

Jesus: King of kings



His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:14

Christ the King – Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 23 / 24, 2024




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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 23 / 24, 2024

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, you are the King of all, and with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you reign over all things in power, grace, and glory. Rule our hearts now through your Word. Strengthen our faith and cause your kingdom to come to us and to all with whom we share the saving message of your grace and mercy which are ours in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We pray these things in his holy name. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE	<i>Service Setting 2</i>	<i>p. 172</i>
HANDBELLS 9:30 & 11	<i>Fantasia on Old Hundredth</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
OPENING HYMN	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	<i>CW 512</i>
<i>Stand</i>		
CONFESSION OF SINS		<i>p.172</i>
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Be seated

ANTHEM 8am *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* arr. Healey Willan
*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 filleth 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 ye fall,
and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all, for all.*

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13–14

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 95

8 am - Choir sings the first refrain and the verses, Congregation joins in the subsequent refrains and Gloria Patri

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b–8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

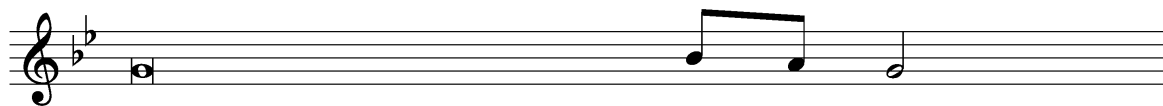


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Mes - si - ah,



and he will reign for ever and ev - er.

Refrain

GOSPEL

John 18:33–37

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns* CW531

SERMON

Daniel 7:13-14

REIGN OVER US, O KING OF KINGS

- 1. He has set us free from sin*
- 2. He has made us subject to his will*

Stand

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *p. 182*

OFFERING

HYMN *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* *CW 487*

Stand

PRAYERS AND BLESSING *p. 171*

CLOSING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *CW 511*

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Biblical Conflict Resolution
Tuesday	4 pm	Oak Hills Service
Wednesday	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	9 am	Thanksgiving Service
Friday	6 pm	John and Paul Ministries Parade of Lights
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Dec. 1	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Biblical Conflict Resolution
Monday, Dec. 2	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 3	7 pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday, Dec. 4	11 am	Midweek Service
	3:30 pm	Homeschool and Public Catechism
	4, 6:30 pm	Midweek Service

5 pm Advent Meal
5:30 pm Handbells
7:30 pm Choir
Thursday, Dec. 5 10 am Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
7 pm Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday, Dec. 6 9:30 am Bible Class: Proverbs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past week was 761 with 488 receiving the Lord's Supper
Fruits of Faith:

\$22,654 Home Operations ~ Year to Date needed: \$810,801 / Year to Date received: \$782,897
\$2,740 WELS Missions ~ Received to Date: \$78,319 (2024 Goal: \$78,000)
\$970 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$51,152 (2024 Goal: \$52,000)
\$65 Women of St. John's
\$1,025 K-12 Education Assistance
\$ 25 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$100 St. Paul's School
\$465 Building Fund
\$15 Sanctuary Renovation

Please Complete the Communications & Contribution Preference Survey ~ Your stewardship committee is trying to maximize the effectiveness of our communication by sharing information with our members in the way that they prefer to receive it. We also want to offer giving options that will be used based on how our members give gifts to God. Please take 2 minutes to scan and complete the digital survey or pick up a printed copy in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie ~ Join us Wednesday, November 27, after the Thanksgiving Eve service for pie & fellowship! Sign up sheets in the narthex!

Bible Class ~ Difficult Conversations - When it comes to the realities of life in a sinful world, we all know a thing or two about hurting and being hurt by others. But the Christian has every advantage in the even more powerful realities of the grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation that we have in Jesus. It will be a joy to unpack these "advantages" with Bibles open and to explore some useful strategies for managing our interpersonal conflicts.

Women of St. John's ~ Please join us on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 p.m. for our annual Christmas Party. We will be meeting at the Garden Terrace Apartments Community Room located at 1021 N Garden Street here in New Ulm (next to Oak Hills Living Center). Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for one of our games. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the new narthex where you can also indicate if you need a ride. Please contact Sarah Logston with any questions (logstonsarah@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

John and Paul Ministries ~ Come walk with us in the Parade of Lights, on November 29 at 6:00 pm! Register at <https://forms.gle/ALiuTfYEK3hEgnEP8to> to receive information like parade route placement and when to arrive. We'll be handing out a John and Paul Ministries swag item and the holiday worship schedules of St Paul's and St John's churches. See you then!

New Ulm Food Shelf ~ St. John's supports the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf by providing 3 adult volunteers to assist clients on the third Monday of each month from 11:45-3 p.m. Duties include accompanying clients as they select their food options based on distribution guidelines, weighing carts,

and pushing carts to the garage where the clients load their items into their cars. If you are interested in volunteering to help in 2025, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions or want to sign up by phone, call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722). You will receive a schedule of all volunteers and their assigned months in December.

MLC Job Opportunities ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part time Vocal Instructor. Interested individuals should apply online at mlcwels.edu/hr/. Thank you.

Oak Hills Volunteers for St. John's Services Needed ~ Every other week, volunteers from St. John's help to bring residents to a 4:00 Chapel Service on Tuesdays. After the services we take them back to their rooms. During the past year or so we have lost a couple of volunteers and are in need of more helpers. If you enjoy visiting with fellow Christians, are able to push a wheelchair, and have an hour and a half available every other Tuesday afternoon, we would love to have you join us. Email sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com or talk to me to get more details about serving the Lord in this way. Thanks, Staff Minister Jim

Wind Symphony Concert ~ One of the earliest multi-movement works for instruments was the dance suite, dating back to the 14th century. The form has been tweaked many times over the years, but one characteristic has largely remained true: a musical suite is connected by a single idea tying all the movements together, be it melody, harmony, rhythmic motive, or theme. Please join the MLC Wind Symphony as they present Suite Sounds for Winds and Percussion. The program includes works by Holst, Williams, and Stravinsky and will be held in the MLC auditorium on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 pm. This concert is free and open to the public. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

MLC Christmas Concert ~ Martin Luther College invites you to the annual Christmas concert, *And on Earth, Peace*, presented Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

Service Member Handbooks ~ Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) provides Christ-centered support to WELS/ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Handbooks are produced in partnership with WELS Military Services and Northwestern Publishing House. When Christian Service Members are called to duty, this uniform pocket-sized faith and worship resource helps them take God's Word with them wherever they are sent. The content of this handbook was developed by a working group of WELS and ELS Veterans and called workers with the deployed Service Member in mind. Christian Service Members will appreciate the prayers for specific military situations, morning and evening devotional orders, Luther's Small Catechism, selections of Scripture with a topical index, and hymns from Christian Worship with guitar chords and musical notation. This is a welcome companion to the Christian Service Member to support them in their faith walk, especially when away from their home congregation. Since 2020, over 380 Handbooks have been distributed to Christian Warriors. Active-duty Service Members can receive a free copy through WELS Military Services or the Bethany Lutheran College Bookstore. This is one way LMSG provides Christ-centered support to our Christian Warriors and their Families.

About The Cover ~ The prophet Daniel saw a vision of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, who is also the Son of God and God the Son, sitting on a cloud and about to judge the world. Daniel noted that unlike every other kingdom on earth, the kingdom of the Christ is an everlasting kingdom that rules over all for all time. We, brothers and sisters in Christ, are part of that great kingdom, both now and throughout eternity. We rule with Christ, and

someday we will see the fulfillment of everything Jesus promises in the glories of heaven