



***Nurturing Faith...***  
*Every Day in Every Way*

November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Psalm 95:1-7a  
 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Matthew 25:31-46

***Christ the King Sunday***

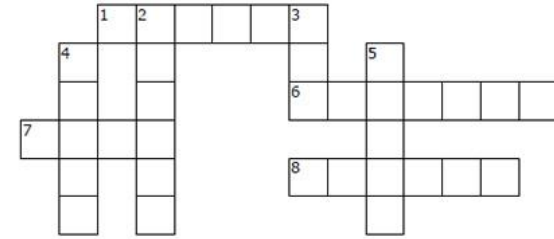
Helloooo friends! Today is the last day of our church year. If we were or are gathering in our church buildings, we would notice something different in our sanctuaries. The long green season of the time after Pentecost has passed and today, we would be using white for our primary color. We are getting ready to move into our Advent season, the season before Christmas but first, we have today to celebrate someone very special, Christ, our King. Who do you know that wears a crown? A king or queen wears a crown. Being a king is different from being the president of a country. A president is elected by the people, but a king is not elected, he is born to be king. King is a title that is passed on in the royal family to the first-born son.

Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way. It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the main event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!" I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king.

You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served. During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth -- it is in heaven.

Gracious God, we thank you for sending your Son to be our Lord and King. Help us today, and every day, to honor him, and follow his will for our life. We pray in the mighty name of King Jesus. Amen.

***Crossword Puzzle***



**ACROSS**

1. A special chair used by a king or queen
6. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
7. A man who rules a country
8. A place where people are kept as a punishment

**DOWN**

2. To feel a desire or need for food
3. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it
4. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
5. To go to spend time with someone

EAT	THIRSTY	HUNGRY	PRISON
VISIT	KING	THRONE	DRINK

**Activity:** Christ, our King did not wear a traditional crown, but a crown of thorns. If you could make a crown for Jesus, what would it look like? Using a template that can be found on the internet, [www.template.net/business/paper-templates/paper-crown](http://www.template.net/business/paper-templates/paper-crown) design your own crown for Jesus.

**Discussion Question** If you were king/queen for a day, what would be your first new rule? How do you think you would treat people? What would you change?

**Family Table Prayer for November:**

God you provide all that we need, your blessings are all around. Help us to open our eyes to all that you do and where your love can be found. Amen.

**November Memory Verse:** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell everyone of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35

