



## November 24, 2024 ☩ Christ the King

*An asterisk \* invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in bold.*

*We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!  
“God’s Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people.”*

*P: Indicates the presider throughout the service. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister throughout the service.*

### we gather

**Prelude** - Children’s Choir - “Thank You, God!” by Mark Patterson

#### Words of Welcome

\***Hymn** — no 855  
Crowns”

“Crown Him with Many

#### \***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.  
**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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

**\*Kyrie** – page 203, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Hymn of Praise** — page 204, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: 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. **Amen.**

## we LISTEN and RESPOND

**A Reading from the book of Daniel — 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 the judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

9 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.

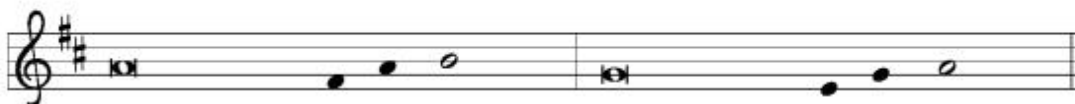
10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

13 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. 14 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93** - *the psalm will be sung responsively today by whole verse.*



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*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)*

**1** The 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 can- | not be moved.
- 2 Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;  
you are from | everlasting.**
- 3** The 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.**
- 5** Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

## **A Reading from Revelation — 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, 5 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, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 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. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** — page 205, from *ELW*, Setting 10

**\*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.*

The Gospel of John, the 18th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon - Grace Timm**

**Sermon —**  
Chris Culuris

Pastor

**\*Hymn —** ACS 954 see back page  
Shepherd”

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and

### **The Nicene Creed**

P: Together let us profess our faith:

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father;  
    through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
    was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
    and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
    who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
    who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

AM: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Sign of Peace-** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** Please offer one another some sign of Christ's peace.

**Offering** - Gracieusement  
Balbastre

Claude



**\*Offering Prayer**

AM: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

## we SHARE the meal

**\*Great Thanksgiving & Preface** — page 206, *from ELW, Setting 10*

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** — page 207, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As we await the coming of Christ our King, we pray as Jesus taught us saying: **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.**

**\*Invitation to the Table**

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

**Distribution of Communion** - *we will be serving Holy Communion continuously today.*

**"Lamb of God"** — page 208, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**Hymn** — no 824  
Father's World"

"This Is My

**Hymn** —no 434  
Shall Reign"

"Jesus

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Blessing for all Caregivers**

# **we go in peace**

## **Announcements**

**\*Sending Hymn** — no. 660  
Cross”

“ Lift High the

## **\*Blessing & Dismissal**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude** - Suite de pièce pour l'orgue  
Boyvin

Jacques

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## **Announcements**

- We will have our first annual Congregation Meeting next Sunday, December 1, following worship. We will be electing our Church Council members and taking a first look at the 2025 budget.
- The Fellowship Committee will be serving coffee and refreshments after service today.
- Our Community Thanksgiving Eve service will take place this Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Union Presbyterian Church. Worship begins at 7pm. Anyone interested in singing in the community choir should arrive by 6:15pm. There will be no Wednesday night activities here at FLC that evening.
- Thanks to the great work of our Nominating Committee, we have a full slate of members who are willing to serve FLC in all of our elected positions. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to serve the Lord and our congregation!
- Sign up to sponsor your Christmas Altar Poinsettias. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for cooks, servers, and clean up crew for our Wednesday meals in December. Contact Rachel Szybnski with any questions [rszybnski@gmail.com](mailto:rszybnski@gmail.com)
- During the season of Advent, the Altar Guild invites you to contribute to the Giving Tree. This year this money will be used to support First Lutheran Church's Wednesday night suppers.
- The Social Justice Committee would like to extend a message of hope and humanity to our neighbors who are seeking security in the United States. We invite you to join us by writing Christmas cards with words of Hope and Encouragement during this season of uncertainty. There will be a table with cards and instructions for writing cards in English or Spanish today, Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, after worship in the gathering space. This is a program created by Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) and the cards will be sent to them for distribution.
- The four Gospels ( Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) tell similar, yet different accounts of Jesus's life. How do these differences show the interests of their authors and-more importantly- how do they work together to give us a more well-rounded picture of Jesus? Joining us for either or both of these sessions, Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Pioneer Parlor. Dec. 4th "Why 4 Gospels?" Dec. 11th "Birth Stories(?)".
- People can still turn in their Estimate of Giving donation cards to Karen

## **Prayers**

We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Karen Wendroth, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Ella Twaddle, Tim Schwartz, Gretchen Bray, Jim Wendroth, Dorothy Lutz, Jan Holte, Byron Larson, Lenore Schnobrich, Judy Fienen, David Ribar, Harvey Kane, Erika Schuldt and Laurie Dietrich.



## You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

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