

# *Christ the King*



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*All are welcome!*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than **50** years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences *become* celebrations of diversity.

## *Introduction*

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

# Welcome to Worship

## Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

*P* In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen**

*P* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**All We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

*P* God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

**All Amen.**

## *Kyrie and Hymn of Praise*

*P* Kyrie eleison

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*P* Christe eleison:

**All** Christ, have mercy.

*P* Kyrie eleison:

**All** Lord, have mercy.

### *Refrain*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**1. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain***

**3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Ending***

### *Ending*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

## *The Greeting*

P The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

P Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever.

**All 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. Amen.**

*You may be Seated*

## *A Reading from Daniel, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<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.

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

*L* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

*A Reading from Revelation, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter*

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<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.

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

*L* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Please stand as you are able.*

♪ ♪ Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ♪ ♪  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## *Gospel Reading*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<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."

John 18:33-37

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be Seated*

*Sermon*

*Pr. Debra Jimenez*

## **Humble Thyself / Awesome God**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
And He shall lift you up higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above,  
With wisdom pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God.

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### *You may be Seated*

## *Nicene Creed*

*P* Joining with the saints across the ages, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;**



through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." *The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## *Prayers of Intercession*

**L** Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

♪ ♪ Change my heart oh God, make it ever true ♪ ♪  
Change my heart oh God, may I be like You.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

**L:** Lord, in Your mercy,      **All:** **You hear our prayer.**

## *Sharing the Peace*

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

## *Offering*

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

♪ ♪ Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, ♪ ♪  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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## *Offertory Prayer*

*P* Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.

**All** 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. Amen.

## *The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution*

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## Remember Me

Verse 1 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You took the bread.  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

Verse 2 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.  
After giving thanks You lifted it up  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

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## *The Lord's Prayer*

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

*All*                    **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.**

## *The Invitation*

*P* A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## *Communion Songs*

### **Beautiful Savior**

- 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.

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

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## Spirit of the Living God

Chorus

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.

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### *Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All** Amen

*P* Let us pray,  
Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

**All** 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.

# *Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

## *Benediction*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* 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.

**All** Amen.

## *Sending Song*

### **He Is Exalted**

Verse

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high. I will praise Him!  
He is exalted forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

Chorus

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

## *Dismissal*

*P* <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-1*

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

**All Thanks be to God.**



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Readings for next Sunday,  
*November 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Advent 1*

<b>First Reading:</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 25:1-10
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 21:25-36

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