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SUNDAY

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



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses are grape juice. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

**LBW** - Green Hymnal    **WOV** – Blue Hymnal    \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

## Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

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\*Opening Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon" **WOV 744**

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\*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 51:4-6

<sup>4</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup>My 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. <sup>6</sup>Lift 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."

Psalm 93 (read by whole verse) P. 259 - 260

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4b</sup>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,

<sup>5</sup>and 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 <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

\*The Alleluia

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\*Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup>{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, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And 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. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore 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 — <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**Sermon: “CHRIST IS KING”**

\*Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

**LBW 171**

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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Everlasting God, grant that your church's congregations may be faithful to the mission to which you have called them. Keep us all steadfast in our willingness to lift high the cross and proclaim boldly that it is from that symbol of defeat where you rule and reign, King of all creation forever.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Another cycle of the church year has ended, reminding us that our time in the present world will also end in you. Teach us to number our days so we may live in the confidence that you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever, the King of truth.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Lord God, ruler of us all, you desire all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Let your blessing rest on our civic leaders and all whom you have placed in positions of authority. Grant that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives, godly and respectful in every way, free to pray and work in your service.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

O Holy God, as a sign of your holy reign, grant that this congregation would identify with the suffering, the sorrowing, and the sick in both our local and global communities. By your Spirit empower us to seek ways to serve and reach out to those on the fringes in loving and tangible ways. [We pray especially for ...].

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

\*Sharing of Peace

Offering

Pledges to the altar

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### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

There will be a Congregational meeting today right after service 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> and place them in the "SOCKS BOX" in the Narthex.



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Last Sunday,11/14: 47

### **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 undecorating fall decoration.  
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, 9am.  
Monday 11/29: Clothes Closet will be open, 12 – 1:30pm.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

- 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.
- 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.