



## **JESUS – WHAT A KING!**

Christ the King Sunday – The Last Sunday of the Church Year

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Seward, Nebraska

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*November 21, 2021*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

### Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder and on the screen. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

**Worship Leader**  
**Organist**

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# MORNING PRAISE

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*"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.*

## HYMN

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent | 361*

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ, our God, to earth descending,  
Comes our homage to command.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human likeness,  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spread its vanguard on the way  
As the Light from Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

## OPENING DIALOG

*please stand, if able*



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



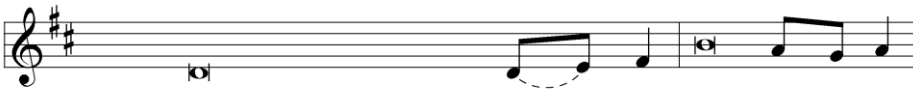
**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

## OH, COME, LET US SING

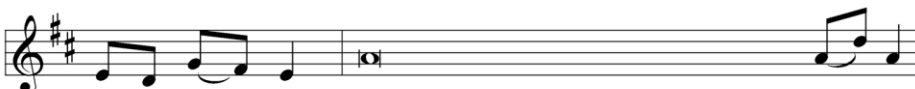
*Psalm 95:1-7*



**M:** (Advent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ King comes: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Christmas) Unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Lent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Easter) The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.  
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,  
 the Son, and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



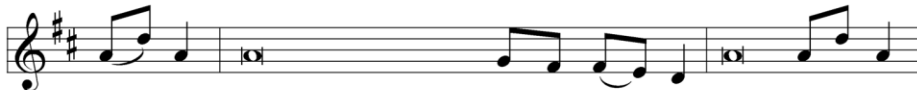
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



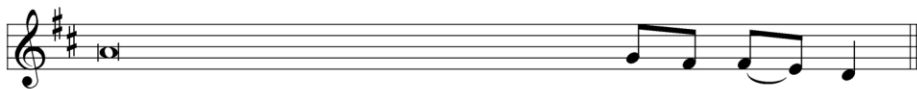
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*be seated*

## LESSONS

### Daniel 7:9-14

<sup>9</sup>I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. <sup>10</sup>A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

<sup>11</sup>I kept paying attention to the sound of the boastful words that the horn was speaking. I kept watching until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed and thrown into the burning fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion had been taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a set period of time.

<sup>13</sup>I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man<sup>a</sup> coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed. (EHV)

**M** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

45

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*

<sup>a</sup> This prophecy forms the basis of Jesus' use of the title *Son of Man*. At this point the words *son of man* are not yet a title but a description. Later, *Son of Man* is a title that indicates not only Jesus' humanity but also his deity, since it reminds us that he ruled with God the Father from eternity.

My heart is stirred by a noble theme\*  
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,\*  
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;\*  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;\*  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

### ***Refrain***

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;\*  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;\*  
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;\*  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Refrain***

## **Revelation 1:4b-20**

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, 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 own blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming with clouds,  
and every eye will see him,  
including those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him.

Yes. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.

<sup>10</sup>I was in spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last—<sup>18</sup>the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell.

<sup>19</sup>"So write what you have seen, both those things that are and those that will take place after this.

<sup>20</sup>"The mystery of the seven stars, which you saw in my right hand, and the seven gold lampstands is this: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches." (EHV)

**M** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever. Alleluia.

**♪ Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,** (CW 352)  
**Mighty Firstborn from the dead,**  
**You alone, our strong Defender,**  
**You lift up your people's head.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Jesus, true and living Bread! Jesus, true and living Bread!**



*please stand*

## **John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup>Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

<sup>37</sup>"You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (EHV)

**M** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S LESSON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Head that Once Was Crowned* | **217**

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords And heav'n's eternal light,

3 The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below  
To whom he manifests his love And grants his name to know.

4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name, an everlasting name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below; They reign with him above,  
Their profit and their joy, to know The myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

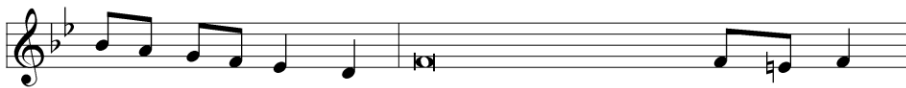
## SERMON

*please stand*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE TE DEUM



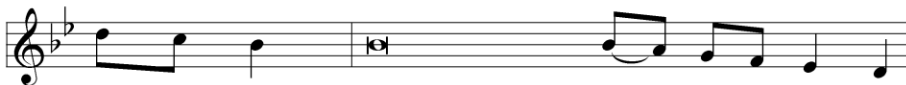
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



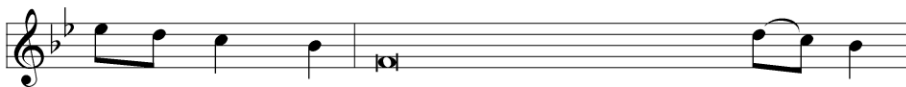
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



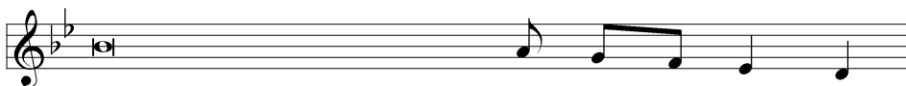
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



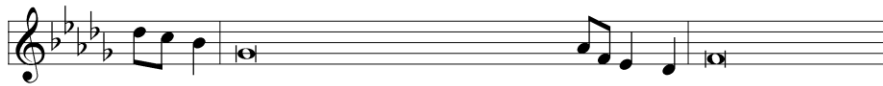
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



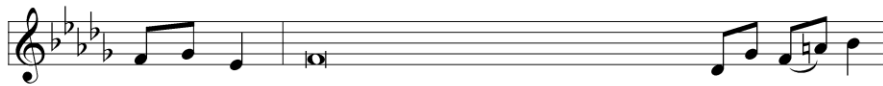
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## **OFFERING** *WE PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD*

*Please leave your offering in the plate or offering box in the entry way, or make use of one of the online giving options on our website.*

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

**HYMN** (sung as the offerings are presented)

(373)

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,  
O Conqueror invincible, In whom all joys are found,

4 May ev'ry heart confess your name, Forever you adore,  
Enkindled with the Spirit's flame To love you more and more.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**[C]** **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

**[M]** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**[C]** **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

**[M]** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**[C]** **Help us live as royal priests.**

**[M]** We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**[C]** **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

**M** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C** **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M** O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C** **Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C** **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

© **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.**

## HYMN

*The King Will Come at Age's End* | 731

- 1 The King will come at age's end,  
The trumpets trill, the heavens rend,  
Unveiling new Jerusalem. Alleluia!
- 2 The book of life will name its names,  
Each bought by cross's bitter pain,  
Each inked in blood and sealed in flame. Alleluia!
- 3 All-glorious on his gleaming throne,  
The King will claim his saints, his own,  
And with them dwell and make a home. Alleluia!
- 4 And nights of tears, though late and long,  
Will disappear in splendid dawn,  
And deeps of death will all be gone. Alleluia!
- 5 Amen, amen! Lord Jesus, come!  
My Savior fair, come bear me home.  
For you are King of kings alone! Alleluia!

*please stand*

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

## BLESSING



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

## HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* | 341

1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

