



November 21, 2021 Christ the King

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Building up God's people through His word for His world

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Flowers and plants in our sanctuary are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the chancel (area around the altar), uplift the service participants, and remind us all of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/ministries/worship, under "Flower sponsorships." Today's flowers are sponsored by Heidi and Ken Cooper in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PRELUDE "Songs of Worship and Praise" arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

WELCOME Pastor James

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" Hymn No. 905

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

- **P** 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 and of one another.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Please kneel/stand.)

- P 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.
- P 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.

(Please stand)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE [Lord, have mercy] Music in Hymnal, Pages 152–153

HYMN OF PRAISE — This Is the Feast Music in Hymnal, Page 155

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Music in Hymnal, Page 156

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

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.

(Please sit)

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.

L ⁹As 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.

¹⁰A 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.

¹³As 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.

¹⁴To 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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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.

^{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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Music in Hymnal, Page 156

HOLY GOSPEL John 18:33–37

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Music in Hymnal, Page 157

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

- 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."
 - **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 - C Praise to You, O Christ.

Music in Hymnal, Page 157

(Please sit)

KIDS' MESSAGE

"5 Kernels of Thanks"

Pastor James



MESSAGE

"Christ the King – So What?"

Pastor James

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

© 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

(Please sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. D.

arr. D. N. Johnson

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne

Hark how the heavenly 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 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
Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side

Rich wounds yet visible above

In beauty glorified

No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight

But downward bends each burning eye

At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace Whose power a sceptre sways

From pole to pole
That wars may cease

Absorbed in prayer and praise His reign shall know no end And round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years The Potentate of time

Creator of the rolling spheres

Ineffably sublime All hail Redeemer hail For Thou hast died for me

Thy praise and glory shall not fail

Throughout eternity

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say "God in your mercy," The congregation responds "hear our prayer." Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Music in Hymnal, Page 160

SANCTUS [Holy, holy, holy]

Music in Hymnal, Page 161

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI [The peace of the Lord]

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

Music in Hymnal, Page 163

(Please sit)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My body ... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

Distribution procedure: Holy Communion will be distributed in two ways this morning. For those who will commune using the pre-packaged elements, Pastor James will instruct communicants on this procedure.

Communion will also be distributed in a continuous walking fashion. At the direction of the ushers, walk toward the front of the church in a single-file line. Please keep your mask on until it is time to consume the communion elements. The pastor will distribute the host (communion wafers). Receive the host in hand, consume it, and then take the wine from the tray (held by the communion assistant). After you have drunk the wine, place the empty cup in one of the bowls on either side of the chancel area, replace your mask, and return to your pew. If you are not receiving communion, please fold your arms across your chest with hands toward the shoulders (St. Andrew's cross) and approach to receive a blessing. There will be a single dismissal blessing after all have communed.





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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P 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.

BLESSING

- **P** 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.

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" Hymn No. 832

DISMISSAL

P Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly Splendor" arr. Paul Manz

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Note: Please join us for coffee fellowship following the service.

We hope you will continue to connect with us by liking our Facebook page and following our Instagram account. Find them by searching @gslcva within those social media platforms. We also encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow us on Vimeo so that you don't miss any of our virtual services, kids' messages, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to jeff@gslcva.org.

Worship Assistants

Worship Leader & Preacher
Organist
Cantor
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CORE MINISTRY AREAS

Worship Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;

Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir (Laura Owens), traditional, contemporary, physical space, support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes)

Discipleship Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)

adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry

Parish Life Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

Life Groups (Brian Cors), member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion (Melinda DeWan), concerts, public events, picnics, intergenerational events

Administration Team Leader: Pastor Johann

property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications, contracts, church office, calendar/program management, technology

Mission Team Leader: John and Debbie Linn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

world missions, synod, outreach, social ministry, community service, evangelism, publicity, media, social media

Congregational Care Team Leader: Marilyn Voigt; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann member care visits, emergency transportation, maintain roster of the willing, guest follow-up

Good Shepherd is a member congregation of the Southeastern District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

About Good Shepherd...

Ourvision

We will be a congregation known for building up God's people through His Word for His world.

Worship

During worship, God comes to us through his gifts of Word and Sacrament. What a joy to respond with prayer and songs of praise. Our worship services give us opportunity to listen to God's word and meditate upon it, thus feeding our faith; and express our concerns for our friends, families, community, and the world through prayer.

Serve

We are called to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed. One way we share is by serving one another and our neighbors in our community and throughout the world. Look at our Community Service Opportunities listing to find a way to serve.

Grow

We are committed to spiritual growth through the weekly gathering for prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, and through lifelong learning. In addition to growing in knowledge, we want to grow in love and service to others within and beyond our church community.

Connect

As we grow in our love for Jesus and our neighbors, as we serve our neighbors near and far, we help and encourage one another, challenge one another, and share one another's joys and sorrows. We build strong ties when we gather for worship as well as for events throughout the week. Look inside for many opportunities for connection.



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