



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 21, 2021 ♦ 9:00am**



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

490 N. Fourth Street, Bayport

“In partnership with God, Each Other, and the World.”

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*Thine Own, O Loving Savior*

**Flor Peeters**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Come Thou, Almighty King*

**ELW 408**

- 1) Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
- 2) Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord;  
our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success,  
and let thy righteousness  
on us descend.
- 3) Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour!  
Thou who almighty art,  
rule now in ev'ry heart,  
never from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.
- 4) To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be  
hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

ELW p. 138

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 140

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen** *Refrain*

**For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.** *Final Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** 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.**

## WORD

## YOUTH MESSAGE

## FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**L** <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.

## PSALM *(Please read responsively)*

Psalm 93

- L** <sup>1</sup>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.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**
- L** <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**
- L** <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

**L** <sup>4b</sup>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 the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

<sup>7</sup>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.

<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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

John 18:33-38

**L** The Holy Gospel... **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**L** <sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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." <sup>38</sup> And Pilate said, "What is truth?"

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

## SERMON

Pastor Rich Larson

## HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us?*<sup>(vss 1,2,4)</sup> ELW 431

- 1) O Christ, what can it mean for us  
to claim you as our king?  
What royal face have you revealed  
whose praise the church would sing?  
Aspiring not to glory's height,  
to power, wealth, and fame,  
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,  
another's will your aim.
- 2) You came, the image of our God,  
to heal and to forgive,  
to shed your blood for sinners' sake  
that we might rise and live.  
To break the law of death you came,  
the law of love to bring:  
a diff'rent rule of righteousness,  
a diff'rent kind of king.
- 3) Though some would make their  
greatness felt  
and lord it over all,  
you said the first must be the last  
and service be our call.  
O Christ in workplace, church, and  
home,  
let none to power cling;  
for still, through us, you come to serve,  
a diff'rent kind of king.
- 4) You chose a humble human form  
and shunned the world's renown;  
you died for us upon a cross  
with thorns your only crown.  
But still, beyond the span of years,  
our glad hosannas ring,  
for now at God's right hand you reign,  
a diff'rent kind of king!

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Following each petition:* **L** Hear us, O God. **C** Your mercy is great.

*The prayers conclude:* **L** Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **C** Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Bethlehem Chapel Choir

trad. arr. Jack Schrader

## OFFERING HYMN

*Create in Me*

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**L** 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. **C** Amen.

## MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144

**L** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**L** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

ELW p. 144

**C** Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Words of Institution

**L** On 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Hymns during Distribution

#### *Agnus Dei*

ELW p. 146

**L** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### *Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

1) Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3) Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

2) Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

4) Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine

### COMMUNION BLESSING

**L** Now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☒ 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. ☒ Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

☒ 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. ☒ Amen

### SENDING HYMN

### *Lead on, O King Eternal*

ELW 805

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| 1) Lead on, O King eternal!<br>The day of march has come;<br>henceforth in fields of conquest<br>your tents will be our home.<br>Through days of preparation<br>your grace has made us strong;<br>and now, O King eternal,<br>we lift our battle song. | 2) Lead on, O King eternal,<br>till sin's fierce war shall cease,<br>and holiness shall whisper<br>the sweet amen of peace; | for not with swords loud clashing,<br>nor roll of stirring drums,<br>but deeds of love and mercy<br>the heav'nly kingdom comes.   |
|  |   | 3) Lead on, O King eternal:<br>we follow, not with fears,<br>for gladness breaks like morning<br>where'er your face appears.<br>Your cross is lifted o'er us;<br>we journey in its light;<br>the crown awaits the conquest;<br>lead on, O God of might! |

### DISMISSAL

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

☒ Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*“Allegro Maestoso”* (from Water Music) G.F. Handel



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