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Christ The King Sunday

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## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** *"Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"* LSB 339

### **Verse 1**

Lift up your heads,  
you everlasting doors  
And weep no more!  
O Zion's daughter, sing,  
To greet your coming King;  
Now wave the victor's palm  
And sing the ancient psalm:  
"Lift up your heads,  
you everlasting gates!"  
Your King awaits!

### **Verse 2**

Who is this King  
of great and glorious fame?  
What is His name?  
Lord God of Sabaoth,  
Of whom the prophets wrote,  
Whose chosen, humble steed  
Declares Him king indeed!  
Hosanna, Lord!  
Messiah, come and save  
From sin and grave.

### **Verse 3**

Who may ascend  
Mount Zion's holy hill  
To do God's will?  
The One whose unstained hands  
Can meet the Law's demands,  
Whose purity within  
Reveals One free from sin.  
Come, praise this King  
who claims the cross as throne—  
Praise Him alone!

### **Verse 4**

"Worthy is Christ!"  
The Lamb who once was slain  
Now lives to reign.  
He rules our earthly ways  
As Lord of Ancient Days—  
O, join the endless song  
Sung by the ransomed throng:  
"Worthy is Christ!"  
The Lamb be praised again!  
Amen! Amen!

## **INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES (from Romans 8)**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**C: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION**

P: We have been warned to turn from our wicked ways. Let us confess our sins to God our heavenly Father,

**C: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another by what we do, by what we think, and by what we say. Keep your wrath far from us and forgive us, that we may find joy in your wonderful blessings; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: We have taken warning, and will surely live, because God does have mercy upon us. God does forgive us all our sins. We have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray; Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord

Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

## **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* LSB 338

### Verse 1

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

### Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## MESSAGE

## PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: Until the day our Lord returns in power and glory, he comes to us now at his table,

**C: In, with and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.**

P: *(The Words of Institution)* Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

**C: Amen.**

**Verse 1**

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**Verse 2**

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**Verse 3**

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**Verse 4**

He sighs, he dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

### **Verse 5**

He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

### **DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this life-giving gift, and we ask you that of your mercy, and through this sacrament, you would strengthen us in faith toward you, and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING SENTENCES AND BLESSING (from Mark 13)**

P: And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

**C: But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN      "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"    LSB 366**

**Verse 1**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

**Verse 2**

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

**Verse 3**

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.



## **Church Announcements for This Week!**

### **Worship With Us Each Week**

All are welcome to join us for worship each week. We are following the safety guidelines that are put out by the government and health officials to make sure all are as safe as they can be. If you are not comfortable joining us in person. We also live-stream our 8 AM worship service on our Facebook page and church website. We post these services to our YouTube channel shortly after the service is completed. We are also recording our services, so if you would like a digital copy on DVD or flash drive just let us know.

We will also be doing midweek Advent worship on 7 PM on Wednesday evenings. You can worship with us either in person or on the live-stream like you do on Sunday mornings.

### **Financial Update**

Financially we have had some highs and some lows. I'll start with the lows. So far this year our spending has outpaced our offerings by approximately \$41,000. Our giving has been steady, but not quite up to where we usually are. Our expenses have stayed about the same. Even if no one is in the building we still have an electric bill, the lawn still needs to be mowed and our employees need to be paid. As bleak as this looks, we were fortunate enough to receive a Payroll Protection Loan for \$31,000. This brings our shortfall to right around \$10,000. We are in the process of applying to have the PPP loan forgiven, which all indications are that it should be. We truly appreciate all the offerings that you send in. We ask that you continue to do so, or if possible increase a little bit so we can end the year on a positive note. Remember you can give offerings in person at church on Sunday, drop them off at church, mail them to church, or give online through the link on our webpage. Thank you again for all your support.

### **New Scrip Fundraiser**

In an effort to try and close the budget shortfall, we are going to try a new fundraiser. All monies will go into the general fund to help cover everyday bills. We are going to offer the Scrips gift card purchasing fundraiser. You can buy gift cards through the program and the church will receive a portion of the proceeds. There are hundreds of gift cards available for purchase. You can give them as gifts, or if you know you are going to make a large purchase you can buy a gift card and use that to make your purchase and the church will receive a percentage back from the company. You can even do this with

many grocery stores to purchase your food. Make that list of Christmas gift cards you need and get them all in one place. The cards are shipped right to your house, or for some, you can get an e-gift card. Follow the instructions below to get started. Download the free Raiseright app, or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) use enrollment code 24L3EC4D75957.

### **"God With Us" Advent Devotions**

We are providing for families a devotion that can be done from home. We are using "God With Us" from Lutheran Hour Ministries. If you would like to pick up a copy and bring it home with you they are on the table outside of the cry room. If you would like to receive these electronically or print them at home you can go to [www.lhm.org/advent](http://www.lhm.org/advent) We hope this will be a blessing to you and your family as you prepare for Christmas.

### **December Voters Meeting**

On Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service, we will be having our December voters meeting. We will be approving the new budget and elections for open positions. We will be having this meeting in the sanctuary to make sure we have proper social distancing. We will also be live-streaming the meeting over Zoom so that people can watch from home. We will be having a church council meeting on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We are currently looking for elect 2 elders, a trustee, and somebody for the board of stewardship. If you are interested in any of those positions please talk with Amy Tiedt or Pastor Pinion.



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