



Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2021

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries 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.

(*please stand as you are able)

(Congregation reads **bold** print)

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

***Hymn** "Come thou almighty King" #408

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign 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.

Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As 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.

¹⁰A 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.

¹³As 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.

¹⁴To 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading: Revelations 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation -- p. 102**

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord**

Gospel: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate 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?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Pilate 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. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day "O Christ, what can it mean for us" #431

***Apostles Creed**

**I believe in one 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**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

May the peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Offering and *Offering Prayer

Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Holy, Holy, Holy** p. 144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer** p. 145

***Invitation to Communion**

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

Communion (continuous)

Come forward in the center aisle, distancing as desired. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Move to the right or left to receive the wine. Return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available in the container in front of the font.

Those who wish to be served at their seats or use the individual pre-packaged elements at their seats may stand to hear the words for individual distribution.

Distribution Hymns: #838 -Beautiful Savior; #487 – What feast of love

***Prayer after Communion**

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

***Blessing**

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✚ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn** "Soon and very soon" #439

***Dismissal**

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Baptized believers sent into God's world to share God's love and grace.

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Welcome! May you be blessed as we worship together!

Pr. Kelley can be reached at 402-750-9944 (cell).

Blake Stratton is still collecting money for new hymnals. Let him know if you are interested in purchasing any!

The Giving Tree is up with names from Community Action Agency and Lutheran Services in Iowa.

- After you select a name tag, please record your name in the notebook next to the tree, in the corresponding number of the name tag.
- The name tag records the name or code letter, age, clothing sizes and gift suggestions.
- The gifts from LSI are not to be wrapped (this should be indicated on the tag).
- Please return gifts to the church by Sunday, December 12.
- Any questions, contact Gloria Healy, 873-5107.

As we transition to shorter bulletins and using the screens, please let Sadie Robbins know if you need a full bulletin going forward.

This Week's Events: Nov 21-27

Sun. Nov 21	9:00am	Christ the King Sunday
	7:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service hosted at Trinity Lutheran
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.	7:00pm	AA Meeting (Contact person is Larry S., 712-251-4207)
Wed.	10:00am	Adult Bible Study (If another time works better, please share that with Pr. Kelley.)
	3:30-5pm	Kid's Zone (through grade 6)
	6:00-7:15p	Confirmation

Upcoming Events:

Sun. Nov 28 9:00am **First Sunday of Advent**

Worship Assistants for November:

Organist: Ruth Chartier	Altar Guild: Cindy & Gail Ploen
Scripture Reader: Lisa Rippke	Offertory Accountants: Kim Steffen & Denny Bain
Tech Assistants: Casey & Jill Stratton	
Acolyte: Lexi Gilbert	Crucifer: Natalie Stamm

Birthdays: 21-Cody Kennedy, Ray Ruberg; 22-Susan Christiansen, Mark Kennedy; 23-Mike Hannah, Schott Rumohr; 24-Annette Alfredson; 26-Alan Koehler; 27-Gina Jepsen

Prayers

At Air Guard Tech. School in Biloxi, MI: Blake Morgan

For those battling cancer: Harry Kloewer-hospice; Denise Arpino-treatment; Doug Dahlke-PET scan came back clear; **Brad Pautsch (Cindy Ploen's brother)-started his immunizations** Michelle Stovie (Harry Kloewer's daughter)-chemo, PET scan at the end of October

We also pray for **Norma Thies-meeting with hospice**; Talon Penning (Kara Koehn's brother)-life flighted to Sioux Falls with covid pneumonia; Carla Boggs; Jon Kleemeier-rehab at home; Barb Kunkel; Drake Malm; **Tucker Malm (10-yr old)-Crohn's, doing well at home while waiting for surgery**; Kelly Martin; Paula Roling; Kereen Swanger-recovering from stroke; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of COVID-19, extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all that donated & helped to compile LWR kits--our final count this year was 28 school kits and 34 personal care kits. Next year, starting in the summer, we'll set a goal to expand our outreach to possibly include quilts or additional kits. Check out <https://lwr.org/kits> and <https://www.ghm.org/handson-project-instructions> for more information!

On Ushers' Table:

- Children's bulletins
 - Lutheran Disaster Response - US Wildfires information, Haiti earthquake relief
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Pay the Weigh

Feeding Hungry People in Western Iowa

Who: Everyone! Church council, ministry teams, men, women, young & old!

When: Now through November 30, 2021

What: Just for fun--

1) weigh yourself, a group, include the dog or a neighbor or two

2) raise/contribute the amount of your total weight or round up...WAY UP!

**It is not your weight, but a fun way to raise dollars and feed our neighbors.

The money will be equally divided to each of the six conferences in Western Iowa. Each conference will disperse the funds to local foodbanks, food pantries, and community meals that all provide food to those who are in need. You know the needs in your community!

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: The Altar Guild is seeking additional members to help with communion, etc. during the months of June & October. Please reach out to Susan Christiansen (cell: 870-4378) to volunteer or if you have additional questions!

God's Work. Our gifts. Thank you to all who support our ministry!

Electronic giving	\$ 142.50
Mission Support	\$ 30.00
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$1,154.00</u>
Total	\$1,326.50

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