

*Christ the King, November 21, 2021*

*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Hymn: “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” - Family of God #392 v.1,2,4**

**V1** Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God’s own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home

**V4** Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin  
There forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

**V2** All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be

**Welcome and Announcements**

November’s Mission: **Samaritan’s Purse**

**Opening Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” - Reclaim #18 v.1,2,5**

**V1** For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies

**V5** For yourself, best gift divine  
To the world so freely giv’n;  
Agent of God’s grand design,  
Peace on earth and joy in heav’n

**V2** For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r,  
Sun and moon and stars of light

**Refrain**  
Christ our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise

**Confession** *From WOV and Reclaim*

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*P: Most merciful God,*

***C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.***

*P: Our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.*

**C: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Leviticus 25:2-5,23, 19:9,23, 18:28 (NIV)

*“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest.*

*“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.*

*“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.*

*“When you enter the land and plant any kind of fruit tree, regard its fruit as forbidden. For three years you are to consider it forbidden; it must not be eaten.*

*“And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.”*

**Epistle Lesson:** 2 Timothy 1:7-8, Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)

*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,*

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-40 (NIV)

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

*“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’*

*“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’*

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

*P: The word of God for the People of God    C: Thanks be to God*

**Message: "Earth Ethic"**

*Pastor Daren Blanck*

**Prayers & 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

## **Words of Institution & Communion**

A deacon of the congregation will offer a cup of sealed grape juice with a wafer for communion. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice. We believe the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace" offered freely to all who seek Him.

## **Communion Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** - Reclaim #48 v.1-4

**V1** Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above

**V2** Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares

**V3** We share each other's woes,  
Each other's burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

**V4** When we are called to part  
It gives us inward pain  
But we shall still be joined in heart  
And hope to meet again

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"** - Reclaim #20 v.1,3,4,7

**V1** All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam

**V3** O flowing waters, pure and clear  
Make music for your Lord to hear  
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
O fire so masterful and bright  
Providing us with warmth and light

**V4** Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfolds rich blessings on our way  
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,  
Let them his praise abundant show

**V7** Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness  
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!  
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

**Refrain** Oh praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Sending**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

**Have a Blessed Week!**

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