

The Beloved Community

A welcoming community of joy, worship, and compassion
bringing God's love to the world.



The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

22 November, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Intercession Episcopal & Redeemer Lutheran

900 Brilowski Road Stevens Point WI

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*Welcome to the Beloved Community!
We are so glad to have you here with us.*

We are a community of faith who are grounded in the ELCA Lutheran and Episcopal traditions and who are centered in Jesus. We believe we are called to LOVE (working toward the good for another) because God so loves us and all of Creation. No exceptions. No outsiders.

We are a mixed bag of pilgrims, so here at the BC, you will have a vibrant experience. Some folks like to be more formal; some folks like to be less formal. Some folks like contemporary band music; some folks like hymns. Because we deeply believe in hospitality, our worship services strive to include the spectrum of who we are as God's people based on the gifts present within our community.

*We recognize that people use different ways to express their faith and their beliefs, so we don't expect everyone to pray exactly the same way. However, we are also a people grounded in the words and ways of the first apostles (**apostolic**); this means some of our prayers have been lifted by voices for thousands of years by a myriad of pilgrims.*

*It is this sense of **catholic** (meaning the church worldwide and throughout time) that connects us to the past as well as to the future. This also provides a sense of unity and oneness as we listen and respond to the Living Word to shape how we see and listen and respond to the world and our neighbors in the present time. And all this because we are **holy**, which means we are called and inspired by the divine (as all people are) to live into the way of LOVE.*

This is who we are, who we are becoming, and who we are practicing to be. We won't always get it absolutely right, but we will keep on trying and leaning in. We would love to have you join us!



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We Gather in God's Name

Centering Song

Advent Wreath is Placed

Opening Acclamation

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

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Child, Christ: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under Christ's most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song *Come People of the Risen King*



1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
 (2. Come) those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
 (3. Come) young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the



praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
 night; Come those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
 faith; Come those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of His



grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
 grace. O - ver all the world, His peo - ple sing—shore to shore we hear them



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to — gath - er chil - dren
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the cer - tain hope of
 call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our — God is all in



in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
 peace. all."



-joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re -



-joice! 2. Come
3. Come



-joice! Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -



-joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ re -



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We Proclaim and Respond to the Word

Children's Message

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

Growing Song *We Wait with Great Expectancy*

We wait with great expectancy to see your Kingdom come.
We trust your word to be fulfilled and pray your will be done.
So in our world of ache and loss we're calling out, as one:
Come Lord Jesus, we hunger and we yearn for your return.
Come Lord Jesus, oh we pray for your return.

You came to us so long ago and you will come again.
We long for heaven on the earth, an end to grief and pain.
Lord, may our lives anticipate and usher in your reign.
Come Lord Jesus, we long to know you here, come and draw near.
Come Lord Jesus, oh we long to know you here.

So lead us in your patience, Lord, and help us match your pace,
to walk the straight and narrow road in rhythms of your grace,
and may this Advent way of life all hurriedness replace.

Come Lord Jesus, and teach us how to wait, you are not late.

Come Lord Jesus, help us worship as we wait.

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Nicene Creed

Let us join with the whole church, confessing our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

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, 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 God's People

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

We Celebrate the Eucharistic Meal

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gives himself for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Setting the Table

As we set the table in this sanctuary space, we invite you to set your table with breakfast food and drink at home. Together, let us pray this prayer of giving thanks (Eucharist), knowing that God is here and God will bless our tables and us, God's people.

Eucharistic Prayer B

~Book of Common Prayer Inclusive Language

God 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even we turn from you to sin.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from his mother Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer

And now as Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our loving God in heaven, holy is your name, may your reign come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

St. Helena Breviary

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

As we each partake in this blessed food at home and in our sanctuary, let us know Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

~A New Zealand Prayer Book (Anglican)

We Bless and Go Forth to Serve

"Something sacred is coming this way.

That is how my ancestors would have said it.

In the midst of all this turmoil and confusion,

when we cannot clearly see the path before us,

when we feel trapped in a situation we cannot control,

then I believe the wise elders of my holy heritage

would climb to the high place of the heart,

draw the circle of reason and faith around them,

and stand to sing their prayers into the open sky of the history to come.

They would not shrink into a corner afraid, but rise up to catch the first light of what was coming into being all around them.

We are living in a time of emergence.

We are the witnesses to a great renewal.

The world is full of the fear of birth and change,

but that transformation will one day be our blessing.

Do not be afraid, but be believing.

Come to the place where the ancestors are already standing.

Come and see.

Something sacred is coming this way."

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

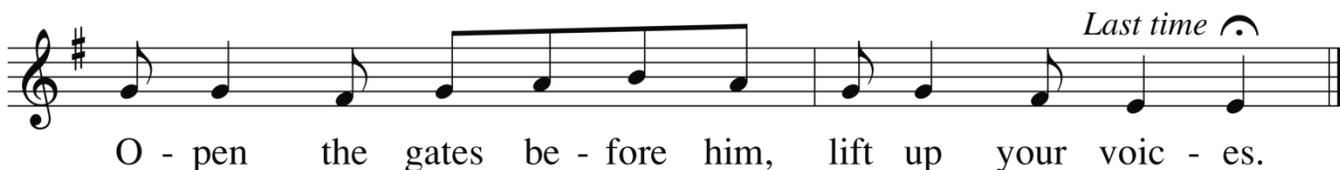
Dismissal

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stay for Fellowship after the final Song

Going Song *The King of Glory*

Refrain



Verses

