



"Christ The King" Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

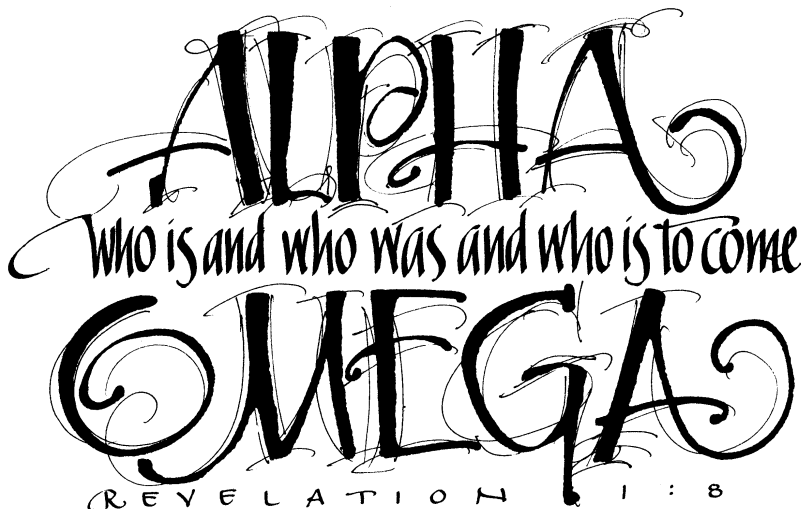
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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entry way (Narthex) as well as completing the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

RESTROOMS are located in the Narthex.

QUIET BAGS are available in the Narthex for older children.

QUIET/CALMING ROOM and changing table is located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal, and trusting in the promises of his Word, “—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.*

RECEIVING COMMUNION *Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study– **Pine Tree House** – studying the Minor Prophets.

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Pastor – **Pine Tree House** – studying “Holy Baptism”. **WILL RESUME DECEMBER 1st.**

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – **Pine Tree House** – Ages 4 – 5th Gr.

Sunday – 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – **Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study – **Pine Tree House, Studying “The Book of Concord”.**

A decorative cursive word "Welcome" with elegant flourishes and swirls.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education and service, while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

This is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. It is called several names, but we are using "Christ the King" Sunday for our worship this morning. On this Sunday we celebrate our Lord's completion of the Father's plan of salvation, and that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father where He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Indeed, He is our King!

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION - *(Quiet Please)*

✠CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO✠

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSIO OF SINS

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 5

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**

Verse 6

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 7

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

Text (sts. 1-5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt. ; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844
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Christ
the King

“My kingdom is not of this world.”

John 18:36

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

C 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 -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As 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. ¹⁰A 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...

¹³I 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.¹⁴And 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 93; antiphon: v. 2

L Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

C **The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

L Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

C **The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.**

L Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

C Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

C **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.**

L Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

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 kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, 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.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Then 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93
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SERMON

Vicar Greg Rowell

Stand

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and

for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ. Give us grace to make a good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, bestow strength and steadfastness on the pastors and missionaries of Your Church, [*especially _____*], that in these gray and latter days Your little flock may be nurtured and built up to the praise of Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Most merciful God and Father, give grace to Your Holy Church throughout the world, that she may serve You with reverence and awe and endure faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, in humility Your only-begotten Son stood before governors and kings and was accused unjustly for our sake. Defend the cause of the weak and those who have no voice in our society, particularly the unborn, the poor and the homeless. Give the government of our nation the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, with all creation we look in eager expectation toward our final redemption at the revelation of Your Son. Until that day, sustain those who live under the cross. Give them patience and hope, and grant healing and aid to the sick [*especially* _____]. Draw near to the dying. Hold them in the arms of Your love, and defend them against the final assaults of the evil one. Comfort those who mourn [*especially* _____] with the hope of the resurrection of the body to eternal life. Give us faith to believe that, in such crosses, You work all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith, and bring us with them to share in the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

st. 1



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97
Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89
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LORD'S PRAYER

- C** *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.*

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

832 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793
Text and tune: Public domain

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

This Week at Messiah Lutheran

Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 **NO** Bible Study with Pastor – “The Book of Concord”

Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 **NO** Spaghetti Dinner – VSU Students

Thursday 9:00 – Noon **NO** Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch

Readings for next Sunday – The First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; & Luke 21: 25-36

Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

November 8 - Johannes van Stouptitz - Luther's Father Confessor

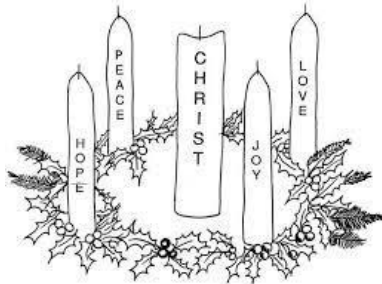
November 9 - Martin Chemnitz (birth) - Pastor and Confessor

November 10 - Martin Luther (birth) - Doctor and Confessor

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance

Our “THANKS” to Vicar Greg Rowell for leading us in worship and bringing God’s word. Pastor and Judy are out of town, and we pray they will receive blessings of safe travels.

POINSETTIAS If you would like to purchase poinsettias to put on the altar for Christmas please pick up an envelope from the Narthex or let the office know, either by phone, 229-244-0143 or email, messiahluth500@gmail.com. Payment envelopes will be available Sunday in the Narthex. The cost this year is \$30.00.



Blessing of the Advent Wreaths - Next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent Pastor Lohmeyer will conduct the Rite of Blessing for all the family Advent Wreaths brought to worship. You may place your wreaths on the tables in the chancel or give them to an usher as you enter the narthex. Special Advent Devotion Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be available to assist you in your Advent preparations.

Advent at Messiah

“Sing a New Song” is our theme for Advent. Midweek will begin at 5:30 and

include soup and sandwiches, informal worship and a craft project. Sunday mornings will follow the same theme. The weekly sub-themes are as follows:

December 1st – “Sing a New Song – For a New Day is Coming”

December 4th – “The Song of Zechariah”

December 8th – “Sing a New Song – Clear the Throat”

December 11th – “The Song of Elizabeth”

December 15th – “Sing a New Song – Rejoice He is Doing It!”

December 18th – “The Song of Mary”

All are welcome to join in on the food, fellowship and fun, as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



**GRACE ALONE
FAITH ALONE
SCRIPTURE ALONE**