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**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Kathy Bowe**

**Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines**

- Masks = You decide what's best for you, your loved ones and those around you.
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- Please wait for an usher to dismiss you after the service.
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

**People: We come to worship the one who rules justly** (2 Samuel 23:34).

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

The firstborn of the dead, The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

**People: Bread of Heaven, God with us!** (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

**People: Eternal Word, Great I AM** (John 1, John 8:58).

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.) To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)**

\* OPENING PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.**

OPENING SONG #58

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

**John 18:33-37**

Then 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.’

SERMON

“The Two Kingdoms”

SONG #369

“I Surrender All”

CALL TO THE OFFERING

On the Sunday of Reign of Christ, we declare our love and loyalty to Jesus by the gift of our praise and the offering of our lives. Let your gifts this day proclaim your commitment to him as our Lord and our friend.

SONG

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, you rule in this world through your love. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love for you. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Spirit, so that they will spread your love in ways we have yet to imagine. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER.. LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,  
feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us  
to love and serve you, and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
send us out with confidence in your word,  
to tell the world of your saving acts,  
and bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
you have given us grace to bring our prayers to you,  
and you promise that when two or three agree together in your name  
you will grant their requests.  
Fulfill now, Lord, our desires and prayers,  
as may be best for us, especially these requests and others we lift up to you at  
this time...

Grant us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Chrysostom's Prayer* (modified), based on Matthew 18:19-20

Lord God,  
we rejoice in your greatness and power,  
your gentleness and love,  
your mercy and justice.  
Enable us by your Spirit  
to honor you in our thoughts,  
and words and actions,  
and to serve you in every aspect of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For your goodness and generosity  
in giving us all we need,  
**help us to praise you O God.**  
In every circumstance of life,  
in good times and bad,  
**help us to trust you, O God.**  
In love and faithfulness,  
with all that we have and all that we are,  
**help us to serve you, O God.**  
As we speak or write or listen  
to those nearby or far away,  
**help us to share your love, O God.**  
In our plans and work  
for ourselves and for others,  
**help us to glorify you, O God.**  
In every thought and word and deed,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
**this week, may we live for you, O God.**

To God the Father, who loved us,  
and made us accepted in the Beloved:

to God the Son who loved us,  
and loosed us from our sins by his own blood:  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
who spreads the love of God abroad in our hearts:  
to the one true God be all love and all glory  
for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ  
as our Lord and King.  
Our mission in life is  
to make his kingdom a reality among us  
and to bring it to those around us  
by our words and deeds.  
The way to do this is to live as he lived:  
for others, in love and service.  
May almighty God bless you for this task:  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
and to give shape to his kingdom. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *(Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. Thank you.)*

**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Charles Raether  
Jerry Matzdorf

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Steve Rumpff

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Hattie Lucille

Mary Vogel

Marilyn Hanke

Warren Fidlin

Raeline (friend of Umlands)

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

**Those unable to worship with us:** Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

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**NOVEMBER'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THEIR HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Plan a visit to our homebound members!** Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

- **Nov. 24 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Gloria Dei Lutheran (7pm)**

- Do you have a son or daughter in college or in the military? The Bethlehem Ladies would love to let them know we are thinking about them by giving them a little Christmas gift. We need the congregation to help us out with this so

we don't miss anyone! So, if you have a son or daughter in college or the military, please email me at [pollyjeanty@gmail.com](mailto:pollyjeanty@gmail.com) or let any one of the Bethlehem Ladies know. Thank you!

Leah Henning has been deployed to Japan. Send cards and letters to:

Sgt. Leah Henning

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- The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$9 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 5th. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to “Bethlehem Ladies” can be given to Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!
- The snow will be here before you know it! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the month you can help keep the church sidewalks cleared.

### Mission Trip Opportunity!!

A mission trip is being coordinated by St. Mark’s/St. James and Saron UCC to Knoxville, TN from July 17-July 23. Actual dates including travel will be Saturday-Saturday.

Cost is \$429 PLUS transportation. Fundraising activities with the help of Rural Church Fellowship will help offset those costs.

There will an informational meeting at Saron UCC on Sunday, 12/4, at 4pm. Ages 12 and up are eligible for the trip.

See <https://nextstepministries.com/mission-trips/knoxville-tennessee/>

### **Community Announcements:**

Sat, Dec. 4 – Cookie Walk at St. Peters UCC, Kiel – 9a-11a

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 11/21** 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship; *Happy Birthday Heidi Konen!*

**Monday 11/22:** *Happy Birthday Keith Bowe and Bruce Jeanty!*

**Tuesday 11/23:** *Happy Birthday Ellie Holz!*

**Wednesday 11/24:** 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran; *Happy Birthday Emma Krueger! Happy Anniversary Tom & Traci Rabe!*

**Thursday 11/25:** *Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Birthday Joe Molitor!*

**Friday 11/26:** *Happy Birthday Logan Shaver! Happy Anniversary Kerry & Barb Henning!*

**Saturday 11/27:**

**Sunday 11/28:** 8:00a Sunday School; 9:30a Worship;

**Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting**