



Christ the King Sunday November 22, 2020

Online Service

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches

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On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over

death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Welcome and announcements

Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ELW #634

Dialog for Christ the King

P. Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C. O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

P. Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

C. Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

P. Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

C. By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.

P. Therefore God has highly exalted him:

C. And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;

P. That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

C. And every tongue confess him the King of glory.

P. Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C. O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW #855 Verse 1

Reading: Revelation 11:15-17

P: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

C: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

P: Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

C: "We give you thanks, Lord God almighty, who are and who were; for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW #855 Verse 3

Reading: Revelation 5:12, 9, 10, 13

P: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered”

C: “and by his blood ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nations,”

P: “and made them to be a kingdom and priests serving God.”

C: “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

(Sung)

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;

Crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;

Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

**** Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

C: **Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:** *Matt. 25:31–46*

We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need.

We have not shared our food with the hungry;

we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless.

We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners.

We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers,

and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,

and give us the blessing of sincere repentance

that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints

in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters,

God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. *Ezek. 34:16*

Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

C: **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

Because Israel’s kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, “my servant David,” who will feed and care for the people.

Psalms 95:1-7a

L: ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: ²**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

L: ³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: ⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L: ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: ⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

L: ^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ELW #634

Nicene Creed

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

**We 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
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.**

**We 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.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Sharing The Peace

P: The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

**** Offering Prayer**

C: Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept our offering in union with Christ's offering for us.

**Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, *Eph. 1:18*
that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love. Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.**

Benediction (*Based on Revelation 1:4b-6*)

P: Grace be 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 first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

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

Dismissal

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign ELW #434

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