

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

St. Mark Lutheran Church

One North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

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Welcome to worship at St. Mark and a special welcome to those visiting with us today. Following are some notes that may help you in your worship experience this day.

- Songs/Hymns can be found in either the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship - cranberry hymnal) or WOV (With One Voice - blue hymnal). Both can be found under your chair.
- Our offering is an act of worship and privilege to return to God a portion of what He has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Feel free, however, to join us in this act of worship if you are comfortable doing so. The offerings given joyfully today are used for outreach to the greater church and the ministries of St. Mark. The offering plates will not be passed, but can be found near the doors of the sanctuary.
- Holy Communion is offered during our service each Sunday. All are welcome to come to the table! Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- Children of all ages are welcome to participate in worship at St. Mark. At baptism, we welcome little ones into God's family and the community of St. Mark. We believe young children have a place in our community which includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing and experiencing worship with adults who care about them. The "Pray & Play" area is available near the pulpit, where child can engage in worship with tools meant just for them! We welcome the opportunity to share with you in your child's learning experience. *If you feel the need to leave the Sanctuary during the services, an unstaffed nursery with changing area is available.*
- Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: We begin as we live In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

L: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

ELW 805

+GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

FIRST 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.

^{4b}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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. ⁸"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.**

PSALM 93

Our Psalm today will be read responsively. The lectern side will read the regular print and the pulpit side will read the bold.

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

+GOSPEL

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.

L: The holy gospel according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate 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?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Pilate 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."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jenny Sung

+HYMN OF DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838

+APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

After each portion of the prayers: L: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The congregation may share a social distance sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING

An offering basket is in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering. At this time we will not be passing the plates but we continue to be grateful for your generosity.

+OFFERING PRAYER

L: Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship. You will be directed forward to receive communion (prepackaged). If you feel more comfortable remaining in your seat, prepackaged communion will be available before the service. Children and adults not yet taking communion may come forward for a blessing.

All are welcome to receive the bread and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONGS**“O Savior, Precious Savior”****ELW 820****+POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

L: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us, both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts until that day, when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

+BENEDICTION

L: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, bless and keep
you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN**“Jesus Shall Reign”****ELW 434****+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**If you can, please stay after worship today to help us decorate the our building for the Advent and Christmas season! Thank you!
Don't forget to pick up your Advent Devotional on the table in the narthex!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector: Skip Larson

Prayers: Nancy Richter

Ushers: Teri Smith and Karen Willy

Greeters: Mary and John Wilberg

Sunday School Helpers:

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Becky and Dick Malik

Amber, Joe and Mazie Gardner

Donna Peterson

Erick Tollefson, Tricia Niesche's cousin

Kathy Christensen's brother-in-law, Bob, who has been placed on hospice

We also pray for: Richard, Robbin, Verna, Yvonne, Susan, Sherry, Sue, Wendy, Kelly, Sandy, Mashell, Shannon, Larry, Leslie, Dave, Sandie, and Mark.

Please contact the office with any updates to this prayer and concern list—thank you!

St. Mark Giving

November 8th through November 14th giving totaled: \$3,638

Needed to cover Plan for Ministry: \$5,490

Worship Attendance

November 7: 169

October 31: 201

October 24: 107

October 17: 137

This week at St. Mark

Monday 11/22	Office Hours: 12-4pm
Tuesday 11/23	Office hours: 12-5pm Staff Meeting: 1:30pm
Wednesday 11/24	Office hours: 12-5pm No Confirmation, Choir or Youth Group
Thursday 11/25	Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday 11/26	Office Closed
Saturday 11/27	AA: 10:30am
Sunday 11/28	Advent One Worship at 9:30am Education/Fellowship: 10:45am Craft Afternoon at Appleberry's Attic in Anoka 1-4pm

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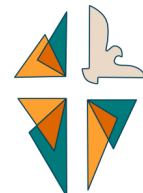
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God's Love to
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