



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ the King | November 24, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION (Court Watchers)

PRELUDE

"Te Deum" | *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,
**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**
God's reign shall never end.
God's love is everlasting.

***HYMN NO. 269**

"Lead On, O King Eternal!" | *LANCASHIRE*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, Holy Three,
we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.

Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places
we will respond to your call.
In your abundant mercy
teach us what it means to follow,
even at the cost of our lives.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

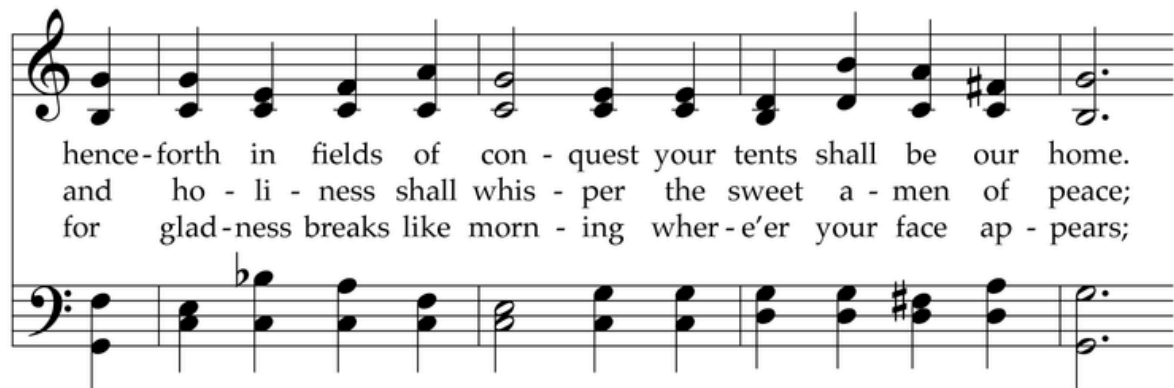
**For those who are able, please stand.*



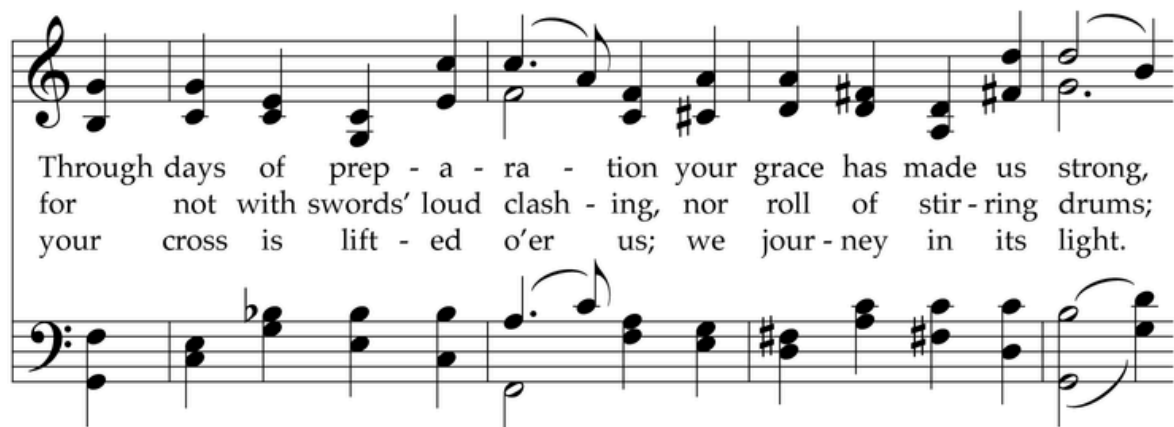
269 Lead On, O King Eternal!




1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved children of God,
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting -

it cannot be contained, but must be poured out.

Believe this good news - in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Let us live as a people set free!

*RESPONSE

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" | *GOODNESS IS STRONGER*

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours

Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

through God who loves us. us.

ours through God who loves us. us.

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Church School

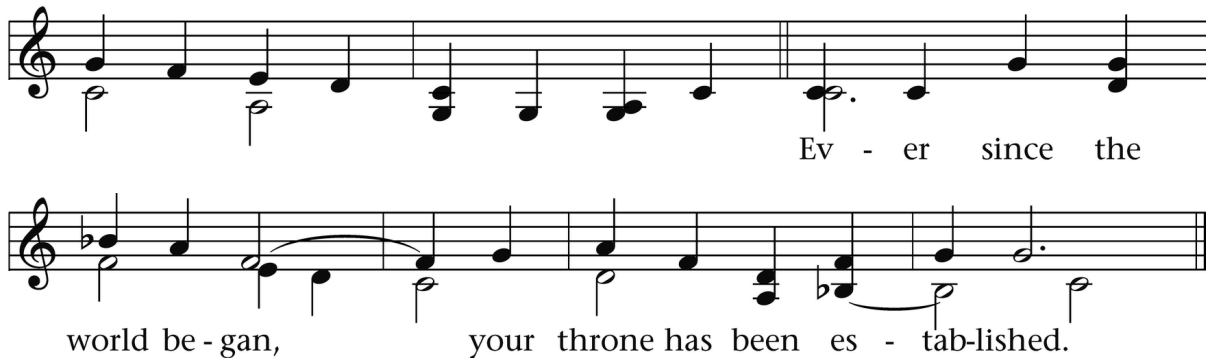
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

John 18: 33-37 | NT p. 113

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 93



THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

Revelation 1: 4b-8 | NT p. 245

SERMON

"The End" | Brian Shivers

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *Our World Belongs to God*, Christian Reformed Church)

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world— which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until God's kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to God!

God is King! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.

And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.

Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

**For those who are able, please stand.*



***OFFERTORY**

"Nunc Dimittis" (from *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*) | Roland Martin (b. 1955)

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,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, will be forever. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN NO. 348**

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" | HELMSLEY

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Friends, it is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ
as our Lord and King.

**Our mission in life is to make God's kingdom a reality among us
and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds.**

The way to do this is to live as Christ lived:
for others, in love and service.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
and to give shape to God's kingdom in our midst.
Thanks be to God!

**For those who are able, please stand.*



348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
 saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
 take the power and glo - ry; claim the

[illegible]

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus;

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

*RESPONSE

"Soon and Very Soon" | SOON AND VERY SOON



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| 1. All | Soon and ver - y soon | we are going to see the King. |
| 2. Higher Voices | No more cry - ing there: | we are going to see the King. |
| 3. Lower Voices | No more dy - ing there: | we are going to see the King. |
| 4. All | Soon and ver - y soon | we are going to see the King. |



Soon and ver - y soon	we are going to see the King.
No more cry - ing there:	we are going to see the King.
No more dy - ing there:	we are going to see the King.
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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!



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IN WORSHIP

Today's offertory, "Nunc dimittis," was composed by Roland Martin. This ancient text, also called the "Canticle of Simeon," has been sung since the 4th century. According to the narrative in Luke 2, Simeon was a devout Jew who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, Simeon was there, took Jesus in his arms, and uttered these words (1662 translation):

"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;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel."

Many composers throughout history have set the *Nunc dimittis*. In the Anglican church, it is often coupled with the *Magnificat* text and sung during evening prayer or evensong. In the Lutheran church tradition, the *Nunc Dimittis* is often sung following the reception of the Eucharist. On this Christ the King Sunday, we invite worshippers to embrace the Lord Jesus as Simeon did, finding in Him the fulfillment of all that God has promised. Roland Martin (born 1955) serves on the music faculties of the Buffalo Seminary and the University of Buffalo, New York. He is organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph University Church, Buffalo, and the founder and director of Speculum Musicae, an ensemble for early music. He also serves as conductor/music director for Opera Sacra.

As we are sent forth to serve in the world today, we sing gospel singer and songwriter Andraé Crouch's "Soon and Very Soon," Hymn No. 384. The hymn, set for four part harmony and gospel piano accompaniment, takes its text from the book of Revelation and is filled with exuberant joy and hope. The hymn revels in the promise of paradise and eternal communion with the King, where there will be no more hurting or crying or dying: "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him;" and "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying." Born in Los Angeles, California, Andraé Crouch (1942 – 2015) began his musical life as a child accompanist in his father's worship services. He is the recipient of seven Grammy Awards and four Dove Awards for his accomplishments as a composer and recording artist.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Dolly Craft | *Mission Team Member*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Benjamin Plunkett | *Cantor*

Chancel Choir

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Slate of Nominees

Congregational Meeting | Today | 11:15 am

Don't forget to stay following worship this morning for a congregational meeting to approve the following slate of church officers from the nominating committee.

2024 Nominating Committee Members

Emily Plunkett & Donna Schmahl, Co-Chairs

Heather Banks

Todd Ellington

Nancy Jarrell

Emi Johnson

Gayle-Sue Murphy

Maureen Purcell

Tony Ricchiuto

Dale Theobald

2024 Nominations for NPC Officers | Class of 2027

Elders

Chris Baker

Christie Call

Jim Mann

Mary Beth Riner

Mike Shannon

Sam Banks*

Deacons

Mike Boris

Sandy Corbitto

Nancy Fortenberry

Sally Gray

Dan Polak

Lyndsey Polak

Mason Root

Moriah Root

Susie Scott

Molly Winkler

Nancy Jarrell*

Emi Johnson*

Ryan Kim*

Northminster Foundation

Jerry Gray

Michael Keppler

Jennifer Skeels

**single year term*

Events and Announcements

Congregational Meeting | Today | 11:00 am

Join us today following worship for a Congregational Meeting to elect our slate of officers for 2025. Church members will meet in the sanctuary for a brief introduction of candidates and a vote.

Drumstick Dash Volunteers Needed | Nov. 28

Every year, Northminster is a warming station and rest stop for the Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving morning. We need a host of volunteers to greet people, direct them to the bathrooms, and offer hot chocolate. Call the church office to volunteer!

Westminster Neighborhood Collection - November

The Mission Team is collecting 350 bottles of shampoo (12.5 oz.) and 1,000 sticks of deodorant for the Westminster Neighborhood Services Christmas baskets. Your donation helps people feel better about themselves!

Intergenerational Advent Event | Dec. 1st | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Celebrate the beginning of Advent! Join us in the Gathering Place to decorate donuts, create Star-themed crafts, or just enjoy cider, hot chocolate, and fellowship. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Melissa Hopkins.



Advent Labyrinth | Dec. 4th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Northminster invites you to experience a Chartres labyrinth (courtesy of Second Pres.) starting December 4th! We'll welcome Rev. Barbara Dahl, retired ELCA pastor, to talk history and offer insight on the effects of walking the labyrinth.



Clothe-A-Child | Dec. 5th | 9:15 am - 1:00 pm

Help support the clothing needs of students from School 55! We will meet at 9:15 am in The Gathering Place before heading to the Glendale Target and then come back to Calvin Hall after shopping for pizza and crafts. Scan the QR code to sign up or donate!



Bach Cantata: Schwingt Freudig Euch Empor | Dec. 8th | 10:00 am

Northminster's Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists Siyi Yab (soprano), Sara Dailey Muñoz (alto), Jonathan Elmore (tenor), and Sam Spade (bass), present Bach's Cantata 31 "Joyful Voices Raise" during the December 8th worship service.



All-Church Bake Sale | Dec. 8th | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bring holiday treats in grab-and-go packaging to the Gathering Place before worship. After worship, take home your favorites with a donation of your choice. All proceeds support our Congolese refugee family!



Comfort & Joy | Dec. 19th | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us on Thursday, December 19th, for "Comfort & Joy", featuring a sound bath with live music, labyrinth walk, and prayer and meditation. All are welcome to take a moment or two to find their place and simply "Come and Be."



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Karen Herbst-Kim
Associate Pastor

John Wright
Director of Music Ministries

Carol McDonald
Parish Associate

Marko Petričić
Music Associate/Organist

Cheryl Plunkett
Office Administrator

Melissa Hopkins
Director of Children's Ministry

Timothy Foster
Director of Communications

Shiloh O'Rourke
Director of Preschool

Emma Moore
*Operations Administrator &
Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Tim McElroy
Lead Custodian

Denise Harrington
Director of Senior Ministries

Krista Wright
*Spiritual Wholeness and
Wellness Coordinator*

Elisabeth Kleinsmith
*Family Engagement
Coordinator*

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Jonathan McGee
Custodian

Nate Boak
Custodian

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at northminster.church/newsletter

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