

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24 & 25, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** ***LSB 525***

INVOCATION

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

People:Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 93:1–2, 5*

Pastor: The Lord reigns!

People: He is robed in majesty!

Pastor: The world is established.

People: It shall not be moved.

Pastor: God's throne is established from of old.

People: Our God is from everlasting.

Pastor: His decrees are very trustworthy.

People: Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.

Pastor: Christ is coming soon.

People: Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

Pastor: Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
LSB 802**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with You.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep us firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:4–6* p. 612

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Revelation 1:4b-8* p. 1028

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Soon and Very Soon” Jubilate Choir

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331

MESSAGE

RETURN TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

CHORAL ANTHEM "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Sunday School Children

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

HYMN **“Come, Thou Almighty King”** **LSB 905**

THE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Preacher & Officiant Rev. Jeff Carlson
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The Ushers (Saturday) Jan Kunert (Sunday) Orv Finseth,
..... Paul Boetcher, Orv Kloke & Elwayne Forster
The Organist.....Kathy Tanner



“In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”

Mark 13:24–26

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