

## CHRIST THE KING

Bethel Lutheran Church

November 21, 2021

*We proclaim Christ our king as He goes to the throne of the cross. We acclaim him our ruler as He sheds His blood. We acknowledge Him as our Lord as He gives Himself to us in bread and cup. Christ is our king as He reigns from the tree, sharing our fears and experiencing our frailties. In the reign of God, the powerful one does not intimidate the weak, but cares for them. In the reign of God, the person of authority does not use others, but seeks them out and crowns them with mercy.*

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

OPENING HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (v. 1, 3, 4, 6)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P. We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P. Most merciful God,

C. You know our failings better than we do; we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

P. You are all . . . and be glad!. C. **Amen.**

GREETING

P. Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast...*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Almighty and everlasting God, it is Your will to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C. **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One Who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took His throne, His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from His presence. A thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending Him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

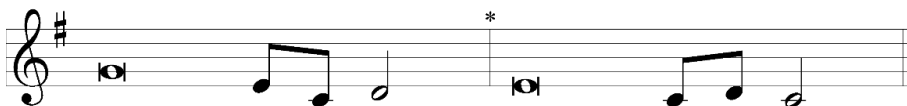
<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And He came to the Ancient One and was presented before Him.

<sup>14</sup>To Him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and His kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 93

*Ever since the world began, Your throne has been established.*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; He has put on splen- | did apparel;  
the LORD has put on His apparel and girded Him- | self with strength.

<sup>2</sup>He has made the whole | world so sure  
that it can- | not be moved;

<sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, Your throne has | been established;  
You are from | everlasting.

<sup>4</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD Who | dwells on high.

<sup>6</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, Who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead Who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one Whose return we eagerly await.*

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, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see Him,  
even those who pierced Him;  
and on His account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. C. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

C. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

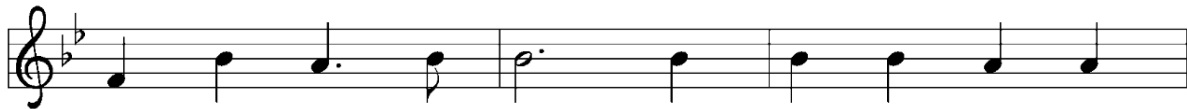
*O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C. hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Remember and Rejoice*

- C. Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace,  
we bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.  
God, bless us by Your grace; remind us of Your care,  
renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P. Creator God,  
C. the earth and all that is in it belong to You. Inspire us to use what You have made  
to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives.  
May our offerings, given in Your name, lift up those who are bowed down;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING page 88

THE SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY) page 89

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P. Holy God ... an end to injustice and harm.  
C. Amen  
P. In the night ... redemption of our suffering world.  
C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
P. Send Your Spirit ... both now and forever.  
C. Amen

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P. Shepherd of Israel. . . now and forever.  
C. Amen.

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BENEDICTION

P. May Almighty God, who makes all things new in Christ Jesus, uphold you by the Spirit in times of trial and bring you at last to the heavenly Jerusalem. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

#### *Lift High the Cross*

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

### DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

### THOSE WHO SERVE:

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General: \$ 2,363.66 (\$614.50 received through eGiving)  
Includes: \$1,000.00 from Hemnes Lutheran Church. \$82.16 Spare Change Community Offering.  
Savings: \$180.00 for Organ.



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**What's with the "display" in the narthex?**



Our turkey "gobbled up" \$82.16 to support the community take out Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Presbyterian Church in Canby.  
Thank you!

The remainder of the month, the "spare coins" will benefit the Canby Food Shelf.

It's Here!



**The Thanksgiving Tree** providing gifts for area children at Christmas time is in the +Narthex. There are a few tags remaining. So take a tag if you like and be a Christmas shopper for a local child. The price range for the gifts is \$20-30.00 and the gifts are not wrapped but the tag from the tree needs to accompany the gift. Please have the gifts under the tree by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

### What Kind of Kingdom?

Some have interpreted Jesus' statement "My kingdom is not from this world" (John 18:36) to mean that Jesus promises good things only in some distant future, as if we need not worry about justice or poverty in this life. However, in His actions and teachings throughout His life, Jesus clearly cared very much about the here and now of this world.

In the Lord's prayer, we say, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven." We are praying for God's will in this world, the only home and society we know. But what does it look like for God's will to be done on earth?

Jesus disappointed His followers, who expected a revolutionary leader. In generation after generation, revolutions come and go. Those who were on the bottom get to be on the top for a spell. Inevitably, we have the same old concentration of power in high places, insiders versus outsiders, the haves and the have-nots. The names and titles change, but the system does not.

By the typical standards of a political revolution, Jesus' execution meant He was a total failure. But He embodied a different kind of power, testifying to a truth larger and deeper and ultimately stronger than any revolution. In His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus jammed up the whole system that keeps cycling back around to perpetuate violence, retribution, inequality, and exclusion.

Through Jesus, the kingdom of God breaks in amid the old kingdoms that rise and fall, bringing a new reign of love, forgiveness, and peace. As a beloved community that longs to break free from old cycles of worldly power, we continue to pray for God's kingdom to come, for renewal that is deeper and more lasting than any political movement. And we continue to work for a world where all of God's children and God's creation are treated with respect, justice, and love.

### Upcoming Commemorations

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.



**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.