

Last Sunday of the Church Year
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WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (LSB # 670)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the_ eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

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INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 93*

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty: the LORD is robed: He has put on strength as His belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Pastor: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

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

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD forevermore.

People: 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: The Lord reigns forever, beloved, yet time is speeding to its end. This world in its current form is passing away, and even now Jesus is preparing for us new heavens and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

People: Yet we cling to what is present and give little thought to what is to come. We fail to recognize the signs that portend the final coming of the Lord and listen with only partial attention when we are reminded of it. Forgive us, merciful Father! Turn our guilt to innocence by the blood of Your Son, and by Your Spirit transform our spiritual complacency into energetic discipleship that urgently points all nations to Jesus before He comes again. Amen.

Pastor: Fear not, my friends! The same Lord Jesus Who will come on the Last Day is present today, abiding in His word and sacraments and faithfully shepherding His flock heavenward. Wearing the sign of His cross, You will share forever in His resurrection. As a called and ordained minister of this

gospel, and by the authority the King of kings bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Lord Jesus Christ, once entombed on earth but now enthroned in heaven, rule over us in mercy and might by Your Spirit that, being ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in faith and good works until we are welcomed at the Last Day into Paradise, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: (11:00am) *John Keith Ehlers*

HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (LW # 179)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above: [*Refrain*]

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n: [*Refrain*]

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit
And bow to his command

And fall beneath his feet: [*Refrain*]

Author: Charles Wesley, 1707-88 (alt.). Tune: DARWALL'S 148th Composer: John Darwall, 1731-89

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14*

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.

RESPONSORY: Revelation 19:1-2a; 6b-7, with Alleluias

Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for His judgments are true and just.

People: For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory." Alleluia.

EPISTLE READING: *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, 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.”

RESPONSORY: 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15b, with Alleluias

Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**People: He is the blessed only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
Alleluia.**

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *John 18:33–37*

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.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

SERMON: "Of Kings and Kingdoms" (*John 18:33–37*)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: (11:00am)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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; 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.

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You mightily and tenderly govern and protect Your Church, which proclaims to all nations the Gospel of Christ crucified and raised again. In Jesus' name His disciples exercise authority to forgive sin while looking with eagerness to the day of His triumphant return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "King of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good

For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Christ Be Magnified”

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me
(repeat)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lead On, O King Eternal” (LBW #495)

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.
Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;

For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!

Author: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917.

Tune: LANCASHIRE

Composer: Henry T. Smart

COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE KINGDOM: (with Psalm 93:1)

Pastor: There were great voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O God, Who hast made all things by Thy power, Thou King and Ruler of the world, glorious in beauty and truth and love:

People: Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Pastor: O God, Who hast shown us the glory of Thy kingdom in the royal love of Jesus Christ:

People: Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Pastor: O God, Who art ever working in the world by Thy mighty and creative Spirit to manifest Thy kingdom among men:

People: Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Pastor: O God, more wonderful in Thy perfection than all that we can ever desire or know:

People: Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God for all the depth and wonder and glory of the divine Life and for the progressive and increasing manifestation of His kingdom through the history of the world.

Pastor: For the perfection which Thou art; for all the glory and wonder which is Thine; for the manifestations of Thy kingdom in all Thy revelations of Thyself:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the vitality and joy of Thy Spirit of Life in the creation; for all young and swift and happy things:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the creation of man, whom Thou hast made in Thine own image that Thou mightest reign within his heart:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the defeat of darkness by the light; for truth, destroying superstition; and for growing knowledge of Thy ways, redeeming men from tyranny and fear:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the perfect manifestation of Thy kingdom by the incarnation of Thy Son and for its coming into the world in power through life and death and resurrection:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: For the presence of the kingdom in literature and art, in truth, in courage and sincerity, in loyalty, in fellowship and kindness:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name,, O Lord.

Pastor: That Thou hast called us, with all our dullness and limitations, to be the inheritors of the wonder and glory and joy of Thy kingdom:

People: We praise and bless Thy glorious name, O Lord.

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty: the LORD is robed: He has put on strength as His belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Included in The Daily Office: Matins and Vespers, Based on Traditional Liturgical Patterns, with Scripture Readings, Hymns, Canticles, Litanies, Collects, and the Psalter, Designed for Private Devotion or Group Worship Herbert Lindemann, editor; Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, 1965.

BENEDICTION: (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (LSB, #525)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

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.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Austin Angerman &

Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

8:15 Lay Reader: Ken Alford

11:00 Lay Reader: Carol Hancock