

**November 25th, 2012
Christ the King Sunday**



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

CALL TO WORSHIP BY BELL CHOIR: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal!" # 805 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion

forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Give Thanks”

FIRST 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.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Refrain: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting. R**

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forever and forevermore. R

GOSPEL: 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.

Then 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."

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

742 ELW

SERMON

HYMN: "Give Me Jesus"

770 ELW

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, we are yours and all we have belongs to you. Accept these offerings and bless their use in your work among us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Holy and Ancient One, by your Spirit give the church vision to be your kingdom on earth, that freed from our sins we testify to your truth in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Since the world began you have nourished creation. Continue to keep all you have made in your redeeming care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide the leaders of nations to govern their people justly and wisely, that your will be done on earth as in heaven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant grace and peace to all who suffer the trials of this world (*especially*). Lift their oppression and heal their wounds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lead us forth from this assembly to make your sovereignty known in faithful service to you and in loving care for one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be made.

We give thanks for all the saints who belong to you. Bring us at last to sing a triumphant song with Jesus Christ, firstborn of the dead, and all the company of heaven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP will meet Wednesday, November 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who has loved ones or friends who are dealing with memory loss are invited to attend.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED: There are no coffee servers signed up for December 2nd nor December 16th. Unless someone volunteers to serve there will be no coffee served on those two Sundays. We all love our coffee and goodies so please take a turn and serve.

Come enjoy the beautiful music provided by Bethesda's choir during our **Annual Christmas Cantata** on December 9th at both Sunday services.

AITKIN COUNTY OPERATION CHRISTMAS has a hat & mitten tree in the Narthex. Everything donated must be new. You can put toys, games, and personal items under the tree also, whatever you would like to donate. Need all items by December 9th. Any questions, call Bonnie Mickelson at 218-927-3485.

QUILT & JELLY SALES will be held December 9th between worship services.

POINSETTIA sign up will be between services. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory or in honor of someone, sign up in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$16.00.

The **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Saturday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon with Kathy Hughes from the Tuscan Room providing the food and a demonstration. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Bring a friend, daughter or neighbor for lunch!!! A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall between services today, November 25th.

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Monday, December 3rd at the Pine Inn in Glen at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$14.00 per person. A sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall between services today, November 25th. Please mark your calendar!!!

OLD LOG THEATER, JANUARY 10. PICK UP SIGN UP SHEET ON TABLE IN ENTRY. BUS WILL PICK UP AT BETHESDA AT 9AM.

CREATIVE ADVENT RETREAT, December 7-8, 2012 at Camp Onomia. See Bulletin Board for details.

SANTA LUCIA LUNCHEON at Zion Lutheran Church, December 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See Bulletin Board for details.

Phill & Barb Bray's winter address: 38200 Desert Greens Dr. East, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Phone: 760-636-5611 home, 218-232-7284 cell. See note on bulletin board.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25TH, 2012

Organist: Marlys Beavers

Greeters:

Ushers: 8:30 Lee & Barb Forrester, 10:00 Jerry & Carolyn Morris

Lectors: 8:30 Pat Becker, 10:00 Wally Swenson

Coffee Servers: Carol & Ron Hass, Rich & Marge Nelson, Janice & Wayne Olson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (11/18/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 86 10:00 – 44

Offering: \$ 3,069.00 Building Fund: \$ 830.00

\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA NOVEMBER 25TH THRU DECEMBER 1ST, 2012

Mon., Nov. 26th 7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon

Tues., Nov. 27th 9:30 a.m. Bells

Wed., Nov. 28th 8:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Hardanger

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

4:00 p.m. Memory Loss Support Group

6:00 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Praise Team

7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thurs., Nov. 29th 8:00 a.m. R.O.M.E.O.S.

1:00 p.m. Funtimers

Sat., Dec. 1st Noon WELCA Christmas Luncheon