

URLC WORSHIP

Sunday November 22, 2020

9:30 AM

WE WELCOME ALL GOD'S CHILDREN TO WORSHIP WITH US

NOVEMBER 22ND, 2020

25th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: KNOW THAT THE HOLY ONE IS GOD.

ALL: WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE.

PASTOR: WORSHIP THE HOLY ONE WITH GLADNESS;

ALL: COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH SINGING.

PASTOR: ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND GOD'S COURTS WITH PRAISE.

ALL: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

PASTOR: FOR GOD IS GOOD; GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP WITH THANKS AND JOY! LET US PRAISE GOD IN SONG AND WORD AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

PASTOR: GRACIOUS GOD, WE LONG TO KNOW YOU BETTER. OPEN US TO RECOGNIZE YOUR PRESENCE, TO RECEIVE YOU FULLY, AND TO BE READY TO FOLLOW YOUR LEADING. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: LOVING GOD, TOO OFTEN, WE OVERLOOK THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AROUND US WHILE WE PROCLAIM OUR DEVOTION TO YOU. WE COULD DO SO MUCH MORE TO FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, TO WELCOME THE STRANGER, AND HEAL THE SICK. WE FAIL TO SEE HOW OUR PRISON SYSTEM DIMINISHES THE HUMANITY OF ALL OF US, HOW OUR MEDICAL SYSTEM DENIES HEALING TO THE POOR, HOW POVERTY LEAVES CHILDREN WITHOUT COATS, HOW LEGAL OBSTACLES KEEP THE STRANGERS AT A DISTANCE. OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE YOUR PRESENCE IN EVERY PERSON, AND TO RESPOND TO THEIR NEEDS SO THAT WE MAY BE RIGHTLY CALLED BY YOUR NAME. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTOR: THOUGH WE WANDER, GOD SEARCHES US OUT. SPEAKING THROUGH EZEKIEL, GOD SAID, "AS 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 GLOOM." GOD REACHES OUT TO US, LONGING TO BRING US EVER CLOSER. HEAR THIS GOOD NEWS: YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND FREE.

OPENING HYMN: "OH, WORSHIP THE KING"

Vs.1) OH WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE. OH GRATEFULLY SING GOD'S POWER AND LOVE; OUR SHIELD AND DEFENDER THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, PAVILIONED IN SPLENDOR, AND GIRDED WITH PRAISE.

PSALM 100, READER: JOYCE AARSVOLD

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL YOU LANDS! SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH A SONG. KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD, OUR MAKER TO WHOM WE BELONG; WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP OF GOD'S PASTURE. ENTER THE GATES OF THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING AND THE COURTS WITH PRAISE; GIVE THANKS AND BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME. GOOD INDEED IS THE LORD, WHOSE STEADFAST LOVE IS EVERLASTING, WHOSE FAITHFULNESS ENDURES FROM AGE TO AGE.

MATTHEW 25:31-46, READER: JOYCE AARSLVOLD

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES: "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. ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE GATHERED BEFORE HIM, AND HE WILL SEPARATE PEOPLE ONE FROM ANOTHER AS A SHEPHERD SEPARATES THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS, AND HE WILL PUT THE SHEEP AT HIS RIGHT HAND AND THE GOATS AT THE LEFT. THEN 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; FOR 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, I WAS NAKED AND YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING, I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK CARE OF ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.' THEN 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? AND WHEN WAS IT THAT WE SAW YOU A STRANGER AND WELCOMED YOU, OR NAKED AND GAVE YOU CLOTHING? AND WHEN WAS IT THAT WE SAW YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND VISITED YOU? AND 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.' THEN 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; FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME NO FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME NOTHING TO DRINK, I 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.' THEN 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?' THEN 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.' AND THESE WILL GO AWAY INTO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE."

SERMON

CHILDREN'S SERMON/BLESSING OF THE QUILT AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

MUSIC VIDEO: ALICIA KEYS - GOOD JOB, COVER BY ONE VOICE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OFFERING:

ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT GATHERING IN PERSON, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN YOUR OFFERING AS YOU SO WONDERFULLY HAVE BEEN DOING OR REMEMBER OUR ONLINE GIVING ON OUR WEBSITE. IT IS WITH OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO GIVE SO GENEROUSLY!

PRAYERS/LORDS PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

Vs.1) CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, THE LAMB UPON HIS THRONE;
HARK HOW THE HEAV'NLY ANTHEM DROWNS ALL MUSIC BUT IT'S OWN.
AWAKE MY SOUL AND SING OF HIM WHO DIED FOR THEE,
AND HAIL HIM AS THEY MATCHLESS KING THROUGH ALL ETERNITY.

BENEDICTION

PASTOR: MAY GOD GIVE YOU WISDOM AND REVELATION. MAY THE EYES OF YOUR HEART BE ENLIGHTENED.
MAY YOU KNOW THE HOPE TO WHICH GOD HAS CALLED YOU, AND MAY THE BLESSINGS
OF THE CREATOR, THE REDEEMER AND THE SUSTAINER GO WITH YOU THIS DAY AND ALWAYS. **AMEN.**



Announcements

As we begin Walking in Love Through Advent, keep a look out for some exciting upcoming events! We will be posting the events on our URLC website and Facebook page, to help us get in the spirit and celebrate the coming of Christmas!

Thank you for all of the Prayer Shawl donations! We currently have a very nice supply. Please pass along that we give them out upon request to family and friends who are in need of one. If you would like to make a monetary or yarn donation for future shawls, please bring those to the office. Keep knitting and crocheting! Thanks again for all of the beautiful Prayer Shawl donations!



The time of year when the leaves are fallen and the holidays are getting closer. Time for an update of new military addresses or change of addresses so we can send our Christmas greetings. Send any new updates to the church office or call Howard or Mary Ayen at 507-732-7785.



Please say a prayer for:
Pat Lawler, Cork Falk, Sue Quam, Addie Schliep, Charlotte DeVries, (Sister of Bernice Ratgen), Gray Sather, Howard Ayen and the family of Paula McDonald, as they grieve the loss of her brother.
Please call the office to update this list. 507-732-7303



Coat Closet Update
We are accepting donations of children's winter gear. Particularly needed are sizes, M - XL and all youth sizes. We can wash and repair if needed. Thank you for contributing to this local effort to help the children in our community.

