

A close-up photograph of a young girl with brown hair and a pink hair clip, eating a slice of bread. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus. The text "I was hungry and you gave me food" is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white serif font. Below the text, "MATTHEW 25:35" is written in a smaller, orange sans-serif font. The left edge of the image shows a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a wall or a piece of paper.

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MATTHEW 25:35



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Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Intrada* – Grayston Ives

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All who are able, please stand and face the baptismal font at the front of the church. Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold type** is said by the congregation.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and prayer

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN #634: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

(music on p. 147 ELW Setting 4)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This Is The Feast*

(music on p. 149 ELW Setting 4)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *(printed on the back cover)*

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7a

The psalm is spoken responsively.

¹Come, let us sing [|] to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of [|] our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence [|] with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the [|] LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, [|] are a great God,
and a great ruler a- [|] bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns [|] of the earth;
the heights of the hills are [|] also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, [|] for you made it,
and your hands have molded [|] the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the¹ **LORD** our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD¹ is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep¹ of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music on p. 151 ELW Setting 4)

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 *(printed on the back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *The congregation is seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY #431: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us ALL SAINTS NEW

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you" or similar words. At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ANTHEM: Strike the Cymbal – Franz Schubert, arr. Austin C. Lovelace

OFFERTORY HYMN #184: *Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful*

As the offering is presented the congregation stands to sing the offertory.

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with our prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 our thanks and praise.**

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS

(music on p. 153 ELW Setting 4)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FRACTION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

AGNUS DEI

(music on p. 154 ELW Setting 4)

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the altar should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #820: O Savior, Precious Savior ANGEL'S STORY

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #434: Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: The Emperor's Fanfare – Antonio Soler, arr. E. Power Biggs

Congregational Meeting December 3 after Worship Service - 2024 Budgets out in Narthex.

Poinsettia order forms available for Christmas Eve. Cost is \$7.00 each for Red and White. Please see ushers for order forms. Money and orders due by Sunday, December 17th.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by D. Rene Amey in memory of Mom's birthday.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder Dates

Fellowship and Adult Forum at 9:00 am with Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, November 26.
Shared Advent Devotion at BULC on Thursday, November 30.
Choir Rehearsal on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm.
Christmas Bazaar at BULC on Saturday, December 2 from 8am to 12pm.

The ushers, Claude, Andy, and Charles will be collecting money today, December 3rd, December 10th, and December 17th for the staff Christmas Gifts.

MIDWEEK ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Please join us on Thursdays 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21 for Matins, fellowship with soup and Bible study to prepare for Jesus' birth. Time: 11:30am. Place: BULC.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex, but please come even if you forget to sign up!

ADVENT TREE

An Advent Tree will be placed in the Narthex during the month of December. Decorating the tree will be Good Gifts "ornaments" to benefit the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Simply choose an ornament with the gift you wish to give (yes- you can take the ornament). Checks should be made out to JELC and given to Beth Smith- please put the name of the animal or service in the subject line of the check. There are also booklets with more information on the Good Gifts program- please feel free to take one. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY CHEST CHRISTMAS BASKETS: The Christmas season is approaching! Jerusalem will again be supporting those in need in our community through the Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Christmas Basket Program. The Community Chest has experienced an increased demand this year, so we will be sponsoring six families. A collection will take place today and December 3rd to purchase grocery store gift cards so these families can purchase food for their holiday meals. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

MUSIC NOTES:

Today's prelude was originally written by Grayston Ives (b. 1948) for a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral in London on June 7, 1977 celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The piece's regal character makes it ideal for Christ the King Sunday. Ives, a British composer, singer, and choral director, was a member of the King's Singers and served as Organist and Director of Chapel Music at Magdalen College in Oxford.

The postlude is an arrangement by E. Power Biggs (1906-1977) of a movement from the last of six concertos composed for two organs by Antonio Soler (1729-1783). Soler was a Spanish composer who is best remembered for his keyboard sonatas written for either organ or harpsichord.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Christine and Andy Anderson, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Kim Cravens, Spencer Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Sharon Levering, Lillian Logeman, Joy McCurty and Pam Cramer, Byron Miller, Brianna Bergmann, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Greg Summers, Toby Sweigart, Mary Valimont, Neal Vital, Tracey Whitney, and Doris Witwer.

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As 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 darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalms 95:1-7a**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

[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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And 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.' ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.' ⁴⁴Then 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?' ⁴⁵Then 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.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

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