



November 22, 2020

Christ the King

Never could there be a king like Christ, our king. Beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and in eternity. Incomparably great therefore is also our joy in worshipping him even now as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.



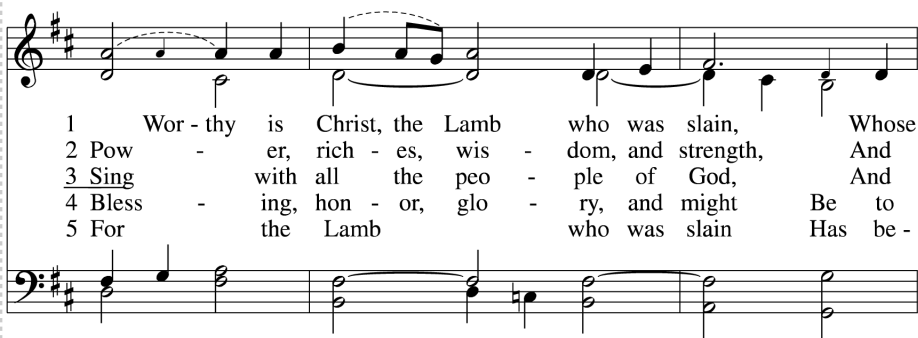
Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

Refrain

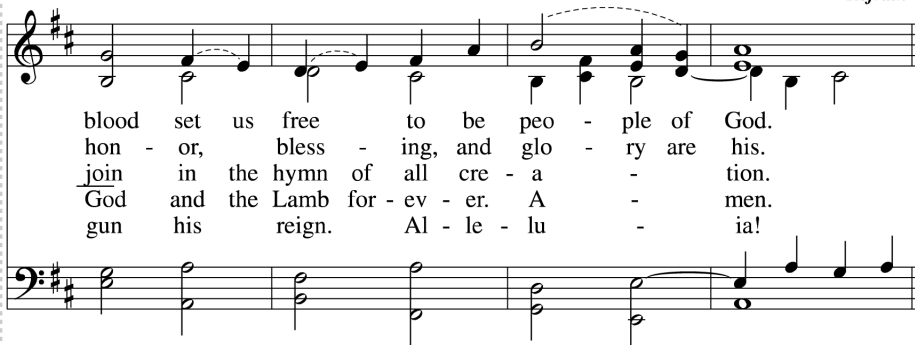

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Alternate *Song of Praise*, pp. 16, 28, 39

FESTIVAL CANTICLE
Irregular with Refrain

HAND BELLS

(9:30 am)

OPENING HYMN

This Is the Feast of Victory

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STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

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.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24 (NIV84)

“ ‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

PSALM 47

read responsively by the pastor and congregation

Clap your hands, all you nations;*
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,*
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;*
God is seated on his holy throne.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,*
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;*
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;*
sing to him a psalm of praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (NIV84)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.
Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

STAND

M: The Gospel is from Matthew, chapter 27, beginning at verse 27.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:27-31 (NIV84)

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.**

SERMON

Ruled by Christ Alone

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns 341 (p. 10-11)

HAND BELLS

(8:00 am)

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Announcements

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

Joyce Russell - recovery from knee surgery

Open Forum

There is a short open forum meeting this morning at 8:45 am.

Advent Devotions

Martin Luther College has prepared Advent devotion booklets for use this Advent season. The theme is The Jesse Tree. The booklets are available on the table outside the sanctuary. Please contact Pastor or the church office if you'll like a copy mailed or dropped off to you.

Musicians and Vocalists Wanted

We would like to add more music to worship services in November and December. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Pastor Pfeifer.

Building Fund Update

\$5045 donated as of 11/15/2020 out of \$55,000 Goal

The money will be used for church window replacement in classrooms and offices.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We will have two services on Wednesday, November 25, at 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

Choose the one that is most convenient for you. No Catechism or Bible Class that evening.

Sunday School Offerings to WELS Christian Aid and Relief (CAR)

In Zambia, CAR supports the work of the Central Africa Medical Mission so the gospel may reach those in need. The Lord uses the medical mission clinic and staff to reach 25,000 people yearly in Zambia alone. Patients have access to treatment and medications as well as a pastor on the grounds who counsels and leads devotions.

Church Library Book Delivery

The church library materials are now available to be delivered to your door. If you would like a book or DVD, contact Pastor or the church office. There are many book choices such as devotions, Martin Luther, books of the Bible, Christian fiction and children's books.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 13:32-37*

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2 Crown him the Lord of love — Be - hold his hands and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The
 throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y
 mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye
 sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye

kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.
 as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3
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DIADEMATA
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Thanks to Kris Olson for playing the organ at the 8:00 and 9:30 am services.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 22 - 29

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School
	8:45 am	Open Forum
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Call Meeting in Cedar Rapids
	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship

Join Us In Person or Online for Advent

Nothing can stop the Advent of Christ

Sundays (8, 9:30 & 10:30 am)

Nov 29 - Advent of Water

Dec 6 - Advent of Fire

Dec 13 - Advent of Joy

Dec 20 - Advent of Christ

8:00 am Live stream

Wednesdays (4 & 7 pm)

Christ in Genesis

Dec 2—The Savior from the Woman

Dec 9—The Blessing from Abraham

Dec 16—The Ruler from Judah

7:00 pm Live stream

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