



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

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LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – blue hymnal

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today!
We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Soon and Very Soon”

WOV 744

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace.
(Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! *(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)*

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93 (read responsively by half verse)

p.259-260

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}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, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as

its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “CHRIST IS KING”

SONG: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

Pledges to the altar

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

LBW 171

LBW p.64



LBW p.71

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **LBW 170**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 11/13: 17

Last Sunday, 11/14: 47



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

There will be a Congregational meeting tomorrow at 10:15am for the purpose of:

1. Ratification of the amendment of the NALC Constitution
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call, God willing

FALL DECORATIONS

Please help take down the fall decorations after the Congregational meeting and prepare for Christmas.

THANKSGIVING EVE

The Methodist Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve service this Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm. Let's get together with fellow Christians to give Thanks to God. If you are unable to make it, you may attend virtually by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/KirklandILUMC/livevideos>



CRAFT NIGHTS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The next craft night for OCC will be Friday, December 3 at 6pm. We will be making a craft for next years shoeboxes. All are welcome to come.

These will be projects anyone can do. Do you have colorful buttons? We are looking for buttons, a nickle to a quarter size for this project.

The next project will be a yarn doll, so please save your yarn to help us make them.

THANK YOU FOR FILLING A SHOEBOX!

WOW! Our congregation filled 93 shoeboxes for kids. Ninety-three children will feel God's love through our gifts of love and kindness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all who participated! Tracy Heck, Community Church Relations

SOCKS BOX

The Lydia Circle will be collecting NEW, WHITE socks for men in need at Rockford Rescue Mission or other shelters. Please bring the socks by Sunday, December 12th and place them in the "SOCKS BOX" in the Narthex.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Beth Jones 11/20

Jack Sunderlage 11/26

Joshua Sunderlage 11/26

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

James & Sara Haag 11/22/02



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a celebration of life open house in memory of Bill Koehnke who passed away April 19, 2020. The open house will be at WalCamp, 32653 Five points Rd, in Kingston, from 1:00-4:00pm.

Today 11/21: Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the Congregational meeting and preparing for the Christmas Season.

Monday 11/22: Decorating for Christmas, 9am.

Tuesday 11/23: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.

Wednesday 11/24: Thanksgiving Eve Service, Methodist Church, 7pm.

Thursday 11/25: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! No Confirmation Class!

Saturday 11/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 11/28: Worship Service, with Sunday School to follow, 9a.

Monday 11/29: Clothes Closet will be open, 12 – 1:30pm.

Prayers of the Church

- Carolyn Suhr is now at VanMatre.
- Norma Benson is home.
- Nancy Bakanas is having some relief from back pain.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum and Abby (Pahnke) Bohn.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams especially Andy Ritzert, Jo Boehmer's son.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Pray for our church and its activities, as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.