

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR - CHRIST THE KING

Saturday, November 20, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. 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 nations and peoples 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.”

RESPONSE: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” – Blue Hymnal #278 (st. 1-4)

**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 burning 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.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 93

L: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

ALL: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty!

L: The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;

C: Indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

L: Your throne was established long ago;

C: **You are from all eternity.**

L: The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;

C: **The seas have lifted up their pounding waves.**

L: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

ALL: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty!

L: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—

C: **The LORD on high is mighty.**

L: Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;

C: **Holiness adorns your house for endless days.**

L: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

ALL: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty!

RESPONSE: "Majesty"

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty.

Un - to Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or and

praise. Maj - es - ty, king - dom au -

thor - i - ty flow from His throne un - to His

own; His an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on

high the name of Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -
 fy Christ Je - sus, the King. Maj - es - ty,
 wor - ship His maj - es - ty; Je - sus who
 died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **King Jesus, with thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come—a ruler of a different kind. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. In your name King Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: 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 peoples on 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 18.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

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. "Your own people and chief priests 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 Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY: "He Is the King"

He is the King, — He is the Lord, — He is the One —
— hail to the Lord, — — hail to the One —

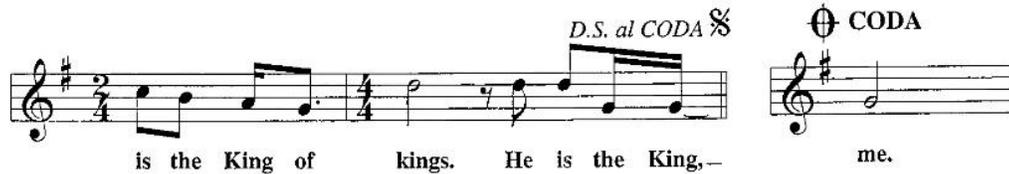
— who de-liv-ers me; — He is the King, — He is the Lord, —
— who de-liv-ers me; — Hail to the King, — hail to the Lord, —

4th (last) time to CODA ⊕ 1., 3.
— He is the One — who de-liv-ers — me. Hail to the King, —
— hail to the One — who de-liv-ers —

2.
me. Je - sus, strong and might - y King, rul - ing o -

- ver all the king - doms of this world; Lift your voice to

Him and sing, He is Lord — of ev - 'ry - thing, — He



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MESSAGE: "Following Jesus as King" – Pastor Bill Hugo

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Let's come before our King with humility and confess our need for Him. God of all creation, you are before time and beyond space.

C: **We admit to our human limits as we try to imagine the reign of love and truth that you envision for us. When we follow worldly powers and stray from the good path you desire for all you have created, give us Jesus—and all that He has won for us.**

L: Give us Jesus, O God—not only a Jesus high and lifted up, but chained and arraigned by authorities with boldness to tell the truth.

C: **Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be done in our time. Embolden us with the confidence that your reign will one day come. Come, O Strong One, come. Amen.**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” – Blue Hymnal #278 (st. 5-6)

Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,

Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

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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