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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 20, 2011

“He has this name: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:16)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 27, page 129 (red hymnal)

OPENING HYMN: 748 (Worship Supplement) “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

A Service of Word and Sacrament (page 12 in The Worship Supplement)

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

Jesus, our heavenly King, is also our tender Shepherd. Jesus rules over us in His power and love, forgiving us and restoring us when we have strayed from Him.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 27

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **THOUGH AN ARMY BESIEGE ME, MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR; THOUGH WAR BREAK OUT AGAINST ME, EVEN THEN WILL I BE CONFIDENT.**

L: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.

C: **FOR IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE HE WILL KEEP ME SAFE IN HIS DWELLING; HE WILL HIDE ME IN THE SHELTER OF HIS TABERNACLE AND SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK.**

L: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

C: **TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD; LEAD ME IN A STRAIGHT PATH BECAUSE OF MY OPPRESSORS.**

L: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

C: **WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Christ, our King, defeated Satan, sin, death, and hell for us. Jesus is our living God who rules over us and all things together with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed (page 15 in The Worship Supplement)

Children's sermon

HYMN 769 (Worship Supplement) “Lift High the Cross”

THE SERMON: Matthew 27:27-31

“WHAT KIND OF KING IS THIS?!”

The Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)

The Offering

HYMN 757 (Worship Supplement) “Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”

Special Prayers, The General Prayer, The Lord's Prayer (Remain seated.)

The Benediction (page 21 in the Worship Supplement)

CLOSING HYMN: 738 (Worship Supplement) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (Remain standing.)

WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY: SOUTH PASADENA SERVICE: 7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY: SCHOOL is OUT AT NOON. NO MIDWEEK BIBLE HOUR.

THURSDAY: THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE at 10:00 AM.

FRIDAY: (No school)

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY is THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16b, 17; 64:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; and Matthew 13:32-37.

WE WILL DECORATE the SANCTURAY for CHRISTMAS on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE is at 5:00 PM. Please let the pastor know right away if your children will or will not be taking part in our CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM.

CHURCH ICE SKATING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 3:00-5:00 PM, WINTER LODGE, 3009 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD, PALO ALTO; ADMISSION: \$8.00, SKATE RENTAL: \$4.00.

OUR SYNOD'S GENERAL FUND BALANCE is -\$38,495.00 The OCTOBER REPORT is in the NARTHEX.