



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



Welcome to Worship!

This morning, we celebrate the last Sunday of the church year—an incredible gift from the early Christian Church to future generations. Through the church year, we have a structure for remembering God’s magnificent acts in time—in the past, in the present, and in time yet to come. In the end, the church year centers around the life and teaching of our Savior, a life and teaching we celebrate today on Christ the King Sunday.

We’ve seen Jesus make some lofty promises in the Gospel over the last couple of weeks. How can we approach the end of our lives and the end of the world with such confidence in his promises? It all comes back to remembering who Jesus is and why he is worth trusting. He is the King of everything. Even as he died, he made promises, reassuring the man who died next to him that he too would live eternally because he believed in Jesus as his Savior. Jesus proved that promise and all his other promises to be trustworthy three days later when he rose in glory from the tomb and later ascended to reclaim his glory as King. And so there is no doubt that he will come again on the Last Day.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God’s Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother’s room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother’s room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord’s Supper is an expression of unity in God’s Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God’s Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such “communion fellowship” together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

Christ the King Sunday

November 19 & 20, 2022

The Last Day: A Day of Promises Kept

Prelude

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Rite for Christ the King

***(sung)* 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 thro' all eternity.**

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is 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 blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 1:4-6

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD our Righteous Savior.”

Jeremiah 23:5, 6

***(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.**

We have come to worship our King, but if we examine our life and our human nature, we find ourselves unworthy to stand in his presence. Therefore, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

(sung) **Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.**

Christ, our King has won your forgiveness through his death and resurrection. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us praise our King for the new life he gives us.

(sung) **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.**

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Our King will come again and will bring salvation and justice.

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95 (see pg. 14)

Second Reading

Colossians 1:13–20

Our King has rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us into his kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 23:42,43

Alleluia, alleluia. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35–43

Though he had done nothing wrong, the King of kings gave up his life so that we might live.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Grades 5 & 6

Jesus the King

by Mary Dorn Lippert

Because he bore the sins of many,
poured out his life unto death,
because he numbered with transgressors at his closing breath,
because he bore the sins of many, so he could intercede for us.
God has given him the glory: Jesus, the King!
Power and glory—Jesus, the King!

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Hymn of the Day

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
Christian Worship 531

Sermon

Luke 23:35-43

What to Expect from this King

Please stand

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 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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you have invited us to pray and promised to hear the prayers of your people.

We come before you this day in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to offer you petitions on behalf of ourselves and all in need.

We give you thanks that through your only Son, you have delivered us from death and have raised us up to be people of light. Give us the courage we need to meet the troubled days ahead, and guard us against despair.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Christ is head of the Church, we call upon you to guard his precious body against all assaults of the enemy. Give us faithful pastors and church workers who will not shrink from faithfulness in time of threat and who will preach your Word in its truth and purity.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In Christ, you have revealed the fullness of your saving will and purpose. As he has forgiven us, teach us to forgive one another, that no conflict or distraction would distract us from the work he has given us to do.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

According to your promise, be present with us until that day when your Son comes again in glory to judge the world and bring all believers to live with him in the eternal joys of heaven.

We ask all this to the glory of your holy name, before which every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Hear us, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. 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



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



God of might. Heav - en 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!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Preparation for communion can be found on pg. 295 of Christian Worship.

Distribution Hymns

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Christian Worship 486

At the Name of Jesus
Christian Worship 547

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
Christian Worship 674

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go + in peace.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful (sts. 1, 4-5)

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Announcements

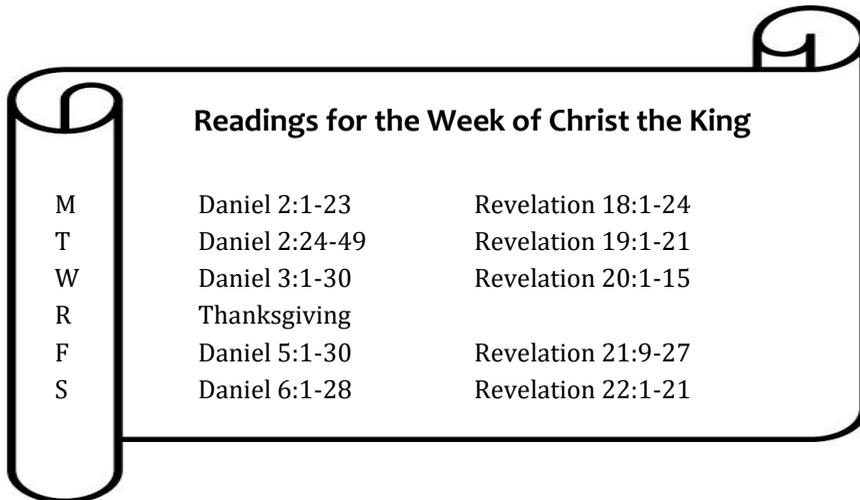
Postlude

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Psalm 95



1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
2 Our God of match - less worth, our King be - yond com -
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -
4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -



claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our
parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en



sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
in his care. He all de - crees, who
Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his
not your hearts. His ways are best and



fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Rev. Robert Fleischmann

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Marjorie Flanagan, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

Adam Sipe, trumpet (Sunday)

Communion Assistants

Jon Johnson & Matthew Rugen (8:00 a.m.)

Adam Goede & Jeff Sitz (10:30 a.m.)

In Our Prayers

- Rob Siever, recuperating at home from his recent stroke and awaiting medical direction on the next remedial steps.
- Dennis Anderson, whose recent post-surgery complications continue and have necessitated extended convalescence in a care facility.
- Sawyer Sweet, whose recently-postponed exploratory neurological procedure at Children's Hospital has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 29.

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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