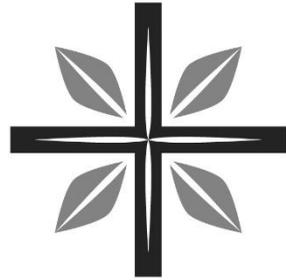


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- 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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.

Christ the King

November 24 & 25, 2018

Use Your Time: To serve the kingdom

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christian Worship 341

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

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR CHRIST THE KING

M: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. *Ezekiel 34:11, 12*

C: **Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?”** *Revelation 7:13*

M: I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. *Ezekiel 34:13a*

C: **These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** *Revelation 7:14b*

M: I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. *Ezekiel 34:14*

C: **They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.** *Revelation 7:15*

M: I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
Ezekiel 34:16

C: **Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.**
Revelation 7:16

M: I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.
Ezekiel 34:23

C: **For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.**
Revelation 7:17a

(sung) **Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on you were laid,
By almighty love appointed, you have full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven through the power of your blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; we are reconciled to God.**

**Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you, seated at your Father's side.
Crucified this world once saw you; now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading and our place you now prepare,
Ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Daniel 7:13, 14

The Son of Man rules a kingdom that will never be destroyed.

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45 (see pg. 9)

God's throne and his kingdom will last for ever and ever.

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

Jesus Christ rules a kingdom where we will serve him eternally.

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 for ever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.

So shall it be! Amen.

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

Verse of the Day

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.
Alleluia.

Please stand

Jesus rules a kingdom from another place – not of this world.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

The Head that Once Was Crowned

Christian Worship 217

Sermon

Revelation 1:4b-8

Jesus is Our Eternal King

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated

Offering

It Is Well With My Soul (Sunday)

arranged by Linda R. Lamb

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Be seated

Hymn

Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious
Christian Worship 216

Please stand

M: We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for bringing us to the end of another church year. As we wait for your glorious return on the last day, bless your Word wherever it is proclaimed, causing it to work with power to bring to faith those who do not yet know you and to strengthen in faith those who now call you Savior and Lord; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

There Is a Higher Throne (see pg. 10)
Christian Worship Supplement 727

Announcements

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

END TIME

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There Is a Higher Throne



1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



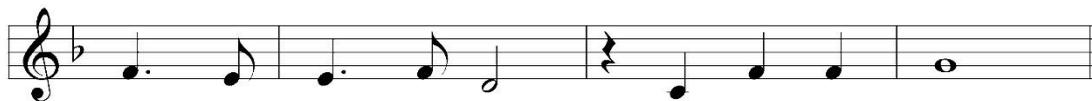
world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

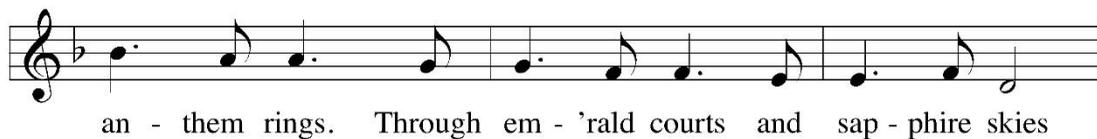


hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

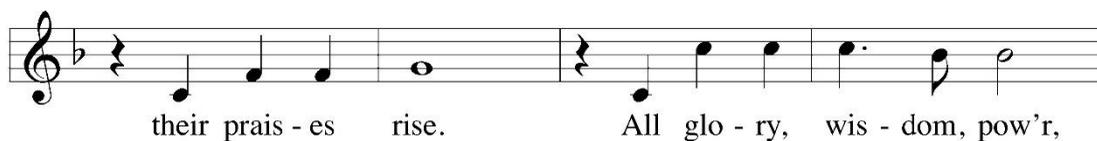
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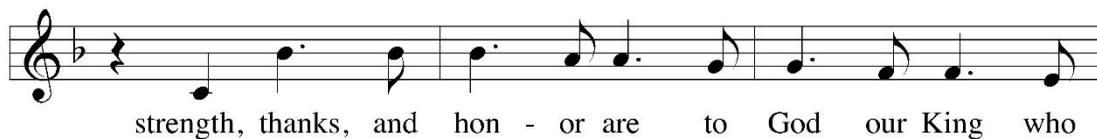
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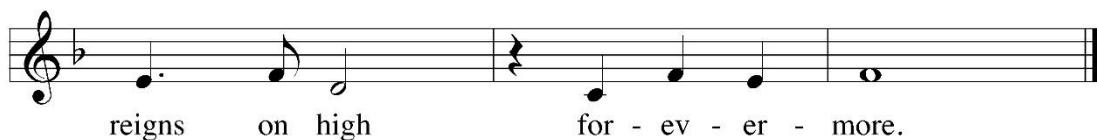
an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies



their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,



strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who



reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Christian Willick, organ & vocals Pastor Kyle Bitter, organ Kristi Meyer, handbells
Head Ushers	Matt Bahr (Saturday) Tom Wessel (8:00 AM) Doug Knuth (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Adam & Jenny Greggs, Barbara Weihing & Mary Rindfleisch (8:00 AM) Bruce & Kari Ailey, Barb Bergquist (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Matt and Jenny Bahr in memory of Matt's grandmother Irene Bahr, on the 10th anniversary of her passing, and for blessings received.
- The flowers placed on the standards are given by Pastor Joshua Yu and Qing Zhang in memory of Qing's father Zhaozhou Zhang.

In Our Prayers

- Joy Schnell, hospitalized at Froedtert.
- Mark Naumann, scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Monday.

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Readings for the Week of Christ the King

M	Philippians 2:6-11.....	Luke 12:35-40
T	Hebrews 12:12-18.....	Isaiah 54:11-17
W	Mark 13:33-37.....	Revelation 3:7-13
TH	Matthew 35:14-30.....	Luke 13:22-30
F	Hebrews 10:32-39.....	Isaiah 49:14-21
S	Hebrews 12:22-29.....	Revelation 21:9-14, 18-27

Parents' Preview for December 2

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” stanza 1 *(Christian Worship 7)*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh, Up,
pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.

St. John's Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19	Midweek Advent Worship 3:30 and 6:45 PM
Saturday, December 15	K3 & K4 Christmas Program 9:00 AM
Saturday, December 22	Worship 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 23	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Monday, December 24	Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM, Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Monday, December 24	Service of Lessons & Carols 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day Festival Worship 10:00 AM
Saturday, December 29	Worship 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 30	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve Worship 6:45 PM
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	New Year's Day Worship 10:00 AM

