

11/22/2020

**Sunday: Christ the King, Year A**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God. You have made us and we are yours; we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

Go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's name.

**You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**Great Shepherd of the sheep, you have given us Christ who shepherds the church. He is the host when the table is spread. We praise your name for all the goodness you give us, the mercy that, like oil, anoints all of our lives. As we dwell secure in the sanctuary of your salvation, open to us the truth of your word. Lead us to serve you more faithfully as in Christ you have called us to do your will. Amen.**

HYMN: God Is Calling through the Whisper (410)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Even as we have done it unto one of the least of these, your children, we have done it unto you. When they hunger and thirst we are not quick to offer them the bread of life and the cup of salvation. When they are outcast or imprisoned we seldom go out of our way to visit them. When they are sick or alone we are not quick to keep vigil at their side. We know you are in our midst and await our response. Forgive us when we do not go out of our way to be there for you. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul reminds us that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places and has put all things under his feet. With Christ thus seated, there to intercede on our behalf, we can dwell with the assurance that in him we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns/waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Feeling Sheepish

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (187)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

**MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, may your will be done as the least of your children are led to behold the hope of the gospel. Take our lives and let them be consecrated to obeying what Christ commands. Take our gifts and use them as means of hope to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Take our time and fill it with a sense of your abiding Spirit, that others may learn of your redeeming grace. Amen.

HYMN: God Be with You Till We Meet Again (542)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE