



Christ the King

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

C: 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 way to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

L: 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. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King #408

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness, on us descend.
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart never from us depart, Spirit of power.
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence ever more!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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.

Scripture Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 p. 724

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 93 p. 478

¹The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

²your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

⁵Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Revelation 1:4b-8 p. 994

⁴John 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, 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.

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The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 18:33-37 p. 881

³³Then Pilate 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.**

Sermon

Pastor Curt Matz

Hymn of the Day – Jesus Shall Reign #434

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Apostle's 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 God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ In person: a basket for gifts is near the stairs for your use before or after worship
- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Hymn – Jesus, the Very Thought of You #754

1. Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!
3. O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
4. O Jesus, be our joy today; Help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."

***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.**

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Announcements

- Everyone, please check your church mailbox – you know where it is, right?
- Help us pay our fuel bill while you fill your freezer with wrapped, grass-fed, locally raised beef cuts – sign up near the church office
- Want to learn how to run the video cameras and/or PowerPoint? Sam is ready to train you! Sign up to partner with someone who already knows how! You'll be a pro in no time 😊
- Important dates: Thanksgiving Food Boxes 11/24 from 12-2pm – all hands on deck! Christmas Decorating 11/27 at 10am; Bishop Shelley Wickstrom at LoL 11/28 for worship and care.
- We have received the wishes for our Adopt a Family Program through Love INC (Helping Alaska). Please sign up for items you can provide. Gifts need to be wrapped, labeled, and brought to the church by December 19th. Thank you for your support.

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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