

*Christ the King, November 22, 2020*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Prelude:** *Because He Lives* - Family of God # 292 (Instrumental)

**Welcome and Announcements**

November Mission: **CHUM** • *Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas after the service TODAY*

**Opening Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* - Family of God # 325 (Instrumental)

**Confession & Forgiveness**

*P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

*P: God and Father of all,*

***C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

*P: Christ is Risen*

***C: He is Risen Indeed***

*P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! Trusting in Him you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Now then, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit,*

***C: Amen.***

**Old Testament Readings: Psalm 119: 9-16, 25-28 (NIV)**

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, Lord;

teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

I am laid low in the dust;

preserve my life according to your word.

I gave an account of my ways:

and you answered me, teach me your decrees.

Cause me to understand the way of your precepts,

that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

My soul is weary with sorrow;

strengthen me according to your word.

**Epistle Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Galatians 6:14 (NIV)**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds

of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**Gospel: *John 3:16, John 14:5-6(NIV)***

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"  
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Message: "*The Cost of Discipleship*" - Pastor Daren Blanck**

**Prayers**

*Petitions for peace, justice, and healing for the world, the church, our communities, our neighbors, medical workers, police, first responders, members of the armed forces, and victims of forest fires and floods.*

**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*

### Apostle's Creed

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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### Closing Hymn: Just As I Am - Family of God # 417

**V1:** Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

**V3:** Just as I am Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

### Benediction

#### Sending Hymn: My Jesus I Love Thee - Family of God # 456

**V1:** My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**V2:** I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus, 'tis now.

### Sending

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia.*