



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Christ the King Sunday** November 22, 2020  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Presiding Minister  
Musician

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Larissa Goruk

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*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

### **Weekly Prayer Petitions**

**Local:** Fellowship Baptist Church, Prince Rupert

**Synod Parishes:** Grace Lutheran in Dawson Creek, Deo Lutheran in Salmon Arm

**Anglican/Lutheran Joint Prayers:** The Secretary General & staff of the Anglican Communion Office/ The General Secretary & staff of the Lutheran World Federation/ The members of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission.

### **Discipleship Opportunities**

1. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom every Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:30AM. You may call in from your home or cell phone to 1-778-907-2071 without the need for a computer or you can join by computer, tablet, or smart phone by either clicking the link below or by typing it into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFicWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486

Password: 263906

2. We have initiated a task force to plan and implement a safe return to in-person worship. Our hope to return to the building for the Advent season has been dashed with the recent known cases in Prince Rupert; for the foreseeable future we remain online only.

3. This Sunday is the equivalent of New Years Eve in the Church Year. That means that next Sunday is the New Years Day, the first Sunday (of four) in Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and hope-filled longing for the coming of Christ. As this year focused on the gospel of Matthew, next year will focus on the gospel of Mark. I encourage you to each read through the gospel of Mark to ground yourselves in the stories of our Lord in preparation for the year.

4. Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. It has been our tradition to have communion and a healing service on each fifth Sunday. Of course, a healing service will look much different with remote worship than it did when we were together in the house of the Lord. That being said, we would love to honor your prayers (as discreetly as we are able.) We would ask that you add the number of candles to your home altar as you have special prayers to be prayed. At the appropriate time you will be directed to light those candles, remembering those special souls or issues needing special prayer. You may also contact Pastor Diana with any specific prayer concerns you have. These will be kept confidential but may be lifted up silently during this time.

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#### *Announcements*

#### *Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Shout to the Lord*

No. 821

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.  
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;  
let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise  
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the  
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.  
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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L: 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.**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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### *Prayer of the Day*

L: Let us Pray,

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Our first reading is from Ezekiel, beginning at the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter.

34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

We will read Psalm 95 verses 1-7a responsively

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Our second reading is from Ephesians beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

We sing our gospel acclamation, hymn # 174 in your ELW. The Pastor will then sing a verse and then we will sing the Alleluia once more through.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The kingdom of God is for you  
who care for the hungry and naked.  
When you offer this  
you care for God's own self.

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(Leader verse text written by Rev. Diana Edis)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 25th chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

No. 686

1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,  
 3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession:* (petition end: Hear us, O God.  
(petition response: **Your mercy is great.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### *Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to  
offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give electronically through CanadaHelps.  
We can be found there at St.Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

#### *Offering Prayer*

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**Amen.**

*We enter into a time of communion. All people are invited to join in God's meal, however you may choose whether or not to participate. If you hear the call of the Holy Spirit inviting you, please respond. If you would like to learn more about communion you may call the church and speak with the pastor about its significance. You may prepare bread and wine or juice in advance of communion. You may wish to set up a small home altar for this purpose, using: a cross, a candle, an image of Christ (called an icon), and the bread and beverage if you feel so called. The pastor will have a half loaf, symbolizing that the other half of that loaf is present in front of you in your various abiding places. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." Members of the same household are encouraged to serve one another.*

### *Great Thanksgiving*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise you O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Using whatever version of that prayer comforts you, we pray...

**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*

L: If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared, each in our own places, but gathered together around the table of God. Although we are separated at this time by physical distance, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

L: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

**C: Amen**

L: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C: Amen**

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us pray,

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,

and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

*Benediction*

L: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Soon and Very Soon*

No. 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**