

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

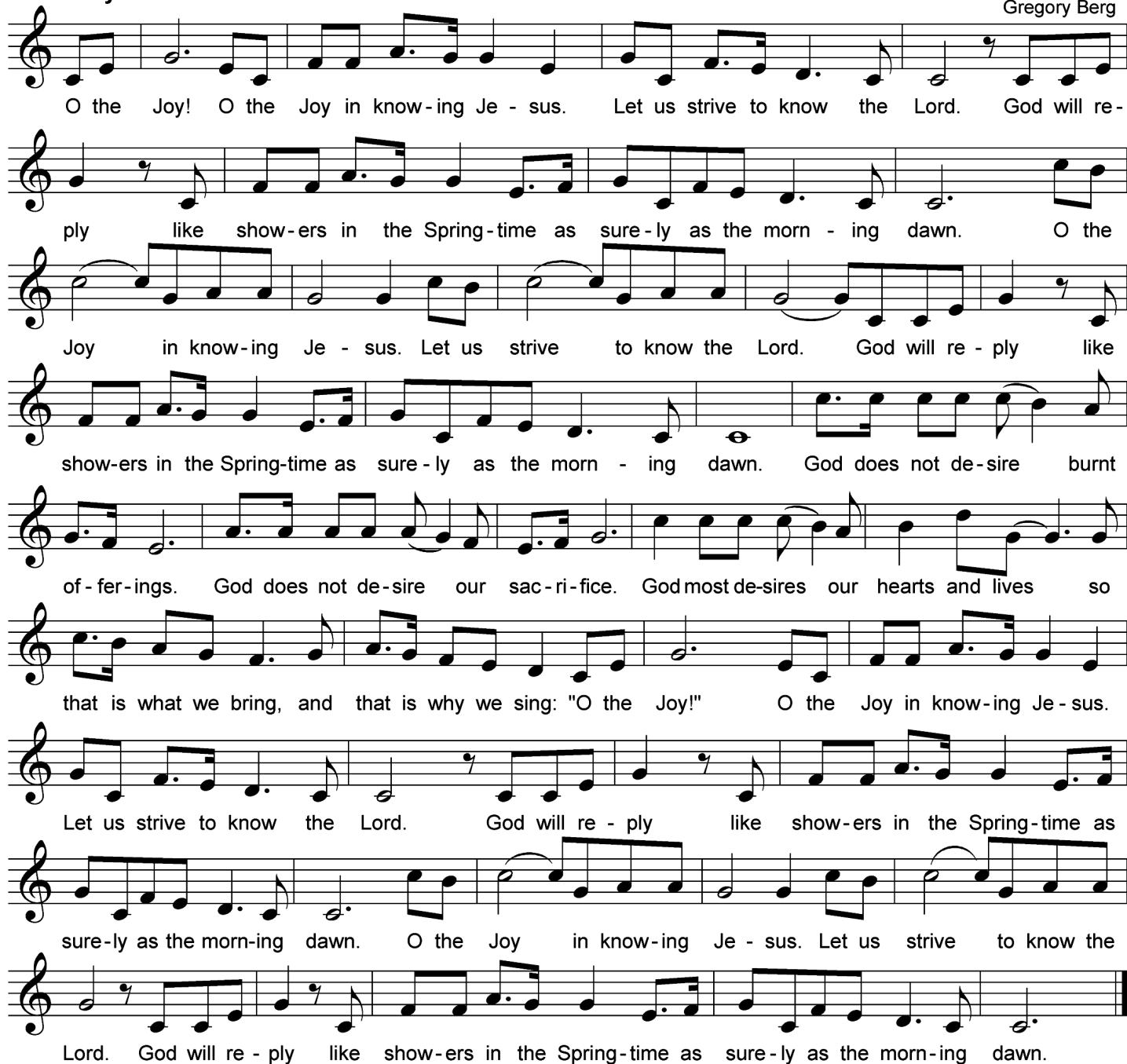
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CALL TO WORSHIP "Grace and Thanksgiving" arr. Anna Laura Page Bell Choir

GATHERING SONG

O the Joy

Gregory Berg



O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-  
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the  
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like  
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt  
of-fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac-ri-fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so  
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.  
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Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn.

## 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.

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.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, **Lord have mer - cy.** For the

Congregation: peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**

**cy.** For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that

we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**

**Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.** That all of the world may

know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the

bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be

strong and se - cure anchored and cen - tered - sole - ly on you, and for guid - ance and grace in all that we do,

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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

**leader**  
Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

**congregation**  
Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

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full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

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hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and  
(Lord God, Heaven-ly King the

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(Lord God, Heaven-ly King,

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Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes  
the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

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way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

## **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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “*Refuge and Strength*” GB Senior Choir**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I 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.

<sup>5</sup>The 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. <sup>6</sup>In 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.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-21, 25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten**

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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## 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,  
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.

## INVITATION SONG

**Leader:** Come to the ta - ble of the... **Congregation:** Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

**Leader:** 1.Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken.  
2.Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

**Words of Institution are spoken here**

Hear the gos - pel and pro - mise spo - ken.  
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

**All:** Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

**Leader:** Come to the ta - ble of the... **Congregation:** Come to the ta - ble of the

Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

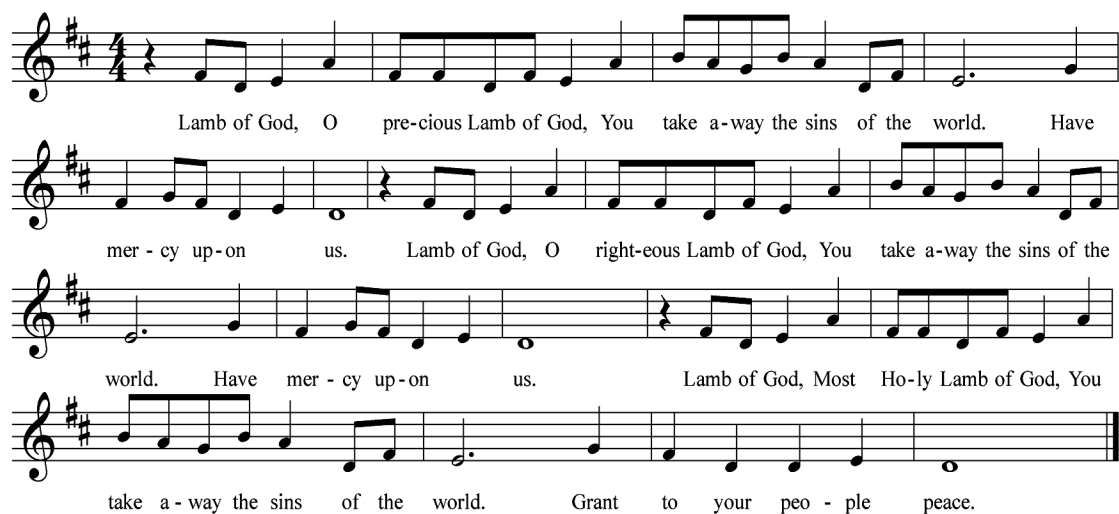


## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have  
mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, O right-eous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the  
world. Have mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You  
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
Amen.

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

### CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## AN OFFERING OF PLEDGES

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY



Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.

That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.

Let our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.

All we are and all we own comes from God and God a-lone!

All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share

with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With humble and grateful hearts, let us come before the throne of God, knowing that we are welcome there.

Majestic God, You have fashioned this world and all of its wonders. Help us to walk upon this world with humility and gratitude, and inspire us to care for it as our irreplaceable home. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Majestic God, Even the mightiest of earthly rulers must bow before you. Guide all leaders to greater understanding and compassion that they might work to safeguard the well-being of all people, including the most vulnerable. Help them - and all of us - to build a world in which we live together in peace and no one is hungry or homeless. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Majestic God, throughout human history, your creative spirit has moved through the human family in every corner of the earth. From you ushers forth all that makes life worth living. In the beauty of the arts, the excitement of athletic endeavor, the creativity of cuisine, the stimulation of spirited discussion, and in the rich connections of friendship, romance and family, help us to more clearly see your handiwork. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Majestic God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, and all life comes from you. We thank you for walking with us through life's most difficult days - and especially for embracing and strengthening us as we weather challenges in body, mind and spirit. Today we especially remember.... Walk with them, and sustain doctors, nurses and caregivers of every kind, that they may demonstrate compassion in all that they do. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Majestic God, you are the Rock upon which we stand and upon which your church is built. Help us never to forget our utter dependence upon your grace or the need for us to be rooted in your Holy Word. We thank you for the generations of believers who have come before us and upon whose faithful lives we draw inspiration and hope. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear these prayers spoken aloud and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and receive them with the Love you have so perfectly demonstrated in Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

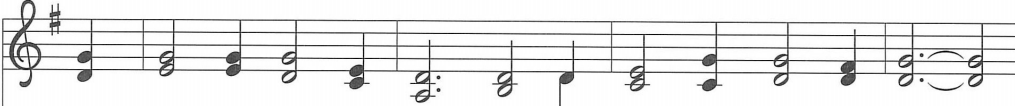
The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**


# CLOSING HYMN

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## Prepare the Royal Highway




1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.




Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!



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 Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Announcements**

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by the Rolfsons and Litzaus in memory of Henry and Olive Maier, and by Jill Vander Brug in memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug.

### **Welcome Visitors!**

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave.

### **Communion By Intinction**

We are once again serving Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of wafer into chalice of wine). We understand that not all will be comfortable with this practice yet, so the individual wafer/juice cups are still available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

Please join us at 7:00 pm on this Wednesday, Nov. 23 for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. After worship join us in the lounge for “All Things Pumpkin”, a time to enjoy each other’s company and eat some yummy pumpkin treats.



### **6-8th Grade Youth Group and Confirmation Class Meeting Today!**

All of our 6th - 8th graders are invited to join Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark today from 11:00 - 12:00 for an awesome and amazing time of fun, fellowship, and learning. Snacks will be provided.

### **Adults Encouraged to Be Part of the Christmas Program**

Adults who would like to participate in the Look For The Light Christmas Program on December 11 can rehearse with the kids during regular church and Sunday School hours on Nov. 20, 27, and Dec. 4, or Kate will work with you after church. Since we are building back our numbers post COVID shutdown, we could use your help as a reader, a singer, or leading an errant sheep or goat. See Kate if you have any questions. or text her at 262.498.7593



### **Hanging of the Greens, (AKA Decorating the Sanctuary) Friday, Dec. 2 5:30 pm**

Come one, come all! Come old, come young! Many hands make light work! If you’ve ever wanted to wrangle a very tall tree, hang ornaments, fluff garland, or see how we get that big wreath up on the very high Rood beam, please join us on Friday night, Dec. 2nd at 5:30 pm to help decorate the sanctuary! You don’t have to be a ladder climber (although we could use a couple of folks). There are tasks that anyone can do. Pizza and soda will be provided. Come join the fun!

### **Poinsettia Orders Due Weds. Nov 23**

If you would like to order a poinsettia, there are only a few more days to get your form turned in! All orders must be in by Weds., Nov. 23. Once we send the order in to Milaeger’s we cannot add to it. Each plant is \$15.00. You will find forms in the back of the sanctuary, and the Welcome Center and office.

### **Christmas Scrip orders!**

To be sure your cards arrive on time, please preorder your Christmas Scrip by Sunday, December 4th for delivery on the following Sunday (December 11th). Please look for scrip order forms in the back of the church, the Welcome Center, and the office. The order form does not contain all of the retailers or denominations available, so look for the list of all available retailers and denominations next to the scrip order forms or check out <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> for more information about SCRIP! Kylee will be away on vacation through December 4th but Joleen Carlson will have the SCRIP box and be available to take your orders (**please include payment with your order**).

### **Food Pantry**

A big thank you to everyone who contributed turkeys and other Thanksgiving food items! The pantry has not been receiving much food from the Racine County Food Bank or from the government, and the pantry's shoppers are even having a hard time buying many things that we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores. so we are incredibly grateful to all who add a few items for the pantry to their shopping carts. For the month of December the pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. egg noodles, pork & beans, cereal, protein snack bars, and regular size jars of peanut butter. The pantry can always use donations of brown paper bags and clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags. We are still giving out greeting cards, calendars, and pens and pencils, and have had clients asking for Bibles.

We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for your generous gifts to our ministry!

### **Cookies Needed for the Christmas Program**

Watch for an email about donating cookies (either homemade or store bought) for the reception after the Christmas Program on December 11th and sign up through the link in the email. Thank you!



### **Look For The Light Christmas Program - Calling all kids, youth, and adults who'd like to participate!**

*Look For the Light, HCLC's beloved Christmas program with a live nativity, is returning to our beautiful sanctuary on December 11th at 9:30 A.M. The animals, including our favorite donkey, Tina, are excited to return to see and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Because it has been a couple of years since the kids have presented this program, because I'm adding new music, and because we are still rebuilding our numbers, I would like to invite any adults who'd like to participate in the program to join us as well. Whole families, folks who love to sing or read but don't have a huge time commitment, anyone who has ever wanted to hold onto an errant sheep, goat, or llama, anyone longing to wear one of our dashing shepherd costumes, those of you who have been yearning to tell this story - are all welcome!*

Xmas program special rehearsals will take place during regular church and Sunday School hours on November 20, 27, and December 4. Adults who would like to participate can rehearse with the kids, or Kate will hold another rehearsal as soon as church is over on the same dates. Special rehearsals can be requested if none of these times work. Contact Kate about setting up a time that works for you and/or your kids.

A final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 10, from 9 to 10:30 A.M.

Hope to see you at rehearsals as we prepare to tell the best story ever told.

Kate

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