

Worship Plan for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Christ the King / Proper 29

26th Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS *Father Most Holy* (ELW 415)

~Worship Helpers~

Ministers of East Koshkonong: All the people of God

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKOFFERING

Carolyn Lien

GATHERING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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 assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

L: A reading from Daniel.

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

A: ¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can not be moved.

C: ²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

A: ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

C: ⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

A: ⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for evermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

L: A reading from Revelation.

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{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 the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. 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: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

APOSTLES' CREED

**P: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

A: 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.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees

and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*)...

healing and comfort for **Taylor (Evenson), Phyllis (Vergenz), Lila (Spike), Caleb (Wipperfurth), Sara (Depies) and Jeff (Walheim)**. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Crystal, Shawn, Jefferey, Marilyn, Robert, Linda, Howard, Anbjorg, Gary, Rylan & Wyatt**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Sean & Susan**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Come, Thou Almighty King* (ELW 408)

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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~ Announcements ~

Until an Interim Pastor is assigned to EKLC by the Synod, EKLC members may contact the following area clergy for Pastoral Emergencies:

Pr. Eric Bakken, West Koshkonong: 715-896-0878

Pr. Holly Slater, St. Paul's Liberty: 608-609-0548

Pr. Jennifer Jelinek, Grace Lutheran: 608-295-7120

Community Thanksgiving Service in Cambridge will be at Grace Lutheran Tonight, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. It will be an in-person service but also a live broadcast on Charter Cable and on Facebook.

Thanksgiving Basket Update:

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped EKLC reach our goal of 55 containers of fried onions for the Thanksgiving baskets provided by the Cambridge Food Pantry. A total of 63 cans/bags of fried onions were collected as well as some cash donations and 3 large boxes of other various food items. All these items will be delivered to the pantry. Thank you to EVERYONE!

Sunday School: 3yr old Preschool-6th grade meet following worship (about 9:40am). Sunday School will be in-person all year and will abide by the mask mandates that are in place. We will try to do as much outside as possible.

WANTED VOLUNTEER: Adult Education Coordinator. 'Grow and learn how to be a disciple of Jesus and share Christ's love' is part of our mission statement. Our adult education coordinator would work with the pastors to create opportunities for adult members to learn more about their faith and the church. From bible studies and book clubs to video watching during coffee hour anything is really possible. We are looking for a person to be a caretaker of our growth as a congregation in this area. If you are interested, contact Julie in the office.

Do you like to sew? The Pin & Sew group has put LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Quilt Top kits in the narthex for members to take home and piece together. Directions are provided on the kits.

The Cambridge Food Pantry is OPEN! No-Contact pick up is still available. The pantry is located in the lower level of Nikolay Middle School. No-contact and pre-ordering is still available. Shopping/pick-up occurs every Monday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Clients are welcome to shop or order every 2 weeks. Not a food pantry client? Its easy to sign up! Call the food pantry email foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us at 608-423-8142 or Barb Klemp is the EKLC Food Pantry Liaison.

Food Pantry Wish List: laundry soap, dish soap, dog/puppy food, ranch dressing, men's & women's shavers and bandaids.

Give Plus – You may make a secure offering donation to EKLC by online giving: **Church website**, **Download the Give Plus App** on your smartphone or **Scan QR Code**. You may also mail your offering to EKLC, 454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523



~Calendar~

Church Office will be closed November 22-26. Julie will be back in the office Monday, November 29th.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

- 9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion,
Pastor Margo Martens
- 9:40am Sunday School
- 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Grace Lutheran
Church, Cambridge

Sunday, November 28, 2021

- 9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion,
Pastor Margo Martens
- 9:40am Sunday School
- 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Grace Lutheran
Church, Cambridge

Bible Study/Faith Five
Week 9 – Of Tents and Kings

1. Share or think about your highs and lows.
2. Our Bible verse is Joshua 24:15 ***“Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord .”***
3. Think about or discuss: Joshua becomes the leader after Moses. The people have been in the wilderness for a generation. They are now ready to go into the promised land to claim the promise of a land of their own. That promise was given to Abraham some 500 years earlier. Unfortunately, the land was already occupied by other people and nations. There were a series of bloody wars before the people were able to settle in the land. Why do you think that a series of bloody wars is a part of our Bible? What questions does it bring up for you? Our confirmation book was quite clear about how we should think about this: “Ask God about this when you get to heaven.”
The people settled the land and were joined in a loose confederation of tribes. In the Book of Judges, we read about a cycle that was repeated and repeated: the people turned away from God, they cry out to God for rescue, and God raised up a judge to rescue the people (such as Deborah, Gideon, and Samson). How do our actions sometimes get us in trouble? How do we handle it?
The people of Israel were just like us. They sometimes wanted what others had. They wanted a king, just like other nations. How do you think God felt about that idea? What are the pros and cons of having a king to rule over you?
4. Pray for the needs of others, for our church, community, and world.
5. Our blessing is from Faith Inkubators: “(Name), child of God, may you know that God goes with you this day.”

EKLC In-Person Worship Guidelines Updated 11/1/2021

Updated 11/1/2021 The Public Health Madison & Dane County will continue to require all individuals aged two and older to wear a mask while in any indoor space open to the public. East Koshkonong will continue to follow and base our guidelines from Dane County directives as well as best practices from the CDC.

As of 11/1/2021, EKLC will continue to require individuals to be masked while inside our buildings. We recommend that any member or guest follow CDC guidelines related to mask wearing while on church property, but not outside our buildings.

Worship:

- Some pews will continue to be blocked off to encourage social distancing
- We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube
- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will continue be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.
- The gathering and sending hymns will continue to be sung during worship.

Common Areas:

- The following common areas are open to members
 - Restrooms directly below the Narthex
- The following common areas are currently closed:
 - Nursery
 - As of 8/22 - Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be closed for all functions

These policies will be reviewed monthly and will be updated as needed.

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