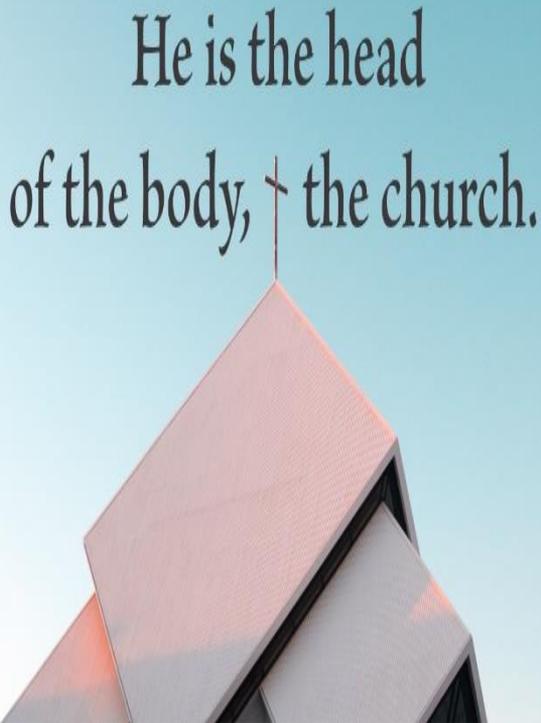


Colossians 1:18

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



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***CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY***

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**Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshipping 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.

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 on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.



**LBW**, green hymnal \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

- \*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- \*Processional Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" **LBW 171**
- \*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- \*This Is the Feast P. 60
- \*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.

Children's Sermon (*Children go to Sunday School after this.*)

First Reading Malachi 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup>"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' <sup>14</sup>You 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? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" <sup>16</sup>Then 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. <sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>Then 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.”

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

Second Reading Colossians 1:13-20

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And 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. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

\*The Alleluia P. 62

\*Gospel Luke 23:27-43

<sup>27</sup>There followed {Jesus} a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For 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!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And 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. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And 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!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

## SERMON: "DEEP DIVE"

\*Hymn of the Day:

**LBW 170**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" vv. 1-3

\*Nicene Creed

P. 64

\*Prayers of the Church

P. 65

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.*

\*Sharing of Peace

Offering

\*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

P. 66

\*Offertory Prayer

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\*Great Thanksgiving

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\*Words of Institution

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\*The Lord's Prayer

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The Lamb of God

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Communion Distribution

\*Thank the Lord

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\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\* Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vv.4-6 **LBW 170**

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**\*Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*The Postlude

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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.

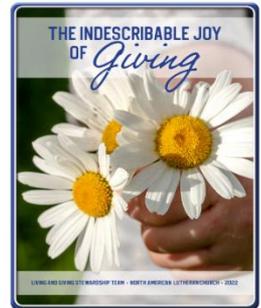


Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes as I recovered from my recent medical procedure. A special thank you to Pauline for playing the organ for additional Sundays as I recuperated in June, July, and again in November. Thank you! Jill

## 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please bring the socks by December 18<sup>th</sup> and place them in the "SOCKS BOX" in the Narthex. The socks will then be taken to local shelters.



Have you seen the beautiful bench that was donated in memory of Wanda Karolus and to honor all the volunteers? The bench is on the north side of the church, where food pantry and clothes closet guests enter. Wanda was very active in the food pantry and clothes closet. She never met a stranger.

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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Droes, (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