

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Amy Wright, (Nov. 26); Adeline Backer, (Nov. 27); Steve Marshall, (Nov. 27); Cherie Templeton, (Nov. 27); Lois Hiller, (Nov. 29); Les Ommen, (Nov. 29); Hank Cossairt, (Nov. 30); Matthew Oolman, (Nov. 30); Joe Rottman, (Nov. 30). Happy Birthday!

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: St. Matthew's Cathedral will offer a Thanksgiving Service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., on Thanksgiving Day. All are welcome.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 27-Friday, Nov. 29. Pastor Keith will be gone next week, Nov. 25-30. In case of an emergency, please contact Ed Hiller @ 742-6455. Be safe and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be at the 10:30 a.m. service on December 15. All students from grades preschool through Junior High are invited to participate. We will be rehearsing during Sunday School 9:15-10:20 a.m. **today**, Dec. 1 and 8th, and will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. Please call or e-mail Jennifer Lyford at 760-1411 or jmlyford@msn.com with any questions.

THE WEDS. WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP will not be meeting this week but will resume meeting on Weds. Dec. 4th.

THE "SEEKERS" GROUP will be meeting back at the Church on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver Room.

IT'S TRINITY'S TURN to volunteer in the Soup Kitchen. Our week is Dec. 16-Dec. 20. There are 2 time slots available each of these days and each slot is a 2 hour commitment. If this is something you are interested in helping with, please sign up on the sheet posted on the pole in the Gruver Room. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Jennie Lawrence.

A COFFEE PERSON is needed for setting up and getting the coffee started for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. We are suggesting that you sign up for a month at a time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731. Individuals and families are still asked to provide goodies on Sundays and this sign-up sheet is still posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.

ALL MEMBERS OF ALTAR GUILD – past & present are asked to check to see if they have any of the altar cloths from the church. We are missing several and perhaps by accident someone took one home to have it cleaned and forgot to return it. Thank you.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE would like to know if there is any interest among members to begin holding a candle light Julotta service at 6 a.m. Christmas morning. If so, please contact Eric Nye, Larry Hazlett or any member of the committee.

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia states: The Julotta is a Swedish service that celebrates the time of birth of Jesus Christ. Jul means Christmas, otta is the time which is slightly before dawn. The service is held every December 25 early on Christmas morning. Traditionally, the service should end before, or at the time of, dawn: hence the word otta is the time just before dawn. Swedish immigrants spread the festivity to different countries. The earliest recorded history of Julotta service in the United States of America was held in Strombeck Church in Minnesota in 1883. After Julotta, Swedish people race to get home first from the church. The winner is believed to harvest the most bountiful crops for the year ahead. This description is a © of Wikipedia.

TELC LIBRARY NEWS: Check out the new books downstairs featured in the wall rack of the Gruver Room. These books may be checked out in the Library located in the northeast area of the basement. Please return the following overdue materials: "Don't Look at Me"; "All of the Women of the Bible."; "Life After Death"; "Shattered Tablets"
Donations of books or movies can be left on the top of the check-out desk. Rejected materials will be donated to other libraries or good-will stores.
Thanks, Judy Sutherland.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 1st Sunday in Advent: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (11/24)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (12/1)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Maia Anderson 10:30 a.m. Dan Gibson-Reinemer	8:00 a.m. Debbe Conyers 10:30 a.m. Klaus Hanson
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Lindsay Meyer 10:30 a.m. Nick Ferris	8:00 a.m. Kelcey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Philip Henry
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Judi Weatherwax Janet Boss 10:30 a.m. Toni Passow Mike Smith	8:00 a.m. Keith & Martha Ensley 10:30 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Tracy Bennett Janet Talbott 10:30 a.m. Carlos & Marion Klinger	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m. Trey Sherwood Mike Smith
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell 10:30 a.m. Hailey Anderson	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: J. Lyford & J. Roesler

Altar Guild: Mike & Julie Nutter

Coffee Fellowship:

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	SS / Coffee Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday Women's Study
Tuesday, Nov. 26	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters



Jesus, remember me
LK. 23:42

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the south lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

RIDE MINISTRY: Since there are now several people at church who need rides to worship, we are forming a Ride Ministry. If you are interested in helping out please call the church office @ 745-4222 or talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

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.

ANTHEM: (10:30) "Song of Thanksgiving"

**Malcolm Archer
Chancel Choir**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Woe 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."

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**

⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the¹ shields with fire.

**¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

**Glory be to the Father and¹ to the Son:
and to the¹ Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e-¹ver shall be:
world without end.¹ Amen.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

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 his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn

from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

***GOSPEL: Luke 23:33–43**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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. [³⁴Then 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."

Praise to you, O Christ.

***GLORIA: Glory to God . . .**

Assisting minister

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -

ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone

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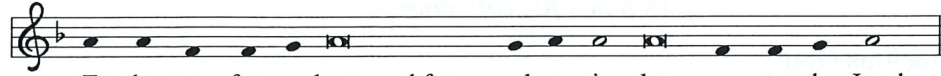
***KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



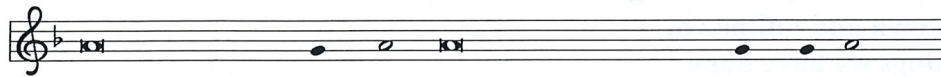
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - - - men.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Keith Prekker

SERMON: "Where Is He?"

Pastor Keith Prekker

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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***APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

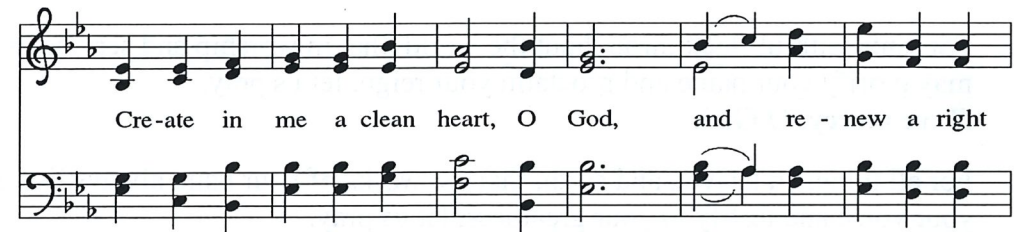
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

**A brief silence.*

For your faithful flock throughout the world, that in worship and service, we may glorify your name and proclaim your reign, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all things in heaven and earth, that the works of your hand always listen to your voice and testify to your greatness, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

***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.

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Sunday, November 24, 2013 - Christ the King

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

*HYMN: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #553

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

For the leaders of the nations, that they deal wisely, and execute justice and righteousness so all people may live in safety, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For patience and endurance in suffering, and your tender compassion to all who call upon you in time of need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For gathering this assembly together again in your name and for our witness to your kingdom through loving care for one another, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For welcoming sinners into your kingdom and in thanksgiving for all the saints who dwell with you in paradise, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*THE 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.**

*BLESSING

PARISH SHARING TIME

*HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:**

***POSTLUDE**

REMEMBER ME!

When we come to Jesus' crucifixion, Luke's gospel presents us with a distillation of human nature. We see the scoffers and the mockers, the passive bystanders, the repentant, and the compassionate. Among them, we have opportunities to recognize ourselves.

The mockers have an easy go of it. Jesus, this man who had the audacity to be labeled King of the Jews, does nothing to prevent his own crucifixion. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" they ridicule (v. 37). Literalists, they anticipate bravado in the present moment, a visual display of human power. They cannot even imagine Jesus' broader, more definitive plan to conquer death and spiritual estrangement.

Like most of us would when confronted by a powerful force abusing its authority, "the people stood by, watching" (v. 35). We often fear to act according to our values, especially if it involves great personal risk. We shun martyrdom and would rather hang on to our lives even if we compromise ourselves. That is why we so admire those few who dare speak out against injustice.

The repentant criminal surprises us. We expect him to be like his bitter companion, echoing the mocking soldiers as he faces his end. When confronted by our own sin, it's tempting to smear it onto others, avoiding responsibility for our misdeeds or a necessary change of heart. But the repentant criminal says nothing about escaping punishment. Instead, he admits guilt and begs, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Just as surprisingly, Jesus says to him: "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (vv. 42-43). In the midst of personal suffering, this criminal and Jesus have found room for mutual compassion. Jesus becomes a mirror allowing this man to see himself anew. Approached with the same humility, what changed vision of ourselves might Jesus reveal to us?

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