

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

TLC Renews



We want to be a congregation who continues:

<u>Trusting God</u>

<u>Loving and <u>Connecting with God and one another</u>

Reaching out to all God's children</u>

CHRIST THE KING November 21, 2021 10:00 AM

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Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran

Mission – To Share Christ in Word and Deed

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
- Masks covering nose and mouth are strongly recommended during the service.
- The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- * Please stand

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Come Thou Almighty King

* Brief Order of Confession:

We come to worship to remember and to acknowledge Jesus the Lord and Sovereign of our lives. We realize how often we fall short of our goal. In that knowledge, let us confess our shortcomings to God.

Merciful God, we confess that far too often we do not want a savior who is a king. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us, rather than the other way around. We are not keen for a redeemer who has any claims on us and certainly not one who makes demands of us. We have our own plans and agendas, after all. We are happy for Jesus to rubberstamp them for us, but a savior who is a king to whom we owe allegiance and obedience? No thanks. Forgive our foolishness, O God! Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. We know that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from you, but we are forgetful, rebellious and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen.

Hear this good news: God claims you as God's own. You are loved forever, no matter what you have done or failed to do. You are granted newness of life; rejoice in the assurance that, in the name of Jesus, Christ the King, you are forgiven.

*Gathering Hymn of Praise

Sing to the King (CCLI #2823825)

1 Sing to the King Who is coming to reign Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

2 For His returning we watch and we pray We will be ready the dawn of that day We'll join in singing with all the redeemed 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King Chorus

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*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.**

*Prayer of the Day: We pray together: Holy God, again and again we need to be reminded of our true home. The world continually tugs at us to believe that we belong here, that this is all there is, that hope, and fulfillment can be found in what the world offers. We know the truth, Lord, but we forget. We know that you are the source of our life and breath. We know that every good gift we have comes from you. We know that in you we have forgiveness and are fully known and completely loved. Our true home is in

you. Help us to remember. Help us to trust. Thank you for your grace and compassion that continually draw us back home. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORD

The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel - John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions to Ponder:

- When does it mean for our lives that we call Jesus, 'King' ---this one who suffered and died because of this broken world?
- What does the kingdom look like for those who follow Jesus? How can we model a different kind of living and loving as we follow Jesus into the world?
- It is important we take seriously sharing our God moments. Doing so not only encourages each of us to see God, but also trains the eyes of our hearts as well. Please fill out the forms in your bulletin or comment on Facebook

*Sermon Hymn

O Christ What Can It Mean for Us (ELW 431)

- O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king? What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing? Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame, you walked a diff'rent, lowly way, another's will your aim.
- You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive, to shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live. To break the law of death you came the law of love to bring: a diff'rent rule of righteousness, a diff'rent kind of king.
- 3 Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all, you said the first must be the last and service be our call. O Christ in workplace, church, and home. let none to power cling; for still, through us, you come to
- serve.
- a diff'rent kind of king.
- 4 You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown; you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown. But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring, for now at God's right hand you reign, a diff'rent kind of king!

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Time of Silence: At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.

*Prayers of the Church - (Each petition ends with "God in your mercy,". The Congregation responds "hear our prayer.")

MEAL

(To be safe, you received a pre-package Communion kit with a host and cup of juice. You will be instructed on when to open the kit and receive Jesus in the bread and cup.)

*Offertory

Everything we have, do and are is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the

work of healing our broken world. Contributions may be placed in the collection plate, mailed or there is a donation button on the website. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

Generous and loving God, you have given us so much — and we often fail to remember that you are the source of all we have. Accept these gifts and use them to further your work in the world. We present not only our monetary offerings, O God, but ourselves. When you made us, you bestowed on each of us talents and gifts. With your help, we seek to focus our passions and use those gifts in your service and to your glory for the sake of Christ, our King. Amen.

*Dialogue

The Lord 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.

*Words of Institution

The night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: 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.

*Invitation to Communion

Receive Jesus, Christ your king, present in this bread and cup of Holy Communion.

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, at your generous table, we share the cup of life and the bread of strength, your very real presence in Holy Communion. Nourish us that we might live in ways that bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Let us care for the needy, in remembrance of your mercy. Let us show compassion to all, in remembrance of your tender care of the suffering. Let us forgive those who have sinned against us, in remembrance of the forgiveness you have lavished upon us. Let us be quick to nourish hope and faith in others, in remembrance of the comfort and strength we have find in your Presence. Amen

Sign of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)

SENDING

*Benediction

We are a chosen people, shaped by God so we might never forget to whom we belong. Christ our King calls us for the purpose of being sent. Go, therefore, to live in the kingdom of God. Shine the light of Christ into the darkness. Speak the truth of God's love. Live in the power and promise of the Triune God. God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Sending Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns (ELW 855)

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of love-behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky
 can fully bear that sight,
 but downward bend their burning
 eyes
 at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5 Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

*Sending for Service

Go in peace to serve Christ as King of your life. Listen for His voice and follow sharing Christ in word and deed. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Saundra Wingert Assisting Minister – Scott Valentine Singer – Matt Cessna

Usher – Donna Wolfe IT Ministry – Beth Ford Communion Preparers – Don and Carol Swart