



The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

A Service of Morning Prayer
Sunday, November 22, 10:15 am

Welcome

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors of St. Timothy's. Thank you for joining us for our worship service.

Opening Sentence

Psalm 105:1

O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Liturgical Greeting

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever Amen.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

A Song of Praise

Canticle P, Revelation 22:12-17

“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,
“and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.”
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.

“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A Reading from Exodus.

In an old stump of a tree, like the family tree of Jesse, there will be a new green shoot, and the shoot will grow into a branch. The branch will be the Messiah, and the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him. He will be wise and understanding. He will be strong and confident and know and love the ways of God. He won't judge a person by what he hears about them or by what they look like. He will see poor people through God's eyes and will always be on the side of the powerless people. The wicked people had better watch out when he's around. He'll wear goodness and faithfulness like we wear coats and hats. Amazing things will happen – wolves will be friends with little lambs. Leopards will get along with the goats. Calves and lions will play together. And a little child will be in charge of them all. Cows and bears will share the pasture. And their babies will take naps side by side. Lions will eat hay like oxen do. Babies will play with snakes and the snakes won't bite them. There won't be any pain anymore, and all the earth will be covered with knowing God, just like the waters of the sea cover the earth. And that branch from Jesse's family tree will be a hero to all the people of the earth. Kings will wonder who he is, and wherever the Messiah is, that place will be beautiful.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Be happy in God, everyone.
With joy in your hearts, serve God and sing as you serve God.
Know this: The Lord is God.
You made us, God, and we belong to you.
We are your people. We are the sheep in your pasture.
We will sing your praise whenever we come before you.
You are good, God, and your mercy never ends.
You will be faithful year after year after year.

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes again with all the angels, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Everyone on earth will stand before him. And he'll separate them from each other like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then he'll say, ‘The kingdom is yours. Come. When I was hungry, you fed me. And when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink of water. You welcomed me when I didn't know anyone. When I needed clothing, you gave me some. You took care of me when I was sick and visited me in prison.’ They'll answer him, ‘Lord, we never saw you. When did we see you hungry or thirsty? And when did we see you were a stranger or needed clothes. And when were you sick or in prison. When did we see you and help you?’ And he will answer them, ‘I'm telling you, when you helped the very least of my people, you helped me.’ Then he will say to the others, ‘Get out of my sight; when I was hungry and thirsty, you gave me nothing to

eat or drink. When I was a stranger, you turned your head the other way, and didn't make sure I had clothing. You didn't visit me when I was sick or in prison.' Just like the others, they asked, 'When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or alone or naked or sick and in prison. When did we NOT help you?' And the son of Man will answer them, 'This is what it comes down to – when you didn't help one of my people, you did not help me. Those who did will live forever, but you will be gone from my sight.'”

After the reading

Deacon Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Abigail Livingood

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Deacon Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Litanist For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements / Minute for Mission

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

Prayer of Peace

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From the United Church of Christ

Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Today's readings are from God's Word, Our Voice, A Lectionary for Children by Lyn Zill Briggs.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
You are welcome join us - staying on this link - for coffee half-hour.

2ND OFFERING PARTNER

Our 2nd Offering partner is St. Timothy's Preschool!

Thank you for your generosity as we continue to serve them in their efforts to educate, inspire, and engage the children enrolled.



Saint Timothy's
Preschool



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

Together for JOY

We appreciate your response to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign and are grateful for your continued commitment.

If you have yet to turn in your pledge card for the coming year, please return it as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Wachter, our bookkeeper, at 515.225.2020 or accounting@sttimothyiowa.org

CHURCHES OUTREACH GROUP (COG) KIDS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE UPDATE



Due to the pandemic, West Des Moines Human Services has revamped this year's Children's Shopping Spree. They are asking for donations to purchase gift cards and presents which they will coordinate internally. This process was put in place to keep everyone safe. Your generosity is much appreciated!

• **Donations** needed by **December 1**. Make your check out to St. Timothy's, mark COG Christmas Shopping Spree in the memo line and mail it to the church: 1020 24th Street, WDM 50266.

Questions? Contact Rosemary Drake at dhd36@eq.com

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For or those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;

For those who are sick or in need of healing: Rosemary, Marty, Jovan, Kris, Troy, Lu, Mary, Sophia and Suzanne;

For those celebrating a birthday: Hailey Sandblom, Logan Krantz, Skye Slocum, Zohntay Proffitt, and Norah Burkhiser Reynolds;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Katy & Nik Pappas;

For those to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Jessie & Andrew (Marshall), Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Molly & Joe (Brennan);

For our 2nd Offering Partner in November: St. Timothy's Preschool; and

For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially Archbishop Samuel and Bishop Richard and their families.

FORMATION

4th & 5th Grade Bible Class: We are doing lessons virtually on Sunday mornings from 11:15-12:00.

6th Grade Faith in Action: As we expand our formation gatherings for young people, 6th graders have begun gathering online. As above, for more information, contact Heather Preston.

Wednesday Lectionary Reflection and Discussions for the season of Advent We are moving to 7 AM beginning November 25 and continuing through December 16th. We will meet to talk about the lessons over your first cup of coffee or tea on ZOOM. Look for the Zoom link and support pieces on Mondays in your email and on our Friends of St. Timothy's page.



Any questions? Contact Abigail Livingood at discovery@sttimothyiowa.org

Books, Brew & Banter: We meet on Fridays from 10:00-11:30 am via Zoom. If you'd like to join, please let Jeanie know and she'll send you the invitation. We have begun discussing Tim Bascom's *Climbing Lessons: Stories of Fathers, Sons and the Bond Between*. Tim will be joining our discussion via Zoom on November 20th. To see the range of books we've read, our reviews, and the books we are considering reading together, visit our blog at sttimsbbb.blogspot.com.

GIVING

While we are unable to worship together, we can still share the generous spirit that permeates our community. Here are ways you can continue to give:

Online:

www.sttimothyiowa.org/giving
Pledge, 2nd Offering & More

By Mail:

Regular Pledging/2nd Offering
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
1020 24th Street, West Des Moines IA 50266

OFFICE HOURS & ACCESS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ACCESS TO THE OFFICE WILL BE LIMITED TO STAFF. VISITORS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL VISITS AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. If you have key or key card access to the building, we ask that you come in only after office hours unless an appointment is made.

ALL VISITORS TO OUR BUILDING ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS.
Currently, our offices are closed. The office phone is staffed from 9 am to noon, Tuesday through Thursday Messages will be returned as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care Emergencies can be called in to 515-225-2020, ext. 400.

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OUR SERVICES

The health and safety of our worshipers and of those who participate in conducting services is of critical importance to Clergy and Leadership at Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church and School.
To ensure all involved are safe we are:

- Holding services via internet until we can safely gather again in person;
- Strictly observing CDC social distancing guidelines in any recorded sessions; and
 - Recording readers, musicians, and vocalists only as necessary.





ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER! BELOW IS OUR PLANNED SCHEDULE FOR LIVE-STREAMED SERVICES.
PLEASE CHECK BACK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION EACH WEEK AS WE GET CLOSER.

ADVENT 1 ~ NOVEMBER 29, 10:15 AM
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 2 ~ DECEMBER 6, 10:15 AM
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 3 ~ DECEMBER 13, 10:15 AM
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 4 ~ DECEMBER 20, 10:15 AM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE
DECEMBER 21, 7 PM
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 5 PM
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS 1 ~ DECEMBER 27, 10:15 AM
CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 31
5 PM WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS 2 ~ JANUARY 3, 10:15 AM
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST