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The Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP IN CELEBRATION OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST
THIS TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE

String Band

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

(from Psalm 95)

HYMN #10: *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (*Old Testament page 725*)

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

CANTICLE: Luke 1:68-79

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house a child with power to save.

Through the holy prophets God promised us in ages past
to save us from enemy hands, from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors, recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham, to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear, and be holy and just all our days.

And you, child, will be called Prophet of the most High,
for you will come to prepare a pathway for the Lord,
by teaching people salvation through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy a dawn will come from on high,
Light for those shadowed by death, a guide for our feet on the way
to peace. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20 (*New Testament page 200*)

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 23:33-43 (*New Testament page 89*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #346:** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

HYMN #383: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

*HYMN #402: *All the Way the Savior Leads Me*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious,
Gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you,
Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex. Welcome!*

GREETERS: Todd and Donna Larson and Jack

ACOLYTES: Axel and Elsie

READERS: Ron and Judy Hedstrom

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Corbin Sheffels

USHER: Corbin Sheffels

COFFEE SERVERS: Deeann and Rich Puffert

LIVESTREAM: Phia

