

# Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2015

## *Scriptural Meditation*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

### The Peal of Our Church Bell

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Meditation on 'Kremser'*

F. Bock

### Call to Worship

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

**All: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak,  
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**All: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve  
those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**All: We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us  
to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us. Amen.**

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### Prayer of Invocation

#### \* Gathering Song

*We Gather Together* (Tune: Kremser)

# 336

#### \*Prayer of Reconciliation

*Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God*

**All: We have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's  
history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, on this day we are  
called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives. His kingdom is based  
on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our  
neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. Jesus has asked us to reach out to  
feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked, visit the sick and  
those imprisoned; welcome the stranger. So rule our lives and help us to do your  
will. Amen.**

\*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

#### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Even though we have often failed to do as our Lord Jesus has asked, yet there  
is eternal forgiveness and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear  
friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you. Be his witnesses  
throughout the world. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \*Gloria Patri

# 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

### God's Word for Little Ears

### ~Hearing God's Word~

### Prayer for Understanding God's Word

**All: Word of Truth, dawn on us like the light of the morning, like a lamp to light  
our way. Prepare our minds and our hearts to listen. Amen.**

### Old Testament Lesson

II Samuel 23:1-7

p.299

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

arr. John Ferguson

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add voices to the song.  
Powers of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all the work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

### New Testament Epistle

Revelation 1:4b-8

p.245

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-37

p.113

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Message

*Are You Ready for the King of Kings?*

Pastor Kim

### ~Responding to God's Word~

### \*Affirmation of Our Faith-The Apostles' Creed

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus  
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed, Book of Confessions, PCUSA

**Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory**

*Arisos*

by G. G. Handel

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (# 606)*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

*Tune: Old Hundredth LM, Genevan Psalter 1551, Public Domain.*

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Sung Prayer Response**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

# 654

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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**~Going Forth to Serve God~**

**Life in Our Church Community**

**\*Departing Song**

*We Praise You, O God (Tune: Kremser)*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Fanfare*

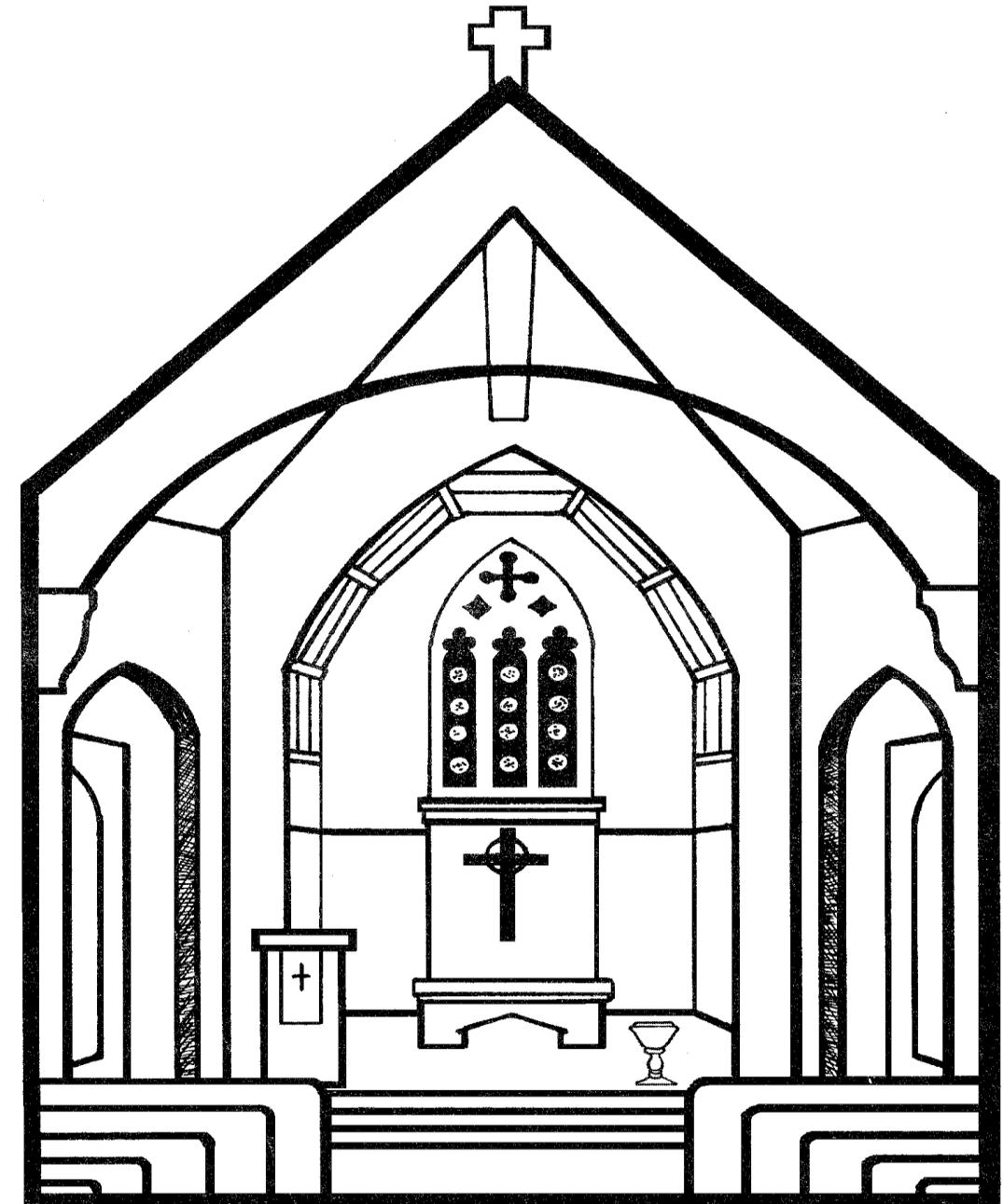
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**\*Please stand, if you are able.**

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