

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Christ the King



Even after Israel had experienced the corruption of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to

which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshiping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion: *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

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+GATHERING+

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. C Amen.

P Let us come in truth before the God who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Pause for silent reflection.

C **Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. Through him, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (ELW 858)



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.**

KYRIE



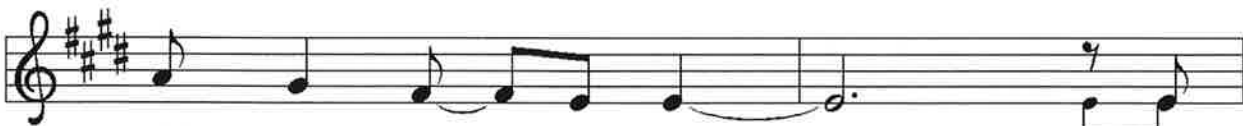
Refrain
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and king forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P The holy gospel according to John. **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” The gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church we confess our faith. **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 the dead. 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A The response to today's petitions is: receive our prayer.

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Allison Barone 11/29

Gavin Barone 11/29

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you 2x

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

+MEAL+

OFFERING: *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

...with every breath. C We praise you, O God.

...into the future. C We bless you, O God.

...with us now. C We thank you, O God.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

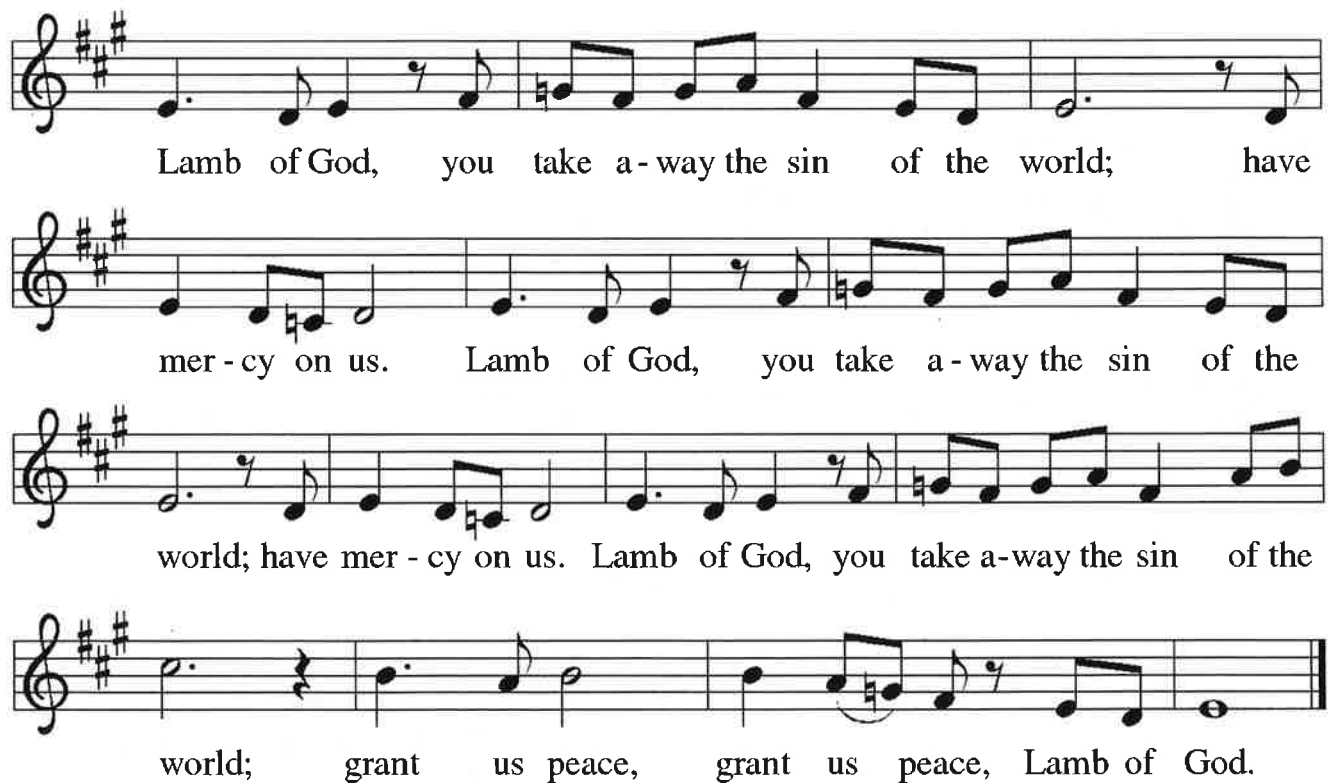
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (ELW 502)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

SENDING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **C Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 soon and ver - y soon

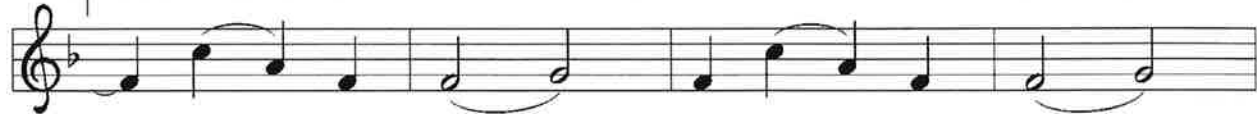


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C** Thanks be to God.

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

To portray Christ as King certainly does not mean that we think of Christ as up in the sky controlling the world by invisible strings or undetectable ray guns. To speak of Christ as King is a matter of faith. Often the hard facts about our world seem to deny our faith's picture of Christ as King. Hate seems stronger than love. Conflict is more prevalent than peace. Lies win out over truth. Pain often overshadows happiness. Yet the Bible readings point us beyond the world as it is to the world of faith. Christ our King has made himself one of us. Christ is not only King; Christ is our Friend, our Brother, our Lover. Whatever suffering our King permits or decrees for us, he suffers with us. In faith we can see beyond hate and conflict and lies and pain to Christ the King. Sometime, in some way, our King will work things out for good. In some way, at some time, we can hope that evil and destruction will be completely subdued.—*Kathe Wilcox and Milton Crum*

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle ~ Saturday, November 30, 2024

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

**Announcements for the week of
November 24, 2024**

*Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Eugene Ebersberger by his family*

*The Sanctuary Candle for November is given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Arthur Hagner, her husband & her father Archie Ruland by Joan Hagner.*

~ Please join us for an extended coffee hour to celebrate Natalie and A.J. Mangiaracina on Sunday December 1st in the Pastor's Lounge.

~ Zoom Bible Study ~ Please join us on Zoom as we study Luke. The last class will be this Monday, November 25th.

~ Please note that there will be a **Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 27, 2024** at 7:30 pm. There will be no Wholeness and Healing service this month.



~ Join us on Tuesday evenings (Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th) for a mid-week service at 7:30 pm as we celebrate the season of Advent.

~St. Stephen's **Annual Supper and Advent Wreath Event** will be on December 1, 2024. It will be at 5:30 pm in the Pastor's Lounge. Please complete the form on the table in the Narthex.



~ St. Stephen's **cookie decorating with "procrastibaking"** by Paige will be held on December 15th following our Sunday service. You will learn how to decorate 4 different Christmas themed cookies. The cost is \$40 per person. Please complete the form on the table in the Narthex.

~ A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial/in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored/memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at (516) 931-0710.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK (November 25th - December 1st)

Today	Christ the King
	9:30 am Holy Communion
Monday	7:00 pm Bible Study - Luke
Tuesday	7:00 pm <i>Back to Basics (AA)</i>
Wednesday	7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	Thanksgiving - office closed
Friday	Office closed
Next Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent	
	9:30 am Holy Communion

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday, 9:30 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Vicki Maxey
LECTOR:	Tyler LaVorgna
ACOLYTE:	Gavin Barone
USHERS:	Kevin Barcavage & John Musi
ACCOMPANIST	Mason Griffin & Gregory Hunter
GREETER:	Maureen O'Brien
AUDIO/VISUAL:	Tyler LaVorgna
ALTAR GUILD:	Bill & Lauren Artus

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Bill Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Roger Engert

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn)
William Stanton (cousin of Kellie Barone)

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Cheryl Glasini (friend of the Ahlers-Pendas family)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Lowe (friend of the Staton family)

Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Sarah Motyka (friend of the Maurer family)

Megan Mudd (friend of the Staton family)

Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)

John Sheridan (friend of Bob and Nan Maurer)

**~The family and friends who mourn the loss of Bruce Eberhardt*