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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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

The First Reading is from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 93 (Please read responsively)

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 cannot be moved.

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

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

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

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1: 4b-8

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

^{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.

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

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

The Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Lead On, O King Eternal !*

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come,
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

PRAYERS

Response to: "God, in your mercy," **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing**. The Service is also available in the basement via video stream.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **TODAY** to present the proposed 2022 Budget. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

Reading today's lessons is Gabriel Schaeffer.

Thank You to everyone who donated items for Snyder County Children and Youth's Holiday Distribution program. Your generosity will go a long way in helping these families in need.

Prayer Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm

Adult Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the church basement. We gather from **9:30 – 10:00 am**. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with and from one another!



THE "STAR TREE" IS HERE!

The Ladies' WELCA Group is supporting local families in need. Please choose a star, take the tag with the child's "Wish List" and purchase a gift. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the gift. The deadline to bring all gifts is **Sunday, December 12th**. Please put all gifts on the table in the basement social room. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for less fortunate children and families.

The **Ladies WELCA Christmas Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. Please bring your favorite “finger-food” to share. **ALL ladies** of the church are invited to attend. Come share fellowship, friendship and fun with your Salem sisters!

Come share your Christmas Spirit! Help to decorate the church on **Saturday, December 4th at 9:00 am**. No need to buy or bring anything – the decorations are here at the church. The more the merrier!



A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 5th to vote on the proposed 2022 Budget and Council Members. Please plan to be present for this important meeting.

Advent Craft Afternoon! Join us on **Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 pm** in the church basement for a fun afternoon of Advent Crafting! Options will be offered for all different crafting levels. Options include: Memorial Ornaments, Hymnal Angels, Advent Wreaths – traditional and with a modern twist! See Pastor Stina with any questions!

Mid-Advent Worship – Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00: Take a moment in this busy season to spend an evening of quiet, reflective time with your Church Family. Join us as together we reflect on the coming of the Christ Child into our world.



Christmas is fast approaching and **Weis Markets Gift Cards** make great gifts! The cards are **always available** by contacting Debbie & Ricky Bower or Linda Carl and **all proceeds benefit Salem Church!** Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, they never expire and **can be used at all Weis Markets stores** for groceries, gas and prescriptions. See Debbie, Ricky or Linda today!

College Care Packages: Salem has 6 young adults attending college and 1 in the military this year. We want to let them know their Salem Family is thinking about them and praying for them. Due to the increasing high cost of shipping packages, it is most cost-efficient to send them gift cards (*McDonald's, Wendy's, Dunkin',* etc.) inside notes of encouragement throughout the year. **Please drop a monetary donation** in the *Support our College Students* containers on the sound system and table at the back of the sanctuary **as soon, and as often, as possible**. Our college students are: Danielle Alba, Jessica Alba, Maegan Bogetti, Nathan Moyer, Ryan Moyer and Jordyn Nichols and our military personnel is Jake Hane. **PLEASE support our College Students!**

December Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – WELCA Ladies Group Christmas Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 5 – 10:30 am - Congregational Meeting – Vote on proposed 2022 Budget and Council Members

2:00 pm – Advent Craft Afternoon

Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 12 – Deadline to bring ‘Star Tree’ gifts

Monday, Dec. 13 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Advent Worship – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 22 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship – 7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25 – *Merry Christmas!*