plastic* is now available for viewing at the following [link](#).

- **Climate Crisis**: Bishops from the Lutheran and Anglican churches of Canada are calling for action as the Canadian government participate in the UN Climate Change Conference. To view the letter sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau please click [here](#).

FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION:

- **Telling and Teaching the Truth**: Leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Anglican Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have written to their churches as a sign of their commitments to work towards truth, healing, justice and accurate education. To read the full text of the letter, please visit our website by clicking [here](#). The leaders have also prepared the following [video](#).
- **CBC Interview with Justice Murray Sinclair: Next Steps for Truth and Reconciliation**. In a radio interview with host Rosanna Deerchild, former senator and TRC head Murray Sinclair reflects on our journey to reconciliation. Justice Sinclair offers insightful reflection and raises important questions. To listen to this interview in this episode of *Unreserved*, please [click here](#).

SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES:

- **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Today**: A video recording of a conversation between Mennonite author-activist Sarah Augustine and National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald, which took place online on October 13 on how the Church can begin to dismantle harm caused by this guiding colonial policy can be viewed [here](#).
- **Canadian Poverty Report**: The [Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) has now made their report on Poverty in Canada. To download your copy, please [click here](#).
- **New SDGs Training Manual for Faith-Based Actors**: [The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) has published a manual for trainers to help churches increase their participation in implementing the United Nations (UN) Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. It includes self-assessment tools that show the link between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the mission of the church. For information, please [click here](#). For additional information, please contact Rev. Paul Gehrs at pgehrs@elcic.ca.

THE MISSIONAL NETWORK RESOURCES:

- **Leadership Project Starts in January 2022**: We are excited about this new opportunity for leaders to rediscover hope and joy in their leadership. In the life of your congregation, *begin to shape an identity of hope and expectation, cultivate a space that deepens the roots of connection and invite decision-making that responds to God*. [Learn more](#) and get on the list for early access to apply.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday.... ELCIC Bible Book Club study at 9 am - *Revelation*
Worship Service live-streamed at 10:30 am with
registered attendees – *Christ the King Sunday*
(View [here](#) for GSLC’s YouTube Channel)

Tuesday.....Council Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday.... Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering at 1 pm ([Click here](#))
Book Club at 7:15 pm at the Hansens’

Thursday..... Happy Hour at 4 pm ([Click here](#))

Next Sunday... Bible study at 9 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed
at 10:30 am with registered attendees –
First Sunday in Advent
(View [here](#) for GSLC’s YouTube Channel)
On-line Sunday School at 1:30 pm

Note 1: Most events are pre-recorded or ZOOM events. Links to these events will be sent out weekly. Contact the office if you do not receive these email links.

Last Week at Church

(Financial info from November 14, 2021)

Total Offering	\$	3,020.00
- General Offering	\$	2,970.00
- Designated Gifts	\$	50.00

Living Our Faith series focus on WORSHIP Another suggestion for deepening our worship experience when the community gathers, and to deepen our individual practice of daily devotion is...

Living our **FAITH**
PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

My wife, Carol and I share a devotional Scripture reading and prayer each morning after breakfast, usually from *Eternity for Today*.



God's blessing is a GREAT way to start each new day!

- Rev. Herman and Carol Hagen



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



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