**Reign of christ- november 20, 2022**

**zion, philipsburg**

**GATHERING**

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

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of the Anishinabewaki, Mississauga’s, and Neutral peoples. We give thanks to the Creator for this great gift and recognize our responsibility as treaty people to care for the land and waters that nourish us and give us strength. We also acknowledge that it is our duty to do more to learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, caretakers, and sojourners.

**GATHERING SONG: *O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us* (ELW 431)**

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us  
to claim you as our king?  
What royal face have you revealed  
whose praise the church would sing?  
Aspiring not to glory's height,  
to power, wealth, and fame,  
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,  
another's will your aim.  
  
2 You came, the image of our God,  
to heal and to forgive,  
to shed your blood for sinners' sake  
that we might rise and live.  
To break the law of death you came,  
the law of love to bring:  
a diff'rent rule of righteousness,  
a diff'rent kind of king.  
  
3 Though some would make their greatness felt  
and lord it over all,  
you said the first must be the last  
and service be our call.  
O Christ in workplace, church, and home,  
let none to power cling;  
for still, through us, you come to serve,  
a diff'rent kind of king.  
  
4 You chose a humble human form  
and shunned the world's renown;  
you died for us upon a cross  
with thorns your only crown.  
But still, beyond the span of years,  
our glad hosannas ring,  
for now at God's right hand you reign,  
a diff'rent kind of king!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 192)**

Welcome to worship on this last Sunday of the Church Year which is known as Reign of Christ- Sunday November 20, 2022.

Lots of winterly weather greeted us this week.

Yvonne is coming along; her back is still very sore and she is on some antibiotics due to some infection. She is so thankful for the prayers and love of the congregation

Next Sunday there is a special service at Zion, St. Agatha at 9:00.Bishop Michael Pryse will be preaching as an honour of Zion’s ministry over the years. As we all know Zion will close later this year. We will remember the congregation in our prayers as they transition through the emotions of grief and closure of their beloved church.

Church council met last week…..There will be 2 council members who are finished their term in 2023 and we are still missing one from last year. So we need 3 new council members.

Any other announcements?

**GREETING (ELW p. 184)**

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.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 184)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE*Now the Feast and Celebration* (ELW 167)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)**

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. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A reading from Jeremiah.

*Today’s reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah’s unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

1Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2Therefore 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. 3Then 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. 4I 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.  
 5The 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. 6In 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.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 46**

1God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
 2**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,**  
  **and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**  
 3though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
 4**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**  
  **the holy habitation of the Most High.**  
 5God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.  
 6**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;** **God speaks, and the earth melts away.**  
 7The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
 8**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,**  
  **what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**  
 9behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
  who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
 10**“Be still, then, and know that  I am God;**  
  **I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**  
 11The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

A reading from Colossians.

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God’s glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord,    
 15Chrsit is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?** **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.** **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

33When 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. 34⟦Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”⟧ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And 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!” 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”  
 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 189)**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY*Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
  
2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
  
3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.  
  
4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.*

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, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Give us wisdom and courage to protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, hear **our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, spirit or mind. Be a source of strength and healing for them. We remember today Sarah, Anne, Chris, John, Vivian, Stuart, Edna, Carole, Susan, Marg, Yvonne, our members in long term care Esther, Robert, Rob, and Evelyn, and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the members of Zion, St Agatha, as they both celebrate and grieve their last weeks of ministry and worship together. Be near to them, Holy God, and hold them steadfast in your love and faith as they navigate the future. Lord in your mercy, **her our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

**PEACE (ELW p. 189)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 885***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)**

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 our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE (ELW p. 190)**

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 (ELW p. 190)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of pow’r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.**

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

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

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

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE  VIII(ELW p. 67)**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

 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 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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)**

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

**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**

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

**COMMUNION SONG- LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 191)**

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**COMMUNION HYMNS- 616, WOV 778**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world

and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good,

who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,

☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)***

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.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--

behold his hands and side,

rich wounds, yet visible above,

in beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky

can fully bear that sight,

but downward bend their burning eyes

at mysteries so bright.

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.

5 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.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

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