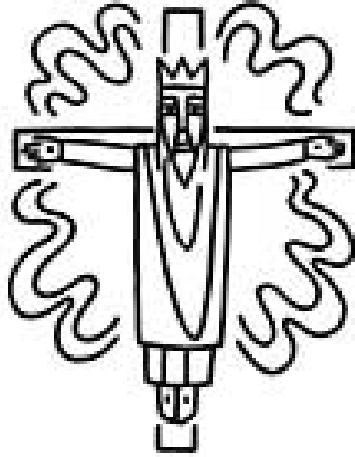


# November 24th, 2013

## 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**



## **GREETING**

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BELLS**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

## **FIRST READING:**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Refrain: I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present<sup>l</sup> help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

**R**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations;**

**I will be exalted in the earth."**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

**GOSPEL:**

*Luke 23: 33-43*

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let



For the leaders of the nations, that they deal wisely, and execute justice and righteousness so all people may live in safety, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For patience and endurance in suffering, and your tender compassion to all who call upon you in time of need (*especially*), let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For gathering this assembly together again in your name and for our witness to your kingdom through loving care for one another, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For welcoming sinners into your kingdom and in thanksgiving for all the saints who dwell with you in paradise, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

May God who loves us,  
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,  
comfort your hearts  
and strengthen them in every good work and word;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER” #423 ELW**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST-** Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club today Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 1 pm. Featuring Krusteaz Pancakes and new Egg Bake \$6.00. They are also collecting food for the local food shelves. Check the board in the fellowship hall for directions.

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-** **this** Monday, November 25. Be at the Coon Rapids site by 2:30. We are trained and then we work until 4:30 pm. We'll be standing as we pack so wear comfortable shoes. Thank you to all who are coming and for the monetary donations to Feed My Starving Children.

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR COIN BOXES-**we collect the coin boxes today for World Hunger. Your donations are appreciated.

**SINGERS INVITED** Come to rehearsals for “The Messiah” 7 pm Monday in the Aitkin High School Auditorium. There is one rehearsal left, Monday November 25 with the performance set for Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at St James Catholic Church. Anyone interested in singing is most welcome. Wear your gown from your church choir when you come to perform for the concert. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the music!

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & SERVICE** you are invited to come to potluck Wednesday November 27, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall at Bethesda. With everyone bringing a dish to share our potluck becomes quite a feast. And it is so much fun to eat together. A worship service will follow at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**BETHESDA SANTA-** we are planning our annual Bethesda Santa Christmas Outreach. Do you know a neighbor or church member who is going through a tough time? Please leave their name and address in the wooden “Santa Box” in the entry.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY-**at the Pine Inn December 2 at 5:30 pm with Dinner 6:30 pm. The cost is \$14.00 per person. The signup sheet will be in the fellowship hall.

**WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** offered by WELCA Saturday, December 7 in our fellowship hall at 11:30 am. Kathy Hughes from the Tuscany Room will be serving. The signup sheet will be in the fellowship all.

**POINTESETTIA SIGN UP-** check for signup sheet in fellowship hall.

