

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

King from the Cross

November 19 & 20, 2016

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year has also been called “Christ the King Sunday.” But as we look at today’s Holy Gospel, Jesus doesn’t seem very regal or royal from the cross. Pilate mocks Jesus with the inscription “This is the King of the Jews.” Jesus hangs and dies beaten, bruised, and bloody. Yet, Jesus is King—even from the cross. Going to the cross, Jesus is remarkably in control, warning the daughters of Jerusalem, praying, “Father, forgive them,” and extending salvation to the repentant thief. That thief must have taken notice of Jesus’ kingship because he pleads, “Remember me when You come into Your kingdom” (Luke 23:42). And so we pray: Crucified King Jesus, remember us, and keep us in the faith until You return to reign.

WELCOME

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –
and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God –
not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✂ PREPARATION ✂

OPENING HYMN #549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE 🎵 Page 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 🎵 **“Glory to God in the Highest”** Page 187

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People:

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY Page 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 **And with thy Spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 🎵 **Amen.**

(Be seated)

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:13–18* (The Lord hears and remembers.)

"You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' 'You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'" Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will

again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:13–20* (The Lord has transferred us to the kingdom of His Son.) For he (God, the Father) 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. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 ANTHEM *“Someone Special”* arranged by John Helgen

(Rise)

ALLELUIA 🎵 Page 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

People: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 23:27–43* (“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”) A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then ""they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, 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 Christ? 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, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

(Be seated)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #669 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

**Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

SERMON

(Rise)

OFFERTORY 🎵

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

8:00 ANTHEM

"Thank You, Thank You"

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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 and supplications on behalf of ourselves and all people who have need. We give you thanks that you have granted us your only Son and rejoice in His deliverance from the domain of sin and its darkness of death and for raising us up to be people of light.

People: Give to us the courage we need to meet the troubled days ahead, and guard us against despair.

Pastor: As Christ is head of the Church, so do we call upon you to guard His precious body against all the assaults of the enemy. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will not shrink from faithfulness in time of threat and who will proclaim the whole counsel of your Word.

People: Bless all missionaries serving in the mission field, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and his family. Make them bold in sharing the gospel and make their efforts fruitful for the kingdom of Christ.

Pastor: 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 one may be hindered in faith by a guilty conscience.

People: Where there is division, bring unity, where there is conflict, bring your peace, where there are sinful hurts, bring the healing balm of Christ's gracious forgiveness.

Pastor: Give to the nations and all who govern a sense of right and wrong and the courage to act decisively for good.

People: Help us to honor life as a precious gift from your hand and to care for those least able to care for themselves, especially the unborn.

Pastor: We give you thanks for all your abundant gifts and blessings. Bless Jean Fortner as she remembers the anniversaries of loved ones. We also rejoice with the Osell family as they celebrate Rachel's birthday.

People: Grant us to look to you each day, counting our many blessings.

Pastor: Fill us with thankfulness for the fruits of your creation and teach us to care responsibly for all that you have made. Guide us to honor the vocations you have given us, that we may serve you faithfully in home and at work, in neighborhood and nation, in labor and in leisure.

People: Accept from our hands the offerings we bring as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our trust in your mercy.

Pastor: Give to the sick healing and to the suffering relief, according to your will. We pray especially for those hospitalized and those recovering, especially Jim, Cathy, Marion, Matthew, Henry, Eleanor, Arlene, Mae, Jerry, Wendy, Carol, Jerry, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Richard, Roemelle, LuEva, Kathleen, Jean, Russ, Helen, Leonard, Linda, Gladys, Jack, Shirley and Sarah.

People: Receive also our thanks for the faithful who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, especially Jeanette Rittman. Comfort her family and love ones in their time of grief. Bring us at last with them to die in peace and awaken in your arms in paradise.

Pastor: Finally, dear Father, keep us from the fear of our enemies, that we may stand firm in our faith and, even in the hour of trial, have the courage to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Bless us on the last day to stand righteous before the throne through the all availing sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE ♪

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS ♪

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Pastor Speaks – Congregation joins in singing.

Pastor: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD & PAX DOMINI

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Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all, of you; this cup is the new testament in My +blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle’s strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

HYMN #420 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the depth of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit,
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yes, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.

All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,

That as Thine Thou mightest own me

And with heav’nly glory crown me.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;

Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;

Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented

That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore.

For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,

Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,

For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,

For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

HYMN #456 “Were You There”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

NUNC DIMITIS

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and +give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN #837

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be; Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday November 23 at 6:00pm

Thursday November 24th at 9:00am

Even though we filled the Thanksgiving Boxes for the needy, we still encourage you to bring food along to church at our Thanksgiving Services to help support Hope's Food Pantry.

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