

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**CHRIST THE KING
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Pastor's Bulletin

(No Congregational bulletin due to Pandemic precautions)

~~~~~ GATHERING ~~~~~

**Psalm 46:1-11**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

**People: a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

**People: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,

**People: though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**People: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

**People: God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

**People: he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD;

**People: see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**People: he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

**People: I am exalted in the earth."**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

***GREETING***

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG - "Jesus Shall Reign"**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

### **CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**People: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Holy One,

**People: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen**

**Pastor:** Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**People: Amen**

### **A Reading from Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28 and 31:31-34**

<sup>1</sup>In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. <sup>3</sup>It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

<sup>4</sup>Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. <sup>5</sup>And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from

their towns. <sup>7</sup>It may be that their plea will come before the LORD, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." <sup>8</sup>And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

<sup>21</sup>Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. <sup>22</sup>Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. <sup>23</sup>As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

<sup>27</sup>Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>28</sup>Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **The Gospel according to St. Luke**

*Luke 22:19-20*

<sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ**

## ***SERMON***

### ***SERMON HYMN - “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”***

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

### ***APOSTLES CREED***

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

### ***SHARING OF THE PEACE***

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

### ***OFFERING PRAYER***

**Pastor:** God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

Pastor: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Pastor: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

***People: Amen.***

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

Pastor: Let us pray with confidence the prayer our Lord taught us:

**People: 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***

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**People: Amen.**

## ***CLOSING HYMN – “Shine Jesus Shine”***

**Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set out hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me;

**Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set out hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored her, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me;

**Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set out hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

***SENDING***

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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