

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**Praise and Worship**



## **INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY**

*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.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

## **GATHERING**

*Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*(Brief Silence)*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship**  
**(Sing twice)**

**Refrain:**

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.

**Verse:**

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now. **Refrain**



**Apostolic 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.**

*Please be seated while the children come forward.*

**Children's Time**

**The Word – Readings**

**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.*

<sup>9</sup>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.  
<sup>10</sup>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.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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.



Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music: "The Sweetest Name of All" - Chancel Choir**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 93 (Read Responsively)**

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

<sup>1</sup>The 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 can not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
 you are from everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
 mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure,  
 and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for evermore.

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 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.*

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>and 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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! 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.

<sup>8</sup>"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.**

*Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation Liturgy: Thy Word**

***Refrain:***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

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and a light unto my path.

***Verse:***

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way;  
still, You're there right beside me.  
Nothing I will fear—as long as you are near;  
please be near me to the end.



***Refrain:***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

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and a light unto my path.

And a light unto my path.

**Gospel: John 18:33-37**

The Gospel according to St. John the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 33<sup>rd</sup> verse. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dean Willich**

*Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.*

### **Hymn of the Day: Praise the Name of Jesus**

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise the Son of God.  
Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,  
Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise the Lamb who died.  
Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,  
Jesus Christ, Lamb who died  
Jesus Christ is the Lamb who died.

Praise the name of Jesus; Praise our Risen Lord.  
Glory, glory be to Christ, our King,  
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord  
Jesus Christ is our Risen Lord.



### **The Apostles' Creed**

**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**

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

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Walk with those of us who are suffering in any way through mind, body, or spirit (*especially those who we name aloud or in our hearts*), give them the strength to make it through, as Your will be done.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

**Offering** – Collection of our offerings.

*Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.*



### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE MEAL**

## 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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**The Holy Hymn: Holy Ground**  
**(Sing Twice)**

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence—on holy ground.

## The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.



### Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. Come.

*Please be seated and come forward for Holy Communion and place your Commitment Card in the basket as you come up.*

### Hymns During Communion (Please Sing Along!)

#### In Moments Like These

In moments like these, I sing out a song;  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hands;  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love You, Lord."  
Singing, "I love You, Lord."  
Singing, "I love You, Lord. I love You."

#### O, How I Love Jesus

##### **Verse:**

There is a name I love to hear. I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

**Chorus:** O, How I Love Jesus! O, How I Love Jesus!  
O, How I love Jesus, because he first loved me.

##### **Verse:**

It tells me of the Savior's love, who died to set me free.  
It tells me of his precious blood: the sinner's perfect plea. **Chorus**

**Verse:** It tells me what my Father hath in store for every day.  
And tho' I tread a dark-some path; yields sunshine all the way. **Chorus**



***Final Verse:***

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe.  
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

***Final Chorus:*** O, How I Love Jesus! O, How I Love Jesus!  
O, How I love Jesus, because he first loved me.  
Because he first loved me!

**Blessing after Communion**

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister may say a table blessing; the assembly responds **Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray, together.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Blessing**

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.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: Mighty is Our God**  
(Sing Three Times)

***Refrain:*** Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of ev'rything.  
Glory to our God, glory to our King;  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of ev'rything.

***Verse:*** His name is higher—higher than any other name;  
His pow'r is greater; for he has created ev'rything. ***Refrain***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Days of Elijah*



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Altar flowers provided by Jess Hodgson in celebration of  
Thanksgiving and Lois Hodgson's birthday!



*Have a very safe, blessed and wonderful  
Thanksgiving!*

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving,  
We ask your blessings on our family,  
our friends, our home, our health—and  
on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and  
the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of  
bounty those less fortunate. And may  
your love consume us all that we  
might share in your glory.

Amen.

