St. John's Lutheran Church Christ the King November 21, 2021



PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
- **C** a people holy to the LORD our God.
- P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
- C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
- P One does not live by bread alone,
- **C** but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



***PRAYER of the DAY** ~ (*in unison*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 after the readingR The word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 ~ with response

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Revelation 1:4-8 after the reading R The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING**

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord. After the reading
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message ~ "A Vaccine For Heaviness" (Isaiah 61:1-3) Pastor Harold Sharp

HYMN ~ *Beautiful Savior*



***RESPONSE** to the WORD

- P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
- C We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.
- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

- P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
- C pray in the Holy Spirit.
- P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
- C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
- C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!
- P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE PEACE**

- P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- P Let us pray.
- P God, our Creator,
- C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ Found in Celebrate

P Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

*LORD's PRAYER

- P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

***THE BLESSING**

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen

*SENDING SONG ~ Crown Him with Many Crowns



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5 Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet. 6 Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

DISMISSAL P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord R Thanks be to God *POSTLUDE

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Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Cindy Bilich in memory of Harry Spickler, Sr.

Today

Greeter: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger

<u>Next Sunday, November 28</u> Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

We welcome Harold Sharp back to St. John's this morning. He will be giving the message, and Ed Bilich is leading worship, while Pastor Ela enjoys some vacation time. Thank you, Harold and Ed.

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Ela is taking vacation time, and Pastor Richard 'Rick' Adams will be available for Pastoral emergencies from Nov 13 -26. His cell is 717-253-0235. He is a member of our Juniata conference of ELCA churches and lives in Lewistown.

<u>Upcoming services</u> ~ Nov 28 - First Sunday of Advent Dec 5 - Second Sunday of Advent - Communion Dec 12 - Third Sunday of Advent: Congregational Meeting Dec 17 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Communion Friday, Dec 24-Christmas Eve Service - 7PM St. Johns; 11PM WKish Sunday, Dec 26 - Special caroling service

As we move into Advent and the season of the Christ Child, let's share pictures of your grand children and great grand children, nieces and nephews etc. (with their parent's permission of course). You may even a share a picture of yourself as a baby or your own grown children when they were little children. You may email them to Kelly, share them on our facebook or drop them by the office and we will collect them together as a wreath for our next newsletter. Please make sure Kelly gets them by Monday, Nov 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, from neighbors and my church family, phone calls, food, cards and especially your prayers. Thank you so much. Ruth Baker

Advent begins next Sunday, November 28. The devotionals are available in the narthex. If you know of others who would enjoy having one to use as part of their daily devotions, please feel free to take for them.

The Social Ministry Committee recently met and will be collecting items for the Shelter Service and would also like to resume the "Mitten Tree".

Shelter Service ~ (place donations on the grey folding table in the narthex) canned goods, bottled juices non-perishable foods including cereals, pasta, etc paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues, shampoo, body wash/soap for children and adults

> Mitten Tree ~ (found in the narthex) mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and new this year, socks for children/adults slipper socks and children's slippers

Included in the newsletters was a member information update form. Extras can be found in the narthex. <u>PLEASE fill out and return to the church, TODAY.</u>

If you have not submitted one, it will be <u>assumed</u> your address/phone number has not changed in the last few years. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to **greeter and run elevator on Christmas Eve.** If you can help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. The January/February sign-up can also be found there.

In the narthex, are sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning March 2 through Palm Sunday, April 10.

Please remember to notate if you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

The Gift Show is this Friday and Saturday. If you would like to pre-order wreaths or swags (includes a homemade bow), there is sign-up in the narthex, or call the church office. All wreaths and swags must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

Donations of homemade soup and baked goods is appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

The congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 following the worship service. Information pertinent to the meeting, along with the updated directory will be placed in member mailboxes by next Sunday, November 28. Any envelopes remaining after the service will be mailed out.

Big Valley Meals on Wheels is in need of a volunteer or volunteers to take charge of maintaining information provided to the participating churches. Responsibilities include updating the list of persons receiving weekly meals, along with any changes to the delivery routes (only if someone is permanently removed or another added). A computer is needed, and Meals on Wheels will reimburse or supply the ink and paper used. This is a great opportunity to serve our community! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact the church office.

January 1 thru November 17, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 39 Offering ~ \$2,175.00 St. John's ~ Income \$187,783.83 Expense \$183,547.41 Net Income \$4,236.42

Daycare ~ Income \$281,962.33 Expense \$273,379.99 Net Income \$ 8,582.34