



Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
November 21, 2021 @ 10:00 am

## **Church of The Cross**

*475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*  
*(847) 885-1199*

*Welcome all ~ Share God's Love ~ Offer Hope ... all in Jesus' name!*

## WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE “Autumn” *by W Stickles* Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “Now Thank We All Our God” *Johann Crüger*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> Pastor Julie

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.**

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, "Thank you!"  
to the One who loves us.

**We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *GTG #367*

CALL TO CONFESSION Stu R.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1/2</sup>

**Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.**

**Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONDING TO GRACE “Day by Day” *K Sandell-Berg, W D Young words—Richard of Chichester*

**Day by day, day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray.**

**To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.**

**Day by day by day by day by day.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

## SHARE GOD'S LOVE

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Stu R.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Power of Love

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*GTG #267*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>1/2</sup>

Stu R.

**From the beginning of time to the end of eternity, the Almighty God chose to use God's power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as God's people. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords became weak so He could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with His resurrection. Spirit of God who rests upon us uses divine power to enflame us with God's peace. This is the peace which touches us with grace and fills us with hope, the very hope which leads to God's Eternal Kingdom.**

**God of Abundant Love and Grace, in this season we praise You for the fruits of the earth, for springtime and harvest. As the seasons turn, we know You are with us through all of life's challenges and changes. In times of scarcity, may we discover a double portion of Your grace made known to us. In times of hardship, may we unveil a double portion of forgiveness and love. In times of struggle, may we share with others your double portion of hope and justice. Abundant God, shower us and our world with Your grace, peace, and joy. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks to the Lord”

*Johann Crüger*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stu R.

*CLOSING HYMN	“For the Fruit of All Creation”	<i>GTG #36</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Now Thank We All Our God”	<i>Johann Crüger</i>
*POSTLUDE	”Marche Pontificale” by <i>C.F. Gounod</i>	Robert K.

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<sup>2</sup>Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

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*Prayer*  
REQUESTS


**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**Steve A** (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)  
**Connie & Ed** (friends of Karen)  
**Beth B** (Stu R's sister)  
**Kevin B** (Joe L's co-worker/friend)  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Susan B**  
**Sushma B**  
**Andree C**  
**Connie** (Karen F's friend)  
**Chuck C** (Laura D's brother)  
**Patrick C** (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)  
**Renee C** (Laura's sister-in-law)  
**Jim C** (Mary Ann's son-in-law)  
**Tom C** (Ann M's brother-in-law)  
**Sabina C** (Adelaide's sister-in-law)  
**Betty D** (Marie R's cousin)  
**Cecily** (Laura D)  
**Linda D** (Jim/ Sue's relative)  
**Betty F** (Chris L's mother)  
**Abby F** (Chris/Mike's granddaughter)  
**Donna F** (Jim/Sue's aunt)  
**Karen F**  
**Adelaide G**  
**Bruce & Linda G** (friends of Stu/Marie)

**Nick G** (Stu/Marie's grandson)  
**Rita H** (Jim/Ann's relative)  
**Jack H** (friend of Mike/ Chris L)  
**James & Sandra** (friends of John/Cheryl)  
**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)  
**Charlie K**  
**José K** (Adelaide's friend)  
**Chris L**  
**Pam L**  
**Phyllis L**  
**Luca** (Ann S's grandson)  
**Crisann M** (friend of Mike/Chris L)  
**Judy M**  
**Klee M** (Fritz/Fay's son)  
**Kofi M** (Adelaide's family friend)  
**Lisa M** (Karen's daughter)  
**Steve M**  
**George R**  
**Tom R** (Sue Li.'s brother)  
**Ann & Geoff S**  
**Ralph T** (Jim/Sue's friend)  
**Larry V** (Jim V's father)  
**Carter W** (Dave W's grandson)  
**Caregivers**  
**People devastated by terrorism**  
**Our world and all affected by COVID-19**  
**Those who grieve**



## LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study. We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join.



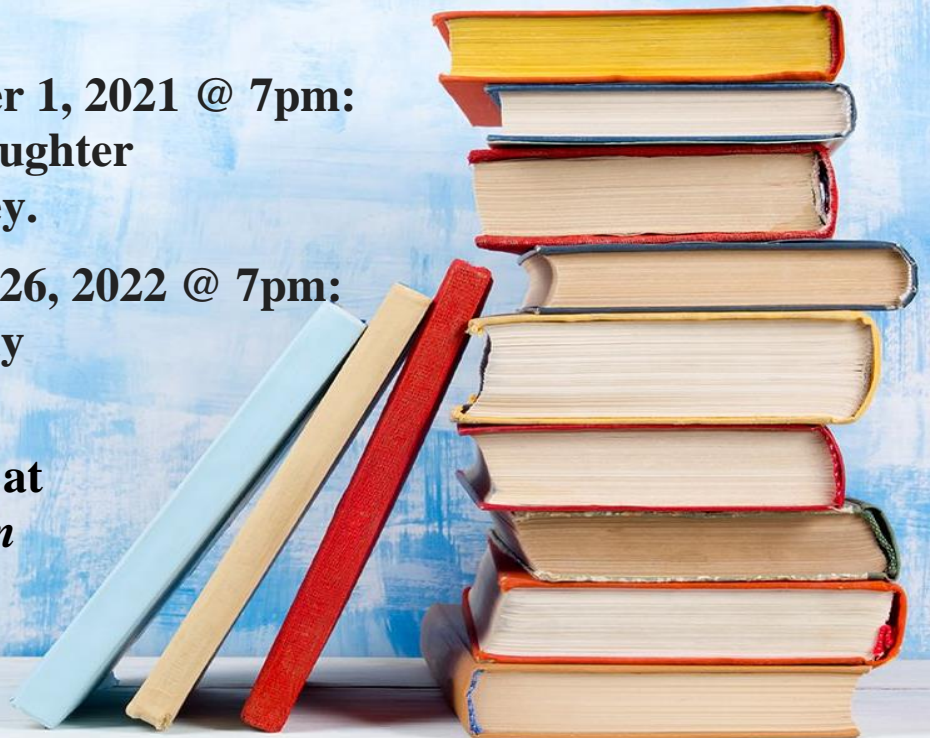
November 24	Luke 21:25-36; Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 1	NO CLASS ~ Julie on vacation
December 8	Luke 3:7-18; Zephaniah 3:14-20

## ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 7pm:  
**The Firekeeper's Daughter**  
by Angeline Boulley.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 7pm:  
**The Lincoln Highway**  
by Amor Towles

Please email Judie at  
[judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com)  
for Zoom details





## **POINSETTIA SALE**

**Purchases can be  
made on Sundays in  
the Narthex on  
November 21,  
November 28 &  
December 5.**

**\$15 per Poinsettia**

## **CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

**We are collecting donations  
to provide Aldi's Gift Cards for  
Lakeview Elementary School  
families that are in need.**

**Please make checks payable to COTC  
and indicate "Christmas Gift Card" in  
the memo line.**

**Donations will be accepted through  
Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**





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