

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE  
CHURCH YEAR  
PROPER 29**



**Christ the King  
November 24, 2024**

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## AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 93:1; 95:6*

Pastor: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;  
People: **the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
People: **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*John 18:37*

Pastor: Jesus said, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Today we kneel humbly before Him, our king, confessing the truth that we have sinned against our creator’s clear commands. Let us make our heartfelt petition for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: **Most merciful Lord, whose majesty has been shown to all nations by Your triumph over all sin and death on Your glorious cross, from Your exalted throne at the right hand of the Father You live and reign over all creation. Receive our humble plea for mercy, life, and forgiveness of our sin, and grant to us Your enlivening grace by speaking Your liberating word of truth.**

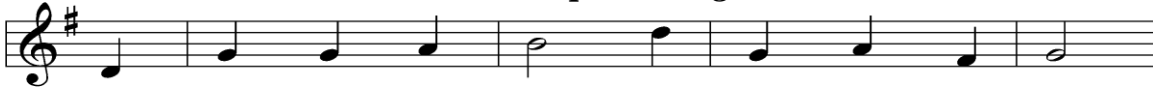
Pastor: “Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

# HYMN

## *O Worship the King*

LSB 804



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14*

<sup>9</sup>“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 1:4b–8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a

kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:31–36*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my

kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

LSB 531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
These were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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# SERMON

## APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, Lord and king of all creation, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings You have given to all beyond any worthiness or merit of our own. We praise You especially for Your holy church throughout the world of all ages, for preserving Your Word and Sacraments and providing faithful pastors to preach and administer Your grace. Keep them in purity of doctrine and all Your people in confident faith. Protect us in any tribulation or danger, and strengthen our hope in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People:** **hear our prayer.**
- Pastor:** Lord of the nations, grant that Your grace guide and protect all who are in authority, especially in our own country. Keep all people in safety by means of Your gifts of mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. Defend all who labor and grant that all may grow in useful knowledge that we may live in freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People:** **hear our prayer.**



Pastor: Comfort, O God, all who are in any trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity. Show us Your mercy that we may live our days in safety and health. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

## **OFFERING / OFFERTORY**

Chancel Choir

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest* by John Leavitt

Sing to the Lord of Harvest. Sing songs of love and praise.  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move.  
Sing to the Lord of Harvest a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring.  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
He fills with His fullness all things with large increase.  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave.  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him, when at His feet you fall.  
And with your lives adore him, who gave His life for all.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
**People:** Amen.

## HYMN

### *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
 △ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

*There will be a special Fountain of Life Voter's Assembly on Sunday, November 24, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose for this meeting is to consider issuing a call to Reverend Craig Bertram of Forest Lake, Minnesota to serve as the next pastor of Fountain of Life Lutheran Church.*

*The Call Committee, after many meetings, months of prayerful study and discussion, and two in-depth interviews respectfully recommends through the Board of Elders and the Church Council the calling of Pastor Bertram.*

*Pastor Bertram and his wife, Margery (Marge) have been blessed with four children, two girls and two boys. He has been serving the Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, Minnesota since 1999.*

*Additional information will be presented at the Voter's Assembly.*

*For with you is the fountain of life;*



*in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9*

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### **Service Times**

#### **Sunday**

Chancel Choir starting September	8:30 am
Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Bible Study	11:15 am

#### **Tuesday**

Mid-week Bible Study	10:00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Royal Cafe	8:30 am

#### **Wednesday**

Quilters	9:00 am
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#### **Thursday**

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Permission to Grieve Group</i>	10:00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday <i>Ladies Lunch Bunch</i>	11:30 am

### **Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday (9am-2pm)

\*\*Closed Friday\*\*

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