

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

A Little Suite

Douglas Wagner

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his child David,

**as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
**might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 224 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Holy God,
we confess that we have neglected
to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives.
We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same.
We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness,
yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion.
Forgive us, O God.**

**Restore in us, yet again, the commitment
to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.**

—from Feasting on the Word

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN 227 He Is Lord (vs. 1 & 2)
Tune: HE IS LORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20 p. 200
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:33-43 p. 89
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “The Christ, The Cross, and the Crossing”

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Our Song of Hope, stanzas 20 & 21 (*responsively*)

20. God saves the world through Jesus.
Those who call on that name will have life.
Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say “Lord”
to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith,
even to the farthest stars and planets all creation.
The boundaries of God's love are not known,
the Spirit works at the ends of the world
before the church has there spoken a word.

**21. God will renew the world through Jesus,
who will put all unrighteousness out,
purify the works of human hands,
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.
Christ will wipe away every tear;
death shall be no more.
There will be a new heaven and a new earth,
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY My Eternal King Jane M. Marshall
My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,

nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing:
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.
—from 17th Century Latin, translated by Rev. Edward Caswall

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &

Each section of the prayer will end with the leader saying:
King Jesus in your mercy,
People respond: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 742 Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1 & 5)
Tune: KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festivo Christian Heinrich Rinck

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Kit Leggett, liturgists; Owen Baer, prayer for illumination; Carillon Choir; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Lynne Bonnette, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Dalman will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the

2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

nursery care available

Preschool-First Grade room 2 Second-Fifth Grade room 1

6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: "We Three Kings" led by Steve Stam. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next Week:

"Why Christians Need to Read Banned Books" led by Mark Hiskes and Deb VanDuinen.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" meets in room 22. Class led by George Hunsberger

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor
11:15 a.m. Education Hour
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
5:00 p.m. CUSP Community Thanksgiving Service
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

6:30 p.m. Rietberg Concert
7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)

Thursday Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday Church Office Closed

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Shelly, Scott, Gabe, Noah, Jonah, and Faith Millen in the death of Shelly's father, Pete Westers, on November 14, in Byron Center.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Lois Jalving. Home-Bill Charlton, Don Maatman, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Third Reformed Church will be hosting many events over the next six weeks. We hope you will be willing to show your hospitality to both our congregation and community members by providing Christmas cookies/bars. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrxpr6mn> to let us know if you're willing to help in this way. Please mark on your container if your dessert has nuts or is gluten-free.

We, also, are in need of volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean up for these events. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3jyzjbwj> to let us know if you're willing to help in this way.

MICROPANTRY: We are in great need of more donations to keep the micro pantry going. The following items are needed: canned spaghetti sauce, canned stews, soups, canned fruits, canned potatoes, cereal, toilet paper, paper towel, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hand wipes, snack items.

ATTENTION ALL: Women's Ministries will again put up a "mitten tree" in December but want you to be thinking ahead of what you may like to make or donate for this cause. Some of your gifts will go to Third Reformed Church people, the rest will be distributed by Community Action House free to those in need.

CROP WALK: Thank you all so much for continuing to collect receipts for the Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walk. Last week, we submitted another \$150,000 in receipts, which means another \$1,000 to address hunger around the world. A heads about to those who walk in the CROP Walk. The 2023 CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. This is a bit of a change from previous years when the walk took place on two days the last weekend in April.

LIFT: We will not meet for LIFT this coming Wednesday, November 23 in light of Thanksgiving break. We will meet again on November 30, which will be an Advent themed evening where the kids will make ornaments, hear the Christmas story and purchase an Advent devotional. December 7 will be a Parents' Night Out. Drop your kids off at 5:30 for food and fun and spend your night tackling your list and checking it twice! Pick up is at 7:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT: On Sunday, November 27 we will not be having Children or Youth Education Hour. However, the two Adult Ed classes will meet as well as El Encuentro.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENT: You're invited to attend "A Different Kind of Advent" event on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This event is not meant to replace your traditional Advent observations rather it is a contemplative addition to your Christmas season. It will be an art experience of bizarre sounds and jarring visuals that will challenge our notions of Christmas. Join us because art can help us grow in faith.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: CUSP (Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer) invite you to a community-wide Thanksgiving Service of music and prayer on Sunday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m., at Third Reformed Church. In addition to vibrant congregational song, music will be provided by the Holland Ecumenical Choir, with the DeSales Brass, three additional instrumentalists, plus Rhonda Sider Edgington, organist; Robert J. Batastini, music director. The service will be led by Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes and Rev. Dr. Daniel Griswold, preacher.

RIETBERG CONCERT: The 23rd Annual Rietberg Concert will be on Monday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. This annual concert is a tribute to the 45 years of service by Roger and Evelyn Rietberg to the music program of Third Reformed Church. This year's musician is Julia Brown. Julia is Director of Music and Organist at Mayflower Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, and accompanist for the Calvin Alumni Choir. Her concert at will feature music by Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Scheidemann, Bach, and Osterland.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service on Thursday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Steven Stam will share the message on Psalm 107. Our Thanksgiving offering is designated for Community Action House.