

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR-CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Nov. 24, 2024

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.



A TIME TO PRAISE

P: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;

C: **Let the distant shores rejoice.**

P: Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;

C: **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.**

P: The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty;

C: **The LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.**

P: The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

C: **Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity. (selected verses from Psalms 97 and 93)**

P: We come to worship You this day, Lord Jesus.

C: **Help us to behold Your majesty, glory, and goodness and to honor You as King of kings and Lord of lords.**

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
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Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know How much it cost
To see my sin Upon that cross.
Upon that cross. Upon that cross.

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Here I am to say that You're my God.
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A TIME TO CONFESS

- P: Christ truly is our King — majestic, awesome, and mighty. But by God's grace, He is also our Brother — kind, compassionate, and forgiving. Let us come before Him, then, in true humility and repentance, and seek His favor and mercy.
- C: **Father, we confess to You that which You already know. We are sinful. It is not only our deeds we confess, but our motives as well. We break not only commandments, but also relationships. We confess attitudes that are loveless, worship that is half-hearted, faith that is fleeting. We are not worthy of Your tender grace and love. Have mercy upon us and please forgive us for Jesus' sake.**
- P: Because of Jesus we may confidently approach the throne of God Almighty and rejoice in His love and forgiveness. Through the blood of His Son, God has freed us from all our sins. We are now at peace with Him, free to serve Him without fear. To Christ the King be all honor and glory both now and forever!

SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME TO LISTEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14* (The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)

“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b–8 (“I am the Alpha and the Omega.”)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Revelation 22:13

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

C: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

P: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *John 18:33–37* (“So You are a king?”)

(Please rise for the Gospel Reading.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(The Gospel is read.)*

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born

and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

A TIME TO PROFESS

P: What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

P: What has Jesus done for you?

C: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

P: How did Jesus do this?

C: Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

P: Why did Jesus do this for you?

C: That I might be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. (Please be seated.)

A TIME TO LEARN

CHILDREN'S TALK

A TIME TO SING

HYMN OF THE DAY NO 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes,.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings.**

A TIME TO GROW

SERMON "Christ the King Triumphs!" Revelation 1:4-6 Pastor Perry

A TIME TO GIVE

OFFERING: As the offerings are gathered we see the video and sing: *"Thank You for Giving to the Lord"*

A TIME TO PRAY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

A TIME TO DEPART

P: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (I Peter 2:9-10)

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

C: And His mercy endures forever!

P: May the Lord go before you to prepare your way, behind you to encourage you, above you to watch over you, below you to be your firm foundation, beside you to befriend you, and within you to give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN No. 336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"
(Please rise.)

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

