

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Last Sunday of the Christian Church Year—Christ the King November 22, 2020

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Covid-19 Precautions / Reminders:

1. Every other pew will be taped off to create social distance.
2. Weather permitting, the windows will be open to create as much airflow as possible.
3. The hymnals have been removed from the pews. The hymns will be sung out of the bulletin or off the projector screens.
4. Worshippers are asked to pick up their own bulletin and take it home with them.
5. Offerings will be placed in the plate on the podium before or after the service.
6. The church council asks everyone to wear a mask, if possible. Masks are available in the entryway.
7. The pastor won't shake hands after the service.
8. Something to eat and drink will be offered after the service today in the fellowship hall, which has been cleared of tables and chairs to make social distancing possible.

Before Service Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of my life, for my heart that still beats, for my lungs that still breathe, and for the unknown accidents You keep from me each day. These are all daily gifts from Your hand that I all too often take for granted. Thank You especially for daily preserving my spiritual life in Christ by Your Holy Spirit. Help me to live to Your glory and honor You with my body in thanks to You for preserving my life—physical and spiritual—each day. Amen.

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Pastor's Welcome

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Stand

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. (CW 370 vs. 1)**

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God and plead for His mercy.

(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to remember me in grace and be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. (CW 370 vs. 4)**

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory You have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim You King of kings and Lord of lords, to Your unending praise and glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever...

C: Amen.

Sit

**A Celebration of Christ the King in the Seasons of the Church Year
Seasons The Church Was Unable To Observe Together
During the COVID-19 Lockdown**

PALM SUNDAY—Hail Him as Thy Matchless King through all eternity.

Palm Sunday Reading—Mark 11:7-10

⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His royal presence Eternally rejoice. (CW 130 vs. 3)**

MAUNDY THURSDAY—Crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.

Maundy Thursday Reading—**John 15:9-12**

⁹ “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

**This is My will, My one command, That love should dwell among you all.
This is My will, that you should love As I have shown that I love you.**

**No greater love can any have Than that one die to save his friends.
You are My friends if you obey What I command that you should do. (CW 497 vs. 1,2)**

GOOD FRIDAY—Crown Him the Lord of Love, behold His hands and side.

Good Friday Reading—Luke 23:35-39

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: “Aren’t You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!”

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns Your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from Your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call You mine. (105 vs. 1)**

EASTER—Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o’er the grave.

Easter Reading—1 Corinthians 15:20-25

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when He

hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia! (157 vs. 1, 3)**

Confession of Faith—The Second Article of the Apostles Creed and Luther's Meaning

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

All this He did that I should be His own, and *live under Him* in His kingdom, and *serve Him* in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and *rules eternally*.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day: CW 341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love -- Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns For He is King of all.**

The Sermon

Offering (Offerings can be placed in the plate on the table in the entryway either before or after the service.)

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Order of Holy Communion—Dining at the Table of our King

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves His Church to the end of time when He will come again as King to judge all people and take His own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (additional verses not found in Christian Worship—A Lutheran Hymnal)

**Crown Him the Virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Peace! Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend, Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime!
All hail, Redeemer Hail! For You have died for me;
Your praise and glory shall not fail, Throughout Eternity. (341 CW)**

The Song of Simeon



**C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.**

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Closing Hymn: “The King Shall Come” (From the new WELS hymnal, to the tune of CWS 775)

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life in joy awakes—
Not as of old a little child to bear and fight and die,
But drowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious rose
And left the lonesome place of death despite the rage of foes
Shall dawn that glorious, welcome morn for all who know His grace—
The day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns and earths dark night is past;
That morning cannot rise too soon, that day that e'er shall last.
Then let the endless bliss begin, as heav'n with praises rings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly King of kings!**

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Dressel

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 PM

Stone Soup Supper at 7:30 PM

Thursday—Thanksgiving Day (No Adopt-a-Sailor this year)

Friday—No Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM -- **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level.

Adult Bible Class will be held in the chapel this morning at 10:45. The class will be studying the Second and Third Commandments today.

The Branch Connection will hold their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM. The Ladies will be making cards as part of their service project for Christmas. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend. More details will be included in the December newsletter. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the lower level.

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 29. An Advent devotional booklet, written by staff from Martin Luther College, will be handed out to each family as you exit church today. Also, Advent calendars and other devotional tools can be picked up from the table around the corner of the entryway near the café.

SUNDAY AND THE CHURCH YEAR

It became a practice in the early Christian church to observe Sunday as the day for public worship (cf. John 20:19,26; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10). Sunday was chosen because it marked several great events: The beginning of creation, Jesus' resurrection from the dead (Easter), and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). We have continued this practice because it helps us do everything "in a fitting and orderly way" as God's Word urges us to do in 1 Corinthians 14:40. Since we know when the public worship service will be each week, we can plan our week so that we can attend worship regularly.

The Sundays of each "church year" are arranged in two groups. Each group makes up about one-half of the year. The first group of Sundays is called the "Festival Half." The themes for all the Sundays in this half of the church year are arranged according to the events of Christ's life. Those parts of our order of service which change (the propers) focus each Sunday on the part of Christ's life which is being highlighted at that time in the church year. The following chart gives a brief outline of the main festivals:

The Festival Half of the Church Year

General Theme: The Life of Christ

Time: December to May

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| 1. Advent | (Coming) | Four Sundays |
| 2. Christmas | (Birth) | December 25 |
| 3. Epiphany | (Appearing) | Nine Sundays (the last three Sundays are sometimes considered a transition into Lent) |
| 4. Lent (Suffering & Death) | | Six Sundays including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday |
| 5. Easter | (Resurrection) | Six Sundays |
| 6. Ascension | (Return to Heaven) | Forty days after Easter |
| 7. Pentecost | (Sending of Holy Sp.) | Fifty days after Easter |

The Non-Festival Half of the Church Year

The non-festival half of the church year extends from June to November. It may include 22 to 27 Sundays. It begins with Trinity Sunday, and the Sundays that follow are called the Trinity season. Some prefer to call these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost. There is no special theme that runs through all these Sundays. Rather, the theme for each Sunday and for the parts of the service which change will usually correspond to the sermon text the pastor has chosen for that Sunday.

There are several special days that we observe during the non-festival half of the church year. They are Reformation Day (October 31) and Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday of November in the United States). Many of our congregations also celebrate a special Mission Sunday either during this non-festival half of the church year, or during the festival half, or both. (adapted from Luther's Catechism, NPH, p. 72-73)