

**Christ the King
November 21, 2021**



Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self examination

P Have mercy on us, O God. **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

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.**

Praise Songs

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory,
Power, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthems raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus, who died,
Now glorified, King of all kings.

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name, O Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

First Reading *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

Thrones were set up while I was watching, and the Eternal God took his place. His clothing and his hair were white as snow. His throne was a blazing fire with fiery wheels, and flames were dashing out from all around him. Countless thousands were standing there to serve him. The time of judgment began, and the books were opened.

As I continued to watch the vision that night, I saw what looked like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, and he was presented to the Eternal God. He was crowned king and given power and glory, so that all people of every nation and race would serve him. He will rule forever, and his kingdom is eternal, never to be destroyed.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading *Revelation 1:4b-8*

I pray that you will be blessed with kindness and peace from God, who is and was and is coming. May you receive kindness and peace from the seven spirits before the throne of

God. May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Jesus was the first to conquer death, and he is the ruler of all earthly kings. Christ loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins. He lets us rule as kings and serve God his Father as priests. To him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds. Everyone will see him, even the ones who stuck a sword through him. All people on earth will weep because of him. Yes, it will happen! Amen.

The Lord God says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the one who is and was and is coming. I am God All-Powerful!"

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Verse (*sung*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

(*sung*) ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel ***John 18:33-37***

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate 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?" Jesus 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." Pilate 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.*

(*sung*) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Please be seated

Youth Time

Meditation

Hymn

O Christ the Same

- 1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

- 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- 3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work, and show us your will for the ministries of TOL and Augustana, and strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

P A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

Hymns Before Communion (sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

As we continue our transition to re-opening, communion will be as follows: Please come up the aisle, pulpit side first, to receive the body/bread or a blessing, then move to receive the blood/wine/grape juice. Place empty glass in receptacle as you return to your seat. At this time, we will not have kneeling or use the altar rail.

Communion: *From the Small Catechism of Martin Luther: "that person is well prepared [to receive communion] who believes these words, **given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, for the words for you simply require a believing heart.**"*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

Prayers and Announcements

Prayer Petitions

We remember in our prayers today: Glenda and Ralph Fretz, Lacy Stang, Arlene Lyman, Evelyn Miske, Grace Root-Derby, Bill Krieger, Carol Diana, Don & Dorothy Ehlers, Cynthia Beery, and the family of Martha Gallo. We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

Welcome to Worship at TOL: Based on new CDC and Upstate Synod recommendations, we are strongly urging everyone to please wear a mask indoors and to continue to socially distance. We understand that getting vaccinated and wearing masks are personal decisions, and we ask everyone to be respectful and nonjudgmental about the decisions of others.

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers are given for the Glory of God from Chris Pyzynski and Michelle, Jason and Jessica Ryder in loving memory of Evelyn Menge (Chris' Mom), and from Frank and Karen Modlich in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Christmas Poinsettias: Please use the sign-up chart for Christmas poinsettias posted on the main bulletin board. This year the cost will be \$8, and the sign-up deadline is Sunday, December 12.

Worship on Cable TV: If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship on Sundays, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 am. "Church Unleashed" is run by Lutheran Pastors Beigner, Griffiths and Smith.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website homepage (www.trinityoldlutheran.com). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

Mission for November: The Veterans One-stop Center of WNY, which brings people, resources and organizations together to improve the quality of life for those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their families. Thank you for your donations to this important organization.

Adult Ed Classes – Fall 2021: The final Fall class will take place this **Monday at 1 pm, Nov. 22**, in the Fireside Lounge and on Zoom. We will finish our study of Daoism. Our classes will resume in January when we begin exploring Judaism and other religions.

Table Talk: On **Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 pm**, please join us for a bi-weekly discussion group. We will use Charlie Schmidtke's new book, "My I's," as a resource for the topics, however, reading the book is not a pre-requisite for attending. This class is held in the evening so that those who work during the day will be able to attend.

Advent Bible Study: Pastor Fred will be leading an Advent Bible Study on **Dec. 3, 10 and 17** from 10 – 11:30 in Augustana and via Zoom. Contact Pastor if you would like a Zoom invitation. You can participate in any sessions that fit your schedule.

Hanging of the Greens: On **Saturday, December 4**, we will decorate our church home for Advent and Christmas. Please join us that morning from 10 – noon for our annual "***Hanging of the Greens.***"

Annual Congregational Meeting: Following worship on **Sunday, Dec. 12**, please staying for a brief meeting to vote on our 2022 budget and the slate of 2022 church council nominees. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Service: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at **7 pm on Friday, December 24**. Come and join us for this special celebration!

Hope and Healing: A Christian Cancer Support Group: Linda Sokoley will be hosting a Christian cancer support group on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 3 – 4 pm starting on **Nov. 23**. It will take place at **Augustana** and via Zoom and is open to the congregations of Augustana and TOL, and their friends and family. The group time will include a bible verse, prayer, discussion and sharing as individuals feel comfortable. If you have questions, please contact Linda: 716/694-2451 (cell) or lsokoley@hotmail.com.

Food Drive: We are so grateful for all your donations. We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items, such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Boxes of pantry staples, for example, cereal, rice and pasta

(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Gift cards for Tops or Wegmans

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. – noon by entering through the far-left front door, where the elevator is situated, and placing the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. Thank you for your generosity!

Book Sale: Please visit our **Book Sale in the Resource Library**, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. There are many books and puzzles to choose from, and additional items are being added each week.

Devotional: If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for October-December, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 836-4868 to have one mailed.

Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Wednesdays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message.	This week's calendar	Sun	11/21	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings
		Mon	11/22	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed No Yoga this week
		Tues	11/23	3 pm 7:30 pm	Cancer Support Group at Augustana CoDA
		Wed	11/24		
		Thurs	11/25		Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
		Fri	11/26		
		Sat	11/27		
		Sun	11/28	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

Announcements: *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.*

Closing Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 1,2,4 & 6)

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.

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.

6 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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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