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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (verses 1-4) **LBW # 170**

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ *Please be seated.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Bless This House*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The First Reading is from the 23rd chapter of Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM: Psalm 46 (Please read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 11-20

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

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into 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 in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY. HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

+ *Please be seated.*

LAMB OF GOD

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

COMMUNION

All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table, when we celebrate and receive the true presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and fruit of the vine.

Communion will be received in a continuous line. Come forward, forming a line down the center aisle. Stop at the end of the aisle, receive your bread, empty cup, and wine.

Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups in the middle of the tray.

There is no need to hurry through Communion. Please take as much time as you wish for prayer and reflection.

If you are more comfortable remaining in your seat for Communion, individual bags containing Communion elements are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat.

As the bread and wine/grape juice are given, the following is said:

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

*Each person may respond **Amen**. As you receive the bread and wine/grape juice, saying "Amen" means "Yes, truly, it is so: this is the body and blood of Jesus, given for me."*

After you have received Communion, please place your empty cup in the bowl, then return to your seat.

After all have received Communion, the Pastor will ask the congregation to stand, then give a blessing, ending with the following words:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Jesus Shall Reign* (verses 1-3) **LBW # 530**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may contact Pastor Stina at any time: stinaschaeffer@gmail.com

There are 2 options offered for **Communion**: Option 1- the “old way” of coming forward to receive bread and wine/juice and then return to your seat. Option 2 – for those who prefer to remain in your seat, small individual bags with bread & wine/juice are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for you to pick-up as you arrive for worship. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat. **The basement remains available**, with the service being live-streamed, for those who are more comfortable being separate from the sanctuary. The service also continues to be posted on our website.

Offerings: Offering plates will not be passed, but for your convenience, will remain at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offerings as you enter.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **TODAY** to present the proposed 2023 Budget. If you have not received a copy of the proposed budget, please ask an usher. Voting on the Budget and Council members will take place at a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4th**. Please plan to be in attendance.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended Salem’s *Hoss’ Day* on November 10th. We had a great turn-out and Salem received \$326.17. Special Thanks to Ricky Bower for organizing the fundraiser!



Today we welcome back our Choir! Please consider joining the Choir Family. There is always room for new members. You don’t have to be a professional singer to “*make a joyful noise unto the Lord*”! **Choir Practice** will be held **TONIGHT at 6:00 pm!** **PLEASE** come out and join us!



THANK YOU to everyone who helped prepare, cook and serve last night’s Ham & Green Bean Dinner, those who attended and brought side-dishes and/or desserts to share and of course, those who entered the “Best Dessert Contest”! Thanks also to our “dessert judges”, Gary Schaeffer and Harry Maurer!

Reading today’s lessons is Donna Moyer.

“**Contemporary Christmas Movies and the Gospel Message**” – **Advent Theme 2022**. This year we will be looking at 4 contemporary Christmas Movies and how they intersect with the Gospel Message! **Monday Mornings at 10:00 am, starting TOMORROW, November 21st**, we will gather in the basement for a showing of that week’s movie, popcorn and a discussion of the theme. First up: *Home Alone*. Join us as we explore how we see the Gospel story in these contemporary classics! Invite your friends!

Prayer Meeting will be held **this Wednesday, November 23rd** at 7:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 27th is the **deadline** to submit items for the December newsletter. Please give all items you wish included in the newsletter to Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) by the deadline. Thank you!



Christmas Decorating! Everyone is encouraged to bring your “Christmas Spirit” and come out on **Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 am**, to help decorate the church for Christmas! You don’t need to bring anything but yourselves. Come join the fun!

SACC Christmas Food Baskets – Do you know a family in need who would benefit from a food basket this Christmas? If so, please contact Judy Kuhn (jkuhn@ptd.net) with the following information: name, address, phone number, how many are in the family, number of children and their ages. **The deadline to submit names is December 11th.**

The time for our “**Christmas Card Exchange**” is fast approaching! The Congregational mailboxes (located in the upstairs “Family Space”) are again in use and are ready for you to deliver Christmas cards to your Salem friends. A list of “Salem Family and Friends” as well as a list of “Salem Shut-Ins” (including their mailing addresses) will be available by the beginning of December.



Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday beginning at 9:30 am in the church basement. Please come join your Salem brothers and sisters!



Are you Christmas shopping or will begin soon? **Weis Markets gift cards** make great gifts! The cards are always available by contacting Debbie & Ricky Bower (dturtlesracing3@verizon.net) or Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **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.

Readers are always needed! A Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are posted as they are received or you may check with Pastor Stina. Please consider being a volunteer reader and stop by the bulletin board and sign-up.

Salem's Family Ministry - All Families with children are invited to join us the **1st Sunday of each month** after Worship. We will gather downstairs, have lunch together, read a Bible story, play games and do a craft. No need to bring anything but yourselves! **Next event: December 4th** and our theme will be “Advent and Christmas”.



Don’t forget to continue to support our College Students and those in the Military. Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to them to let them know their Salem Family is praying for and thinking about them. Donation cans are always available on the back table and on top of the sound system. If you have questions, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **Thank You** to all who continue to contribute.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Monday, November 21 – “Christmas Movies & the Gospel” – 10:00 am

Wednesday, November 23 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, November 28 – “Christmas Movies & the Gospel” – 10:00 am

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 3 – Christmas Decorating – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

Congregational Meeting – Vote on proposed 2023 Budget and Council Members

Family Ministry – following Worship

Monday, December 5 – “Christmas Movies and the Gospel” – 10:00 am

Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, December 12 – “Christmas Movies and the Gospel” – 10:00 am

Monday, December 12 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14 – Tureen Supper and mid-Advent Worship

Sunday, December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 1-:30 am

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Lessons and Carols Worship Service – 10:30 am