

**First Lutheran Church**  
**300 West Third Street**  
**Prophetstown, IL**



**Christ the King**  
**November 20, 2022**

**Order of Worship**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Ten*

*Introduction to the Day: Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 1 - 3**

**# 855**

**\*Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**Canticle of Praise:**

**"Change My Heart, O God"**

**# 801**

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### 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."

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Acclamation pg. 205 *Please rise.*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### \*Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Children's Message:

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661

*Congregation sings the refrain as the children come forward and return to their seats.*

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

### Sermon:

Bishop Staci Fidler

### \*Hymn of the Day:

"Beautiful Savior" vs. 1 - 3

# 838

### \*The Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C: **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.**

### \*Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Share the peace with your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

**Choir Anthem: "Come Before the Lord with Praise"**

### Prayers of Intercession

A: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for all who are oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for this assembly, especially... Tara Johnson, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please pass the Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.*

*Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving.*

*The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.*

*Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.*

*Please rise.*

**\*Offertory: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" # 752**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Dialogue**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy.** pg. 207

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In 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, he 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Ushers will guide you up the center aisle. Receive a wafer, continue to the prefilled communion cups at the corner of the pews. Grape juice is clear. Please turn away from the trays when taking your communion and throw away your used cup. After you receive communion, you may go to the altar for silent reflection. Return down the side aisles.*

*Please be seated.*

**Communion Hymns**

**Lamb of God pg. 208**

**# 759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



**\*Sending Hymn:**

**"Hear Our Prayer" Sing Twice**

**# 178**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us this morning, especially our guests. We invite everyone to sign the Welcome Pad during the offering.

**[This Week at First Lutheran](#)**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion with Bishop Staci Fidler  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship – Served by FLAG

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Community Worship

**Thursday:** *Thanksgiving Day*

**Thursday & Friday:** Office Closed

**Saturday:** Bell Ringing at Shaw's Grocery Store, by Rosemary & Paul Sibley

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship, Advent 1

10:15 a.m. Decorate for Christmas

**Bishop Fidler** is here today to preach, worship and serve communion. She is the new bishop that was elected at the Synod Assembly in June. Fellowship will be served by FLAG following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**College Card Cards** are available for everyone to sign today.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship** will be held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Methodist and Leon Methodist Churches will be participating with FLC. May it fill you with peace, joy and love.

**Decorating for Christmas** is next Sunday following worship. Everyone is welcome to help!

**Christmas Tree Chrismons** will be hung during worship on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> following worship in the sanctuary. Please mark this date on your calendar to be present to hear all the good works of FLC!

**[Assisting In Our Worship](#)**

Pianist - Jeanne Frank Keyboard - Luanne Urban Guitar - Cathy Hinrichs

Oboe – Randy Roland Leaders - Donna Roland, Amanda Schanze

Reader - Darren Mosher Acolyte - Ellie Glasgow

**[Stewardship Record](#)**

Sunday Attendance: 85 Offering General Fund: \$ 7,946.00

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