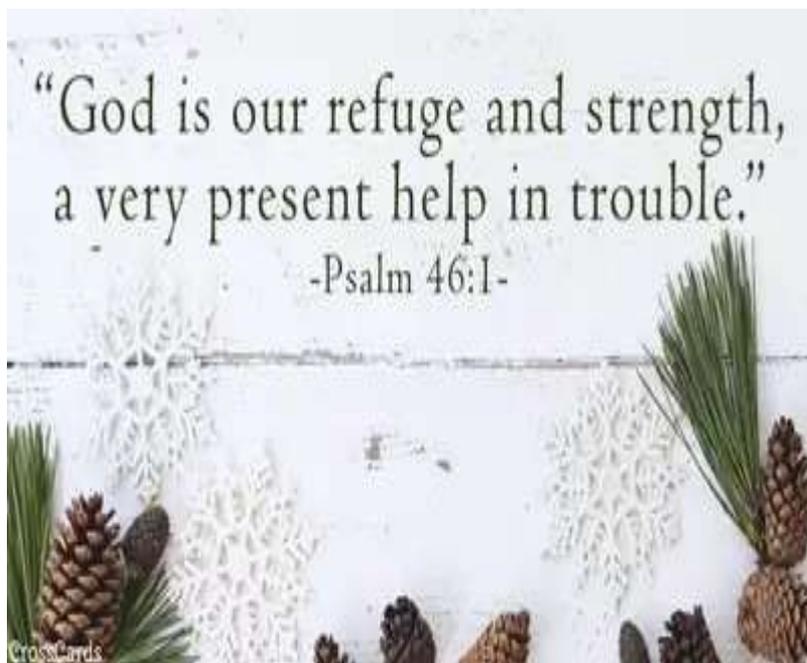


**A SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD
AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**Christ the King
November 20, 2022**



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Welcome to Worship at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

We thank God you have found your way here and hope and trust that your worship experience today will be meaningful and uplifting. We welcome all persons to our worship and to our communion table.

We welcome infants and children as participants in our worship. At the back of the sanctuary, is our kid's shelf containing some activities such as coloring books, if needed. The sound of little ones during worship is joyous and welcomed.

Restrooms are available downstairs (at the California Ave. entrance) or down the hall on the right.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the guest book, and feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or fellow worshiper if you have any questions.

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PRAISE: *House of the Lord (WB #20)*
My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness (WB #31)

WELCOME

GATHERING

P: We gather in the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all

your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (ELW #634)*

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah

L: ¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters age and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in
the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A Reading from Colossians

L: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Gospel Acclamation (ELW #174)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SERMON, TEXTS, ETC.

We invite any questions that are generated from any of the readings or from the sermon.

SERMON NOTES _____

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Holy God We Praise Your Name* (ELW #414)

CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*Or, "Christian" or "Universal"

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. As the offering is collected, we sing:

SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and True,
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
(repeat)**

During this time, the table is set. Feel free to come forward from the Assembly to the Alter Rail if you are in need of extra prayer.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands and gifts are brought forward.

**Lord, prepare me to be a testimony, pure and holy, tried and True,
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living testimony for you.**

**Lord, prepare me to be a missionary, pure and holy, tried and True,
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living missionary for you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

A: In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

A: There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

A: No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

LORD'S PRAYER

P: In the power of Christ we stand and pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. All are welcome.

COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to come forward to receive communion at the ushers' invitation. Communion will be by intinction. Please receive the bread (body) and dip it in the wine (blood).

Please let the pastor know if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or if you would like individually packaged communion.

You are invited to bring forward infants and children who do not yet receive the sacrament to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG: (You are My) All in All (WB #32)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Glory Let There be Peace (WB #26)*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join us in the Narthex after worship today for refreshments and fellowship.

ANGEL TREE

We will be supporting children at Holy Family Institute this Christmas with an Angel Tree in the back of the sanctuary. On the back of each is their name, age, and item(s) that they would like. Place them in a gift bag, attach the Angel to the outside, and return it back to church asap. **Please do not wrap gifts.** If you have any questions, please see Jan Krepp.



Place your orders for poinsettias for the altar this Christmas Season. See the insert for more information.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11, after worship. We urge you to attend.



SOCKS 'N SOUP



A sock and soup collection has been organized by one of our former substitute organists, Kathy Chavka. Please bring new socks for men and women and any type of canned soup to the Church before December 4 and Patty Petrusch will deliver them to Kathy's church.



JESUS AND ME (JAM) WEDNESDAYS

Hey Kids! Join us on Wednesdays after school for help with homework assignments, and after enjoy snacks, activities, crafts, etc. We not only help you understand life and its lessons, but we will feed you dinner to boot!



Have your family come at 5:45 for a hot meal and stay for worship at 6:30.



Our services are now being live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. They will be happening live at 10 on YouTube. To find it, simply go to YouTube and search Brighton Heights Lutheran Church. Once it is live, it will show up on the channel. If you subscribe to the Brighton Heights Lutheran Church YouTube Channel, you can choose to be notified when we go live. The worship services will also be on YouTube after the service concludes.

Also, please check out our helpful links sheet in the back of church.

Download our church app here!

<https://tithely.app.link/brighton-heights-lutheran-church>



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: The family of Beth Mullens on her passing

The Mayer family on the loss of their family member

SHUT-IN: Bonnie Furman, Betty Lou Moore, Susan Spriggs, Michelle Anderson



FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Chad Lowe, Roy, Janice & Forest Engleman, Skip Lugaila, Donna Erdner, Tony Lesick, Tommy Mulder, Pat Donovan-Tomei, Alyssa Cammarata, Rich O'Donnell, Frank Sobien, Jerry Smith, Tracy Bair, Alek Fink, Dan Cutter, Keri Zipay, Jerrick Dorsey, Calista Frost, Vanessa, Jonathan & Ken Johnson, Flo Morrow, Brenda Burns, Richard Kendall, Tom Harmon, Georgia Kotula, Opal Kunz, Marcey Mephs, Diane C., Carol Martinez, Mary Ellen Still, Julianna Eddina, Elmer Lichauer, Scott Fink, Chantelle, Luke Recker, Melissa Stapinsky, Bob Haller, Ryan Yesenchak, Seth McClarey, Cindy Roby, Jim Christopher, Vicki Reed, Chuck DeJohn, Beverly Ohemeng, Kaylee Stewart, Alexis Friend, Bonnie Turkovich, Frank Capaci, Sue O'Connell, Rev. Bill White, Brie & Sean O'Rourke, Cheri, Patty Strahosky, Bev Chenault, Stacey Dorsey, Diane & Michael Scott, and all those in need of God's healing touch

FOR HEALTH AND STRENGTH: Julia Ruth Carr, newborn daughter of Brad & Erica, Sadie Godby (18mo), Lilyana Kline (1mo)

SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Erik Kunkle, James Thompson, Matthew McPaul, Jason Fullmer, Jason Cole, Jessie Strickland, Jacob S., and All Members of our Military, Law Enforcement & First Responders

Please keep those who live in the path of the recent storms in your prayers for safety, comfort and recovery.

Please pray for those who are on these lists as well as those who also need prayers that are not listed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11/20 9:00am Reading the Bible in a Year
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship in the Narthex
- 11/21 6:16pm Final ALPHA Discussion
- 11/24 Thankful & Grateful
- 11/25 Church Office Closed
- 11/27 ADVENT Begins
9:00am Reading the Bible in a Year
10:00am Worship
- 11/30 Jesus and Me Wednesday
3:15pm AFTERSCHOOL Program
Activities for Kids
5:45pm Community Family Dinner
6:30pm Worship

WEEKLY SERVERS

	Nov 20	Nov 27
Usher/Greeter:	Bob Fink	Patty Petrusch
Acolyte:	Michael Scott	TBD
Lector:	Shane Lundy	Bernie Lundy
Communion Presenters:	Steve & Jan Krepp	Opal Kunz & Patty Ireland
Communion Helper:	Patty Petrusch	Jan Krepp

Thanks to all who take part in worship leadership. If you are not listed and want to serve, please phone the church office.

Text for Next Week: Matthew 24:36-44

Thank you for worshipping with us.