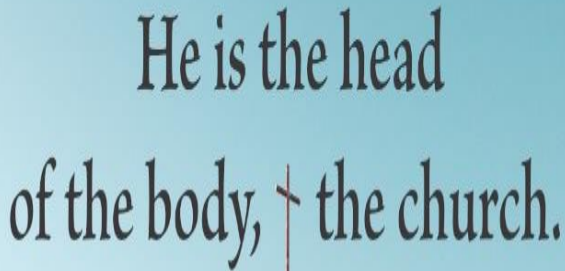


Colossians 1:18

He is the head
of the body, † the church.



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*Saturday, November 19, 2022
With Readings for the Eve of Christ the King Sunday*

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EVE OF CHRIST THE KING – Saturday, November 19, 2022

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew. Then after worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

THE OPENING: *Responsive reading from Psalm 24:7-10*

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

C And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

P Who is this King of glory?

C The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

C And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

P Who is this King of glory?

C The Lord of hosts, HE is the King of glory!

OPENING SONG: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in the words of the thief on the cross*):

P One of the criminals who were crucified next to Jesus kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal, a thief, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

C We indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but Lord, you have done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Jesus Messiah utters to us this royal decree: "Your sins are forgiven; truly I tell you, you will be with me in Paradise." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

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

PSALM 95: 1-7a (Read responsively by whole verse) P. 260-261

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

²⁷There followed {Jesus} a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

SERMON: “DIVE DEEP”

SONG: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vv. 1-3

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, ruler of all, you have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be your own. We praise you for the love that you have shown us by setting us apart for your service. By your Spirit, help us to live as people who are *in* but not *of* the world, that we may be light to the nations, so that through us, you may draw all people to yourself.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, as we live each day of this mortal life. May your Son, Jesus Christ, keep us in true faith, so that on the last day, when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting to live with him forever.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. You have appointed earthly authorities to work for the safety and welfare of every nation and culture. Guide and direct the leaders of this and every nation into the ways of righteousness and peace. May those in authority honor and serve your will, for the sake of your people.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord of Glory, Light of all lights, you give light to those who sit in darkness. We lift up those without homes or jobs, those who are dying, those who long for forgiveness, and the sick, suffering, and grieving. [We lift before you, today, the names of ...]. Bestow on them your light and your peace. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

OFFERING

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 LBW p.76

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CLOSING: *Revelation 5:12-14*

P Worthy is the Lamb that was slain -

C to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!

P Blessing and Honor, glory and power be unto him who sits upon the throne,

C and unto the Lamb, forever and ever!

P And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

C And the elders fell down and worshiped.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONGS "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vv.4-6 **LBW 170**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

Beth Jones 11/20

Mark Boehmer 11/20

Landon Boehmer 11/23/2007

Nolan Boehmer 11/23/2007

Jack Sunderlage 11/26

Joshua Sunderlage 11/26

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

James & Sara Haag 11/22/2002

Jim & Carolyn Suhr 11/26/71



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

There were **22** boxes delivered to Belvidere, IL. They have begun their long journey. We will share their final location later. Thank you to all who filled a box or have donated to the shipping of the boxes.

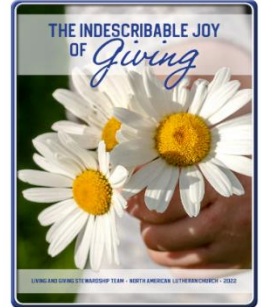


Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes as I recovered from my recent medical procedure. A special thank you to Pauline for playing the organ for additional Sundays as I recuperated in June, July, and again in November. Thank you! Jill

STEWARDSHIP

If you have forgotten to bring your stewardship envelope, please bring it to the church office as soon as you can. If you didn't receive a stewardship envelope and would like to fill out a time & talent form and a pledge form, please see Dianna for an envelope.

Thank you to all who have returned your envelopes, it will help us prepare a budget.



HELP RETRIEVE DECORATIONS AFTER WORSHIP

Please help the worship & music team prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons by bringing the decorations from the archive room to the fellowship hall.

HELP DECORATE for the seasons on Monday, Nov. 21st at 9:30am
Many hands make light work. Thank you for your help.



SOCKS BOX

The Lydia Circle will begin collecting NEW, WHITE socks for men in need starting on Dec. 3rd. Please bring the socks by December 18th and place them in the "SOCKS BOX" in the Narthex. The socks will then be taken to local shelters.

Sunday 11/20: Join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snack, and Adult Bible study.

Monday 11/21: Decorating the Church, 9:30am; Food truck delivery, 9:30am; Turkey Meal Pick-up, 12-2pm.

Tuesday 11/22: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 11/23: Newsletter Folding, 9am.

Thursday 11/24: Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday 11/26: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 11/27: 1st Sunday in Advent, Worship Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE THIS YEAR.



PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Carolyn Suhr had surgery recently.
- Jan Sheehan had thyroid surgery recently.
- Boehmer family's adjustments to moving and new school.
- Jerry Sheehan as he continues to heal from a motorcycle accident.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Carolyn Suhr, Ryleigh Joos, Jason Gorski and Chris Drees, (Gary Steinhorst's cousin).
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Creston, IL & St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL as they begin the call process for a Pastor.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44