

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS

AS WE GATHER

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating “apocalyptic” revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil’s madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Gathering Songs

ALL HAIL, KING JESUS

Moody

All hail, King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel!
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'll sing Your praises,
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

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MAJESTY

Hayford

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.
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Pastoral Greeting



Opening Song

REVELATION SONG

Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him
Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

**CHORUS: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.**

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King. **CHORUS**

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery, yeah. **CHORUS**

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Invocation

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 93:1; 95:6*

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

People: the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 18:37*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator's clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.

Pastor: "Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

(The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)

As 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.

A 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.

**I 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.
And 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.**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8

("I am the Alpha and the Omega.")

John 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, and 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 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, 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.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Holy Gospel.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37

("So You are a King?")

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have



you done?” Jesus 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.” Then 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message Christa Kirschner

Song of the Day **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!** Tomlin—Reeves—Cash

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

**CHORUS: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **CHORUS**

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Sermon “The Clash of the Kingdoms” Pastor John Larson
Text: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
(found in the back of the hymnal)

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy ...

People: Hear our prayer.

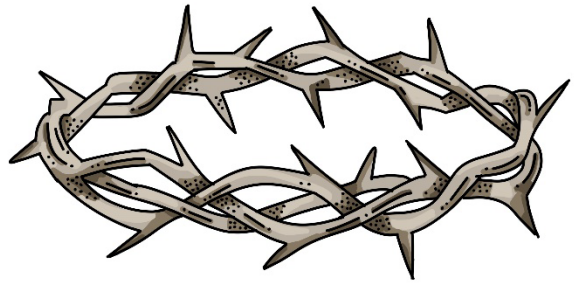
Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using...Peace be with you!

Offering *(collected in back)*



✠ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✠

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

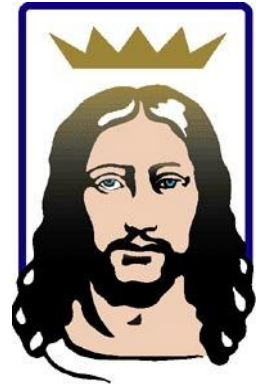
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

People: **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.**



Christ
the
King
Sunday

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Song ABOVE ALL

LeBlanc—Baloche

Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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Song **THE LION AND THE LAMB** Brown / Johnson / Mooring

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

CHORUS: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before You
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the captives free
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? **CHORUS**

General Communion Blessing

Benediction

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.



Closing Song **ANCIENT OF DAYS** Gary Sadler | Jamie Harvill

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

CHORUS: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne In worship
You will be exalted O God And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days **CHORUS**

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Your kingdom shall reign Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days **(Repeat)**

**CHORUS: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne In worship
You will be exalted O God And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days**

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Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

OFFICIANT	Pastor John Larson
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP	Michael J. Zehnder
ORGANIST	Michael J. Zehnder
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Stephanie Roettjer
ELDERS	4:00 pm Bob Olsen; 8:00 am Arvin Michel; 10:30 am Michael Lawrenz
ACOLYTES	8:00 a.m. Juliette Dallet; 10:30 a.m. Brynn Aldrich
LECTORS	4:00 p.m. Dick Castleman; 8:00 a.m. Dennis Lord; 10:30 a.m. Margo Pasha
COMMUNION SERVERS	4:00 p.m. Dick Castleman; 10:30 a.m. Margo Pasha
ALTAR GUILD	Tanya Schmitt, Charmaine Rohde, Gloria Mielke

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