

LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME

Christ the King

November 18 & 21, 2021

Never was there or could there be another king like Jesus.

Opening Hymn373, “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 45 (page 83)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.* Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day368, “O Savior, Precious Savior”

SERMON..... “Christ’s Kingdom Is Out of This World” John 18:33-37

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Closing Hymn 239 v. 4, “Glory Be to God the Father”

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:13,14

Christ our King is and always has been the one center and the entire focus of all history. That was true in Daniel’s time and will still be true at the end of time. Thus in a very real sense there is no other king, never has been, never will be. As he is, so is his kingdom.

I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

Of all the things that this only King could have chosen to show forth his glory, he picked this one thing: to redeem us by his suffering and death, that we should live with him for all eternity! All by itself that defines the nature of grace.

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, 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 freed us from our sins by his own blood and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.”

GOSPEL LESSON: John 18:33-37

As he was in his humiliation, so are we in his kingdom on earth. Here there is lowliness like his before a petty and very temporary governor. Here there is little outward display of his power, little to see of his kingdom’s beauty. What then is there? There is the bearing witness to the truth! That’s what he did. That’s what we are called to do in following after him.

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.” “You are a king then?” Pilate asked. Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS: Don Koch; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.

CALL MEETING: A call meeting has *tentatively* been scheduled for **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, immediately following that Sunday's worship service. A call will be extended for a Gr. 1-2 teacher to replace Miss Sara Wentzel whose one-year assignment here will terminate at the end of the current school year. All voting members are urged to participate!

ORGANISTS!! The **December** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

LUTHER PREP BAND CONCERT: Luther Prep, Watertown, invites you to join them on **Sunday (TODAY), November 21**, for their annual Fall Band Concert. This year's concert will feature several LPS student ensembles, including the Concert Band, String Ensemble, Brass Choir, and the Prep Ringers Handbell Choir, among others. Their program, entitled "*A Salute to the Classics*," will highlight famous composers and their music, often with a slight twist. Please join them at **7:00 PM** in the **LPS Auditorium**. No tickets are necessary, but a free will collection will be taken.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: A special Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held on **Thursday, November 25**, at **9:00 AM**. Because of this service, **NO** Thursday evening worship service will be held that night. Our Thanksgiving Day offerings have been designated first to the removal and clean-up costs associated with the bat problem we encountered at the start of the school year, with any additional amounts going toward the church budget.

POINSETTIAS will be purchased and placed in church for the Advent and Christmas season services. If you wish to order a poinsettia (or two) to be placed in church for these services, be sure to sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. You can take your poinsettia(s) home after the Christmas Day service on **Saturday, December 25**, or leave it in church until the new year. The cost is **\$10.00** per plant. Please contact **Wayne** or **Bonnie Schultz** if you have any questions. The last day to order is: **Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day)**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes of Christmas cards are available for purchase from the "*Greeting Card Corner*" display in the church basement. Just pick out the boxes that you wish to purchase, complete a payment envelope, and give it to **Diane Koch**.

CHURCH DECORATING: Please join us on **Saturday, December 4**, beginning at **11:00 AM** to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Those in attendance and helping with the decorating will be welcome to take part in a pizza party that day as well. If you plan on attending, we ask that you sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Please include your name and the number of people in your family who will be participating. This will help us in deciding how many pizzas need to be ordered. Thank you!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 125

Offerings: \$4,161.35

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$65.00; Hymnal Fund: \$4,110.00;
Memorial (Debt Retirement): \$100.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$20.00

Memorials: In Memory of Ken Gedamke: \$100.00 *(Debt Retirement)*

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
NO Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School

Tuesday: **SCRIP ORDERS DUE!!**

Wed. – Fri.: **NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service9:00 AM
NO Thursday Evening Worship Service

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**).....9:00 AM