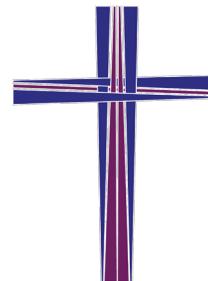




Bethany Lutheran & Partners in Faith

welcome you to worship!



Christ the King Sunday

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Susan Barta and Amy Brekke

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

Gathering Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Bulletin Page 4: Vs. 1,4,5

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast” Bulletin Page 5

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

We Hear God’s Word

Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Joyful Melody”

Vesper Bells

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

Children’s Message

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.”

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

Message

Pastor Peter

Hymn of the Day

“Taste and Believe”

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Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

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

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offertory

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Offertory Prayer

The 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.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Majesty"

Susand Barta and Amy Brekke

Gathering Hymn: Vs. 1, 4, 5

Crown Him with Many Crowns



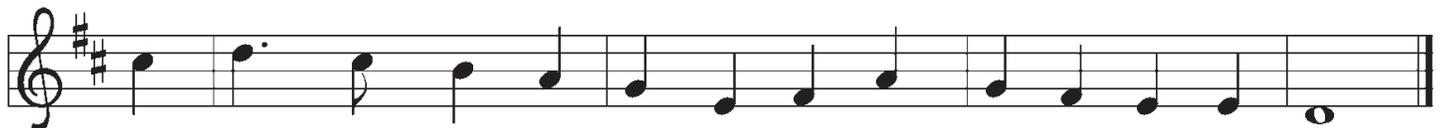
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



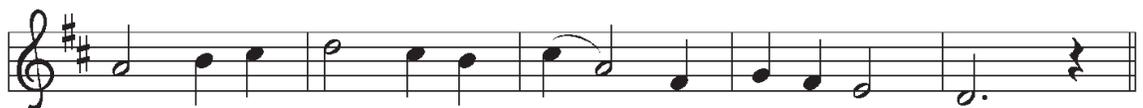
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn of the Day

Taste and Believe

The time is fulfilled,
taste and believe the Good News.
The blessed Kingdom has come near,
has come near, very new to you. (*Repeat*)

Offertory

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion Song

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Sending Song

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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The Bethany WeekAhead • November 22 - 28, 2020

Sunday
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8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
10:00 AM Drive-In Worship/Bethany Parking Lot
9:15 AM Christmas Program Recording/SA
Sunday School Lessons Available Online

Monday
23

Tuesday
24
9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
25
5:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Online
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Drive-In Worship/Bethany Parking Lot

Thursday
26
Thanksgiving - Office Closed
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
27
Office Closed

Saturday
28

*Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room Upper Level: 3F-3rd Floor*

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Pledge Information as of November 18, 2020

Pledge Commitments Received for 2021: *General* - \$391,131 *Building* - \$53,000
We have received pledges from 167 families.

Last year at this time, we had received pledges from 184 families: *General* - \$436,098 *Building* - \$53,156
Thank you for your participation in & support of the life & mission of Bethany Lutheran!

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship: This year, there will be two opportunities for Thanksgiving Eve worship. You can join us on November 25 for worship online at 5:00 p.m. with archives available anytime, or you can join us for a drive-in worship at 7:00 p.m. in Bethany's parking lot!

There will be a collection for Rice Lake's We Share Food Pantry at the drive-in worship service. Items for donation will be collected as you enter the parking lot.

Upcoming Ways to Worship: Beginning November 29 (1st Sunday in Advent), there will be one Sunday worship at 8:00 a.m. The service will be streamed online and broadcast on the radio (FM 96.1 & AM 1240).

Beginning December 2, Advent worship will be available online as a video (Holden Evening Prayer) or as a live, drive-in worship at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting, in Bethany's parking lot. The drive-in worship will have communion and every car will receive a pepperoni pizza. Please bring your own beverages. Check Bethany's calendar on our website for worship and event schedules.

In the event of bad weather, the 6:00 p.m. worship will be canceled. Cancellation notices will go out through email, text, voice message and Facebook.

Advent Devotion Booklets: Booklets will be available at all drive-in worship services AND under the carport in the marked tote. Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Congregation Advent Book. A special thank you to Roxie Olsen, Bea Evans and Patti McCann for the editing, layout and art design of the booklets!

Christmas Dinner Boxes: There is still time to sign up to make donations to the Christmas Dinner Box project. The sign up is on Bethany's website. If you haven't dropped items off, you can put them in the collection box at the Newton Street Entrance or drop them off on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. Any monetary donations should be provided to Bethany with a special notation that they are meant for the Christmas Dinner Boxes. All donations need to be received by December 2.

Addresses Needed: Attention Parents, Grandparents and Bethany College Students! We are looking for addresses of Bethany members attending college away from home. It is almost "Care Package" time again. We can't send a package unless we have current addresses

- they need to be updated every year. Please give addresses to Angie Buchli at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org by November 30.

Advent Prayer Walk: Check out our NEW lighted Christmas Tree Park in the Bethany greenspace (behind Appleyard's). Now more than ever we need to experience the hope and joy that comes to us in Jesus Christ, whose birth we await during the Advent season.

As you walk through the trees, reflect on the scriptures and prayers and rediscover the mystery that brings you hope and empowers you to bring light into darkness. Please move in a counter-clockwise direction, staying to the right and ending at the center tree.

Advent-In-A-Box: Prepare for Christmas with our Advent-in-a-Box! This is a resource with activities for households to do at home as you journey through the Advent season beginning Sunday, November 29 until Christmas. Boxes include supplies for making your own Advent wreath, simple wooden nativity set, prayer cubes, and an Advent scripture project.

While supplies last, we will be distributing our Advent-In-A-Box resource on Sunday, November 29 from 9:00-10:00 a.m., Monday, November 30 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 2 at our 6:00 p.m. Drive-In Advent Worship service.

Toys for Tots: Some of our Here We Stand students will be collecting for the Toys for Tots program in December as a service project. The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program is to collect NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. You can also make a cash donation to purchase any items needed for older ages that usually get missed.

Drop off your NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS or cash donations on Wednesdays, December 9 & 16 from 5:45-6:00 p.m. and 6:30-6:45 p.m. (before and after our 6:00 p.m. Drive-In Advent Worship Service) and Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. under the carport.

Did You Know: That the CAT told us that of those that responded to the survey, our congregation has a much higher percent than average of members that believe that their faith is central to their lives?

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Worship: Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Live Streaming: Sundays 8:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. on Bethany's website and Facebook page

Cable Broadcast: Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)
Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Doug Karis

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever •

Irene Christianson • Ron Debner • Jim Hagen • Kevin Jacobson • Dan Johnson • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad •

Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Chuck Dahl

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Kathy Berkseth • Bob Carter • Clara Kern •

Paul Klancher • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson •

Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Samuel Krebs • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Sympathy and Grief: Kevin and Kurt Jacobson and family upon the death of their mother, Maridale. Merlin Folstad and family upon the death of his brother, Arthur.

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Lynn Sulackow at 715-418-3110 or the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@chibardun.net or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Nancy Brunner • Kay Dahlgren • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Gene Gilbertson • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid Johnson • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Howard Pitts • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs • Jaci Willhite

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