



**Christ the King**  
*He will come again in glory*

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

*November 21, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- For the sake of those who are preparing for worship please keep conversations in the fellowship hall. Our live-stream microphone picks up everything.
- **Bathrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.
- A worship monitor is to the right as you exit. We encourage children of all ages to participate in our worship. Please don't be afraid to bring them into the service. We have a nursery room with toys, books, and other items that you can use to help calm your child.
- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet. If at any time during worship you have a question, feel free to ask someone sitting near you for help. We are more than happy to assist you in any way that we can.
- Before you leave, please sign our guest register. Located on the lectern in the entryway.

## WORSHIP THEME

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they 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 listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

# Divine Service I

## OPENING HYMN

*The King Shall Come* | CW 495

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*The Reformation never sought to abolish Private Confession and Absolution; as the Augsburg Confession says, "Private Absolution ought to be retained in the Churches." However, in addition to Private Confession, General Confession before the Sacrament developed as a way to further prepare oneself for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship is exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure he is with us to bless.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

*"Kyrie eleison" means, "Lord, have mercy." In the **Kyrie** we come before God with the prayer that was on the lips of Blind Bartimaeus. We approach our merciful Savior as citizens of heaven, seeking His mercy for our salvation, the peace of the whole world, the well-being of His church, our worship, and our everlasting defense (Mark 10:49).*



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the

atonement sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**GLORY TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis***



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



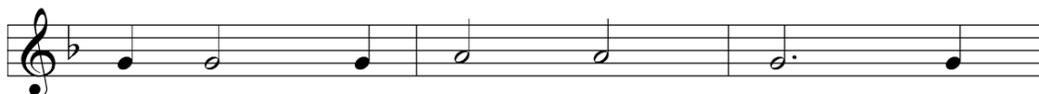
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



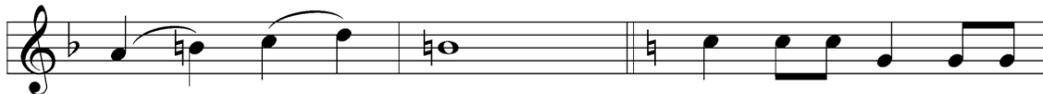
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

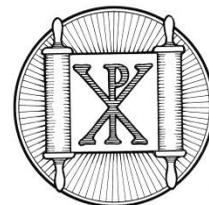


Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## *The Service of the Word*

*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

*It seemed as though oppression would never end but Daniel responds with the Ancient One who will judge. He will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a son of man," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>“As I kept watching,  
thrones were set in place,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.  
His clothing was white like snow,  
and the hair of his head like whitest wool.  
His throne was flaming fire;  
its wheels were blazing fire.

<sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing,  
coming out from his presence.  
Thousands upon thousands served him;  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
The court was convened,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> I continued watching in the night visions,  
and suddenly one like a son of man  
was coming with the clouds of heaven.  
He approached the Ancient of Days  
and was escorted before him.

<sup>14</sup> He was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
so that those of every people,  
nation, and language  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that will not pass away,  
and his kingdom is one  
that will not be destroyed.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*Psalm 45*

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



My heart is stirred by a noble theme  
as I recite my verses for my King.  
You are the most excellent of men,  
and your lips have been anointed with grace.  
Gird your word upon your side, O Mighty One;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.  
In your majesty ride forth victoriously;  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

***Refrain***

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.  
You love righteousness and hate wickedness;  
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.  
I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**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.**

***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

*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>4</sup>John: To the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace to you from <sup>the</sup> one who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits <sup>before</sup> his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has set us free <sup>from</sup> our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, <sup>7</sup> priests <sup>to</sup> his God and Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>**Look, he is coming with the clouds,  
and every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him.  
And all the tribes <sup>of</sup> the earth <sup>will</sup>  
will mourn over him.** <sup>8</sup>  
So it is to be. Amen.

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 22:13

**Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

M: The Gospel according to John, chapter 18.



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “I’m not a Jew, am I?” Pilate replied. “Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> “My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is,<sup>a</sup> my kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

“You say that I’m a king,” Jesus replied. “I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

*After the reading of the Gospel, the Minister will say:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

*Stand*

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

## SERMON

Revelation 1:4b-8

## CREATE IN ME

Using the words of Psalm 51, we pray that God use the Word which we have just heard to “create a pure heart” in us. We pray that he “not cast us away,” but instead show us salvation.

Cre - ate in me a  
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Be seated*

## OFFERING

*Offerings gathered during the week are placed on the altar.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

**C** Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

**C If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.**

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

**C Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

**C Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

**C Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

**C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

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M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Sanctus**

*Sanctus means “holy”. The body and blood of our Lord are present in this sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, *“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

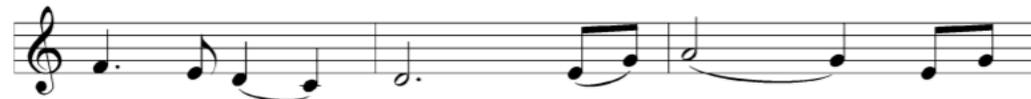
### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Participation in the Sacrament is an expression of a common faith. Our guests today who are not members of a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or a church in fellowship with the WELS) are invited to speak with the pastor to learn how you might receive the sacrament with us in the future.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis*

*As aged Simeon rejoiced at holding baby Jesus in His own arms, so we rejoice at having received Jesus with our own mouths.*

In peace, Lord, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

*Stand*

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**THE BLESSING** – *Aaronic blessing*

*In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put His name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name so we are sent out in His name with His blessing.*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

*The Clouds of Judgment Gather* | **CW 490**

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We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Families and individuals of all ages will find opportunities  
both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

**Look what Christ is doing!**

He binds us together in  
fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

He sends us out with the  
gospel

*and each one of you is a part of it.”*  
*(1 Corinthians 12:27)*