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Christ the King Sunday — November 20, 2011

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community and the world through discipleship and service.



LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship WOV—With One Voice

** Please stand if you are able*

2011 Thankoffering Service

PRELUDE *We Gather Together*

Ringing of the Bell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GATHERING AND CONFESSION**

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever.

C Amen.

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

God of heaven and earth,

C we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.

L Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

*** HYMN WOV # 767** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*** GREETING**

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

C Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray—Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

(8:00) **Special Music:** *Bringing in the Sheaves* - Jim & Terry Hershberger, Lester Kruse

(10:30) *God Speaking* - Joleen Brubaker

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7–18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and

have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your

God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**I try to count them — they are more than the sand;
I come to the end — I am still with you.**

¹⁹O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me —

²⁰**those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!**

²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²²**I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.**

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴**See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true,

whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

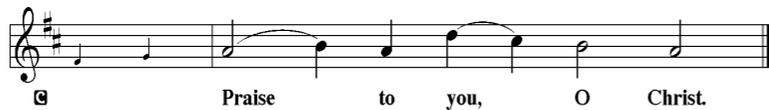


*** GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed,

turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 469 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

SERMON

*** HYMN LBW # 423** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

THE PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

L In thanksgiving for God's eternal grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L We give you thanks for the blessings you pour out upon the church. Empower your people in every land, that we may reflect your goodness and grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We give you thanks for the nurture and care you provide the creation. Inspire our love for all you have made that we may live wisely on this earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We give you thanks for the blessing of peace in our world, in our homes, and in our lives. End conflict and strife among us that we may live in dignity and safety. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We give you thanks for the opportunities to serve you every day. Bless the Women of the ELCA that those who participate may be a blessing to others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L We give you thanks for faithful women who have been your servants and witnesses in times past: for Sarah and Ruth; for Deborah and Esther; for Mary, mother of our Lord, and Mary Magdalene; for Catherine of Siena and Julian of Norwich; for Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman; for those women who have touched our lives and nurtured our faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Other petitions

L We give you thanks for the great things you do for those in need. Restore health to the sick and turn sorrow into joy, anxiety into peace, doubt into trust. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS — Women will come forward first with their Thankofferings to place in the basket at the altar. Afterward, ushers will collect the regular offering. Thankofferings will be used by Women of the ELCA for the total outreach of the women's organization.

(both services) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - during women's Thankoffering

(8:00) *God Speaking* -Joleen Brubaker

(10:30) *Praise and Thanksgiving*



*** OFFERTORY** ♪

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

L 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**

*** BLESSING**

L C **Amen.**

*** HYMN WOV # 771** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*** DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

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Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norm & Kathy Bostelman; and by Lester & Marilyn Kruse in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on November 24.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Please join us for our Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (beside the post office). Our choir, bell choir, and children's choir will all be participating. And Angela will be the organist. Don't miss it!

Note to choir members...

Choir members please meet in the basement at St. Paul's Methodist at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23. We will have our own rehearsal for 30 minutes, and community rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Ushers needed

Ushers are needed especially for the 10:30 service. If you are willing to help out, please call Ken Lange or the church office.

Church Decorating

Your help would be appreciated on Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. to decorate the church for Christmas! Many hands make light work!!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We need volunteers to be Bell Ringers at Wal Mart on **December 17** from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There are 6 different shifts to choose from and there must be at least 1 adult at each door or 2 junior high or high school students at each. Younger people are also invited, but they must have an adult with them. Rain or shine! High School Seniors please note: This may count towards your community service hours. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office.

Women of the Church... Missionary Sponsorship – through November

We of the Maumee Valley Conference continue to sponsor missionaries, John and Barbara LeMond. Please place your donation in the envelope you received in your newsletter marked "Missionary Fund" (or place it in your own envelope on which you mark "Missionary") and place it in the offering plate.

Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Worship Assistants - Women of the Church

Acolytes - 8:00 Bryce Reynolds & Stephen Yunker

10:30 Alex Andrews & Meghan Skeens

Ushers - 8:00 Lee Weirauch, Casey Callaway, Lenny Sonnenberg, Ruth Hershberger

10:30 Matt Mt.Castle, Gary Bostelman, Rupert Schweinhagen, Chris Peper

Altar Guild - Joyce Rohrs & Nicole Schink

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church again this year from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instead of asking each church to donate certain "ingredients" for the dinner, the items will all be purchased at once, and a free-will donation from each church is requested. If you feel so moved to give to this, please mark your gift and/or check "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" and/or see Carol Castello.

Volunteers are absolutely welcomed, and you may call the church office there (419-592-0661) to schedule yourself. They are also in need of pies – pumpkin and fruit – LOTS of pies; these may be brought to St. Paul's at the Wednesday evening community service or on Thanksgiving morning. Thank you for your support!

This Week

Monday 6:30 p.m. Executive Board

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 5:30 pm. Soul Food

6:00 p.m. Choir practice at St. Paul's Methodist

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Paul's Methodist

Thursday-Friday Office Closed

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Decorating Church for Christmas

Symphony of Trees

You are invited to the Sunday brunch at the Symphony of Trees at the AmVets on N. Scott Street until 1 p.m. Our Bell Choir is providing the entertainment.

During construction ...

Reminder: the back door is our "handicap entrance" throughout the construction. Please leave parking spaces available near that door for those members who will most benefit from them. We will also need people to be available near this entrance to assist any persons who will need help getting up the stairs.

Statistics

11/10 Thursday attendance 20

11/13 Att. 80 + 123 (203) Com. 94 Offerings \$6450.17 (\$1480 Bldg Fd; \$5 Wrld Hngr)

Life Connection of Ohio

In celebration of National Donor Sabbath, please consider registering as an organ and tissue donor. One person has the power to save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of 50 more through tissue donation. For more information, call Life Connection of Ohio at 800.262.5443. To join the Ohio Donor Registry, visit www.DonateLifeOhio.org. More information is available in the overflow; donor pins are available at either entrance.

Stewardship note from the Synod...

Jesus declared in Luke 6:38: "Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." This is the principle of the proper investment. It will work provided you give out of gratitude and obedience to God. Jesus promises that God will bless you out of God's abundance.

Caring Corner — Christmas Cheer

Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soup

Stews, Meats

Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Spaghetios

Spaghetti Sauces, Tomato Juice, Broths

Noodles, Macaroni, Rice, Spaghetti

Potato Mixes, Stuffing Mixes

Cereals, Pancake Mixes, Syrups

Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Pudding, Jello, Cake Mixes, Frostings

Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea, Kool-aid

Chocolate Drink Mixes

Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels

Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo

PLEASE NO MICROWAVE ITEMS

