

Christ the King



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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.

St. James Lutheran Church

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Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

In this bulletin, ELW# refers to hymns in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (cranberry color). ACS# refers to hymns in the back half of *All Creation Sings* (purple color). Both books are found in the chair rack in front of you. Other symbols used throughout this bulletin:

P Presider C **Congregation** A Assisting Minister L Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW 855

*PASTORAL GREETING

P 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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L *Let us pray:* 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.**

SOLO (10:45): *The Call from Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

¹Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. ²Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. ³Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love. (George Herbert)

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ 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.

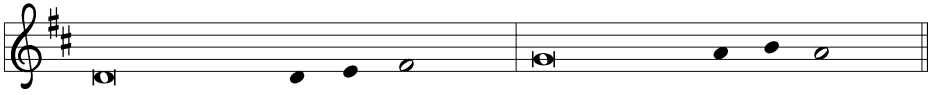
¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established;**
you are from ¹ everlasting.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea,**
mightier is the LORD who ¹ dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are ¹ very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹ evermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} 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, ⁵ 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, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ 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.

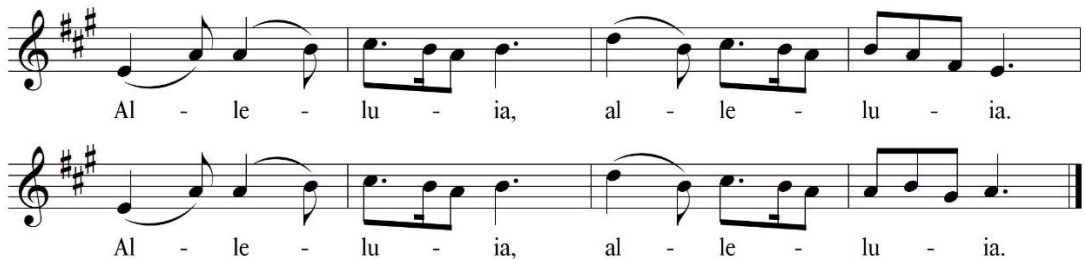
So it is to be. Amen.

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

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. *Mark 11:9*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

P The Holy Gospel according to John. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ 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?" ³⁶ 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." ³⁷ 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."

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

*APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "Merciful God," Our response: "**receive our prayer.**"

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:15) *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth*

Medieval European tune

¹Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, upon a cross they bound you, and mocked your saving kingship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And still our wrongs may fashion now new thorns to pierce that steady brow, and robe of sorrow round you. ²O awesome Love, which finds no room in life where sin denies you, and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom the pow'r that crucifies you, till not a stone is left on stone, and then the nations' pride, o'erthrown, will nevermore defy you! ³New advent of the love of Christ, will we again refuse you, till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose you? From ancient doubts our minds release to seek the

kingdom of your peace, by which alone we choose you. ⁴O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us your new creation; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled; we wait your revelation. O Love that triumphs over loss, we bring our hearts before your cross; come, finish your salvation. (W. Russell Bowie)

(10:45) Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King! (George Herbert)

*OFFERTORY



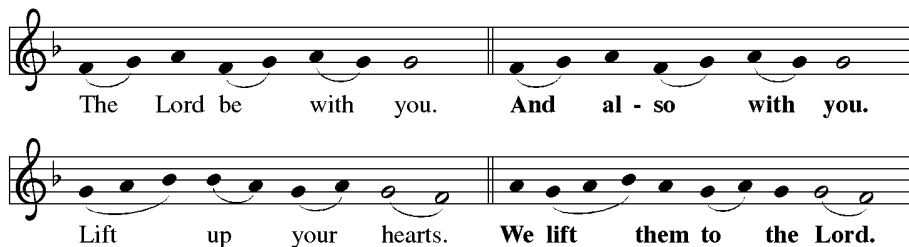
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* INVITATION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come one, come all, the feast is spread! An usher will give you a cup and guide you toward the platform. During the continuous flow, please fill in spaces starting at the front of the platform completing the circle. We offer a chalice with grape juice first, followed by a chalice of wine. Please indicate your preference by extending your glass at the appropriate time. Rice crackers are available for those with gluten allergies. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will receive the sacrament while seated.

COMMUNION HYMN: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

ACS 954

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A *Let us pray:* Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

ELW 893

*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE: *Allegro maestoso from Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

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Lift Up in Prayer

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Erin Freeman
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Miriam Zepp	Dennis	Luke	Wayne
Angie	Diane	Marilyn	

We pray for our youth and volunteers that are attending the Middle School Retreat. May they stay safe in their travels, make memories that last a lifetime, and allow their faith in You to continue to grow.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In loving honor of the wedding anniversary of George and Yu Cha Helfrick by their daughter, Catherine Marie Chrismer.

In loving memory of Dick Boyer by his wife, Doris, his daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Jeff, and his grandchildren, Rebekah and Katie.

Rosebud given in loving memory of Dennis Frankfort by his mother, Ruth Knaub.

Announcements

Poinsettia Orders - It's time to order poinsettias to honor or memorialize a loved one and to decorate the worship space for Christmas. Order deadline is 11/28 (Thanksgiving Day). Flowers are \$10.25. Orders can be placed at stjamesgettysburg.org/poinsettias

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship – On Wednesday November 27, join us at 5:30 pm for dinner, and 7 pm for worship featuring bluegrass liturgy. Friends and neighbors are welcome! RSVP here: stjamesgettysburg.org/event/thanksgiving-eve-2024/

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday December 7. Breakfast is served from 8am – 11am in the dining room, and pictures with Santa are from 9am – 11am in the gathering area. This is a free community event!! Volunteers are still needed to help prepare breakfast and to clean up. Please see Adam Michael, Beth Becker, or Janina Kloster if you can help.

Bible Study with Pastor Andrew - Join us Thursday mornings at 10 am! We meet in the Gathering Area and are still studying Genesis. All are welcome!



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Advent Mid Week Dinner and Worship – Advent is right around the corner and our mid-weeks will be held on Wednesdays 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18. Dinner is at 5:15 pm and worship is at 6:30 pm. Come and hear messages from Emily Harte, Kyle Smith, and Cara Russo. Our theme is “Finding Joy in the Darkness,” from our Christmas Eve scripture from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:1-20).

Meal Train - Are you able to provide a meal for other church members in a time of need? MealTrain.org will be used to organize and schedule meal deliveries. If you can help, contact Joe MacDowell at 717-253-3903 or joekaym65@gmail.com to be added to the list of volunteers.



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Serving in Worship

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Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

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Jonathan Noel

Assisting Minister

James Dunlop

Cantor

(8:15) Mike Guise

(10:45) Wayne Hill

Soloist

(10:45) Wayne Hill

Choir

(8:15) Martin Luther Choir

(10:45) St James Choir with

Suzanne Hubbard, piano

8:15 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Bell Ringer

Cole Altemose

Prayer of the Day

Lay Readers

Shirley Sanders

Sharon Kaya

Communion Assistants

Cynthia Smith, Alan Haynes,

Shirley Sanders, Kathy Smith,

Peggy Green

Ushers

Brad Smith, Cindy Zepp

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Greeters

Ron Couchman

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Bread Baker

Cindy Zepp

Sacristy

Cynthia Smith

Judy Seilhamer

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Gary Smith

10:45 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Bell Ringer

Connor Clowney

Prayer of the Day

Sawyer Miller

Lay Readers

Andy Crouse

Debra Baker

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Gloria Unger, Jan Keefer,

Catharine Senft-Geib,

Anne Young, Peggy Green

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Mark Clowney

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Tom Uhlig

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Greta Englund

Sacristy

Anne Young

Jean Uhlig

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