

I WILL SEEK the LOST.
BRING BACK the STRAYED.
BIND UP the INJURED
STRENGTHEN the WEAK.

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Christ the King Sunday

First Lutheran Church
408 9th Street NW
Mandan, ND 58554

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

November 22, 2020

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Beautiful Savior"* Page 8

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

Pastor: Let us pray....

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

Psalms 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’

³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’
⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.

“Praise to you, O Christ.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spi-rit in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'rt, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1931

Music: CHILDREN'S HYMN BOOK, Ken Medema

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WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Our giving has to be modified to accommodate the new reality of not gathering in person for a few weeks. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says "Give Online". If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances is important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

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 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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”* Page 10

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Tune: OLD 100th (Altered rhythm)

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Cong: Thanks be to God!

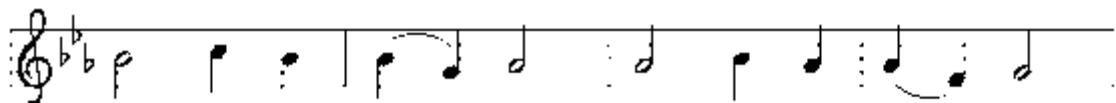
Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion.
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions.



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



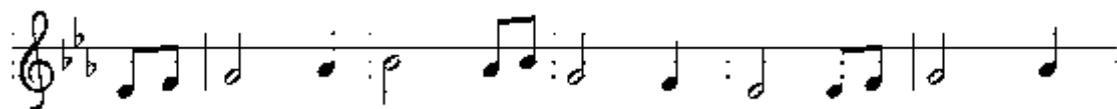
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er.
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er.
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch, Münster, 1673*; in Joseph A. Süss, 1873-1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

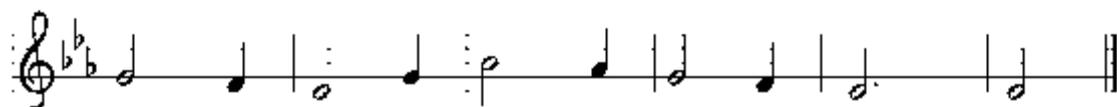
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish off I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er,
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial, feed - eth,
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me,
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. Columba, first tune

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Lead On, O King Eternal!



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come:
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, til' sin's fierce war shall cease.
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears.



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home,
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong:
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor rol' of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us: we jour - ney in its light:



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song,
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes,
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernst W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Musica: LANCASHIRE, Henry J. Smart, 1813-1879

**Attendance last Week: Sunday 9:30 -
Wednesday 6:00 -**

ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Noel Albrecht, Ernie Seeman, Amy McNalley, Darlene Hill, Crystal Halvorson, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Arlene Dittus, Ron Otto, Elsie Rader, Rodney Olson, Wayne Walker, Edna Klein, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Karen Rothmann, Dave Thomas, Irene Thomas, Val Olheiser, Milo Miller, Pauline Lentz, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Ryan Hilfer, Tom Frank, Pam Weng, Claudette Thompson, Kerry Stastny, Sharon Miller, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Darbie Young, Jeff MacIver, Steve Long, Sharon Meissel, Clem & Marilyn Dutchak, Keith Pfaff, Saxon Russel

First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler

If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.

2020 General Fund-YTD	Received	Budget	Difference
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Pastor Dan Paulson's phone number: 701-240-2681
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)



Musician:

9:30 Organ - Loretta White



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 22 7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
9:30 Live Stream Worship

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Sunday 29 7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
9:30 Live Stream Worship