

4th Sunday of End Time - Christ the King - November 21, 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing you praise. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD, P. 38

OPENING HYMN - 195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who was and is and evermore shall be.
- 3 Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

- **M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- **M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.
- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
- **M:** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Daniel 7:13,14

I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

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Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great are the works of the Lord.

My heart is stirred by a <u>no</u>ble theme* as I recite my verses <u>for</u> the King.

You are the most excel<u>lent</u> of men,* and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O <u>Mighty</u> One;* clothe yourself with splendor and <u>majesty</u>.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and <u>ev</u>er;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate <u>wick</u>edness;* therefore God has anointed you with the <u>oil</u> of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;* therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON – Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Revelation 22:13

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON – John 18:33-37

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ "You are a king then?" Pilate asked. Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY - 217 The Head that Once Was Crowned

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now; A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right, The King of kings and Lord of lords And heav'n's eternal light,

- 3 The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below To whom he manifests his love And grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n; Their name, an everlasting name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; They reign with him above, Their profit and their joy, to know The myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him; His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN - CW 341 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall; Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - CW 496 Glorious in Majesty

1 Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Savior and our King.
Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him;
Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.
Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.

- 2 Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness, Dying and rising from the dead. Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us; We are the body, he the head. Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus. Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.
- 3 One in love, as family, Living with each other. Gladly we share each other's pain. Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning, Taking us back with him to reign. Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom. Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus. Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.

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Thank you for worshiping with us! God bless your week.

| This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ | | |
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| Today | 9:30 AM 10:30 AM | Sunday School Worship |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM | No School / No Catechism Thanksgiving Eve Worship |
| Saturday | | OS Day at Dime & Dollar |
| Sunday 11/2 8 | 9:30 AM 10:30 AM | Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion |

<u>Pastoral Call</u> Voters issued a Divine Call to Pastor Jonathan Loescher. During his deliberation, please pray for him, his family, and the congregation of believers at Bethany in Hustisford, WI, whose lives are also touched by this call.



<u>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</u> Join us to worship and give thanks to our gracious God on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, at 7:00 PM.

<u>Altar Flowers</u> Thank you to the family of Gordon Schubring for sharing flowers from his funeral. Blessed be his memory.

NLHS Fruit Sale Order forms are in the narthex and must be returned to Northland LHS by Dec. 1.

<u>Asleep in Jesus</u> We offer our sincere sympathy to Gordy Mathwich, Kelly & David Schultz, Marie & Travis Kurth, and their families. Gordy's mother, Jeanette Mathwich, Kelly's mother, Violet Clark, and Marie's father, Rev. Russel Kobs, were called home to heaven a week ago. Christian funerals were held on Saturday. Blessed be their memories.

Snow Removal Please sign up in the narthex or speak with Bill Unruh if you're willing to help. Your help is appreciated.

2022 God's Creation Calendars We have extras of these beautiful calendars in the narthex. Cost is \$7.00. Please make checks out to Our Savior's.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) Come join us for our OWLS Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 14th at 12 noon at Our Saviors. Cost will be \$12 per person. This luncheon is open to anyone who wants to come, not just OWLS members. So we know how many to plan for, please contact Ruth at (715)-573-2142 by Friday December 10th to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there.

November *Forward in Christ* has arrived. Pick up a copy today! It was delayed due to a paper shortage and other publishing problems.

<u>Pick Up Your Free Advent Devotions</u> Martin Luther College has provided free Advent devotions booklets for our members and friends. Devotions begin Dec. 1.

Youth Group Outing Mountain of the Lord Youth Group (ages 13–18) will meet at the Schuch's house (227655 Fall Circle) on **Saturday, Nov 28**th **from 2-5 pm**. We will be hiking on Rib Mountain. Please bring a snack to share with the group.

Youth/Youth Groups from area churches are invited and encouraged to join us! For questions or to sign up, please contact James Weiland, james.r.weiland@gmail.com or 262.224.2769.

Christmas Wishes

As in past years, Our Savior's has adopted a family through the Women's Community "Christmas Wishes" program. The Women's Community serves victims of abuse. We have been assigned a young family of six who have very basic clothing needs (shoes, socks, underwear, pajamas, gloves, sweatshirts). The children also have simple toy, art and book wishes. While we don't have to buy everything on the list, it would be nice to gift them with necessities plus a few fun items.

Please consider giving in the freewill offering basket in the narthex today, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. Thank you.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Attendance: Worship – 65, Online Worship – 37, Total = 101 Bible Class – 19

Serving Today: Minister – Pastor Andrew Franzo, Organist – Gail Gumtz



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