

Christ the King
November 21st, 2021
9am Worship/Live Stream



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

God our comforter, **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze on abundance and see scarcity. We look away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn # **408 Come Thou almighty King**

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
 help us thy name to sing;
 help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious,
 o'er all victorious,
 come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
 merciful, mighty Lord;
 our prayer attend.
 Come and thy people bless,
 and give thy word success,
 and let thy righteousness

on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Prayer of the Day:

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. Amen.**

THE WORD

Children's Time

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As 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. ¹⁰A 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. ¹³As 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. ¹⁴To 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 18:33-38

The holy gospel according to St. John the 18th Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate 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?” ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Pilate 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.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. The gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: The Whole Truth

Hymn of the Day: # 805 Lead On, O King Eternal!

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal!
 The day of march has come;
 henceforth in fields of conquest
 your tents will be our home.
 Through days of preparation
 your grace has made us strong;
 and now, O King eternal,
 we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal,
 till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 and holiness shall whisper
 the sweet amen of peace;
 for not with swords loud clashing,
 nor roll of stirring drums,
 but deeds of love and mercy
 the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
 we follow, not with fears,
 for gladness breaks like morning
 where'er your face appears.
 Your cross is lifted o'er us;
 we journey in its light;
 the crown awaits the conquest;
 lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

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.

Prayers of Intercession:

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.

A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. We pray especially for *Peggy, Elee, Greg, David, Carol, Ashley, Dylan, Larry, Michelle, Eldon, Norma, Mary Jo, Herb, Scott, Dave, Jim, Calvin, Shirley, Della, Mark, Anna, Tom, Kristen, and all those we name now before you whether out loud or in our heart or with our voices.* Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.

Offering Prayer:

Let us pray, God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Communion:

At this time, get out the communion elements you received when you arrived as we gather for the Eucharist.

The Lord be with you. **And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. For on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now let us pray our Christian table 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.

Each person takes first the bread, then the wine, and we receive it together.
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Blessing:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God’s doors,
In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn # 439 Soon & Very Soon

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.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more cry-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.
No more cry-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.
No more cry-in’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more dy-in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dy-in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dy-in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're 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
Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Go in peace, serve the lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Peggy Roach, Elee, Greg Marks, David Lewis, Carol Lewis, Ashley Hinrichs, Dylan, Larry Young, Michelle Bartkey, Eldon Schellfeffer, Norma Taplin, Mary Jo Bjork, Herb Nelson, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Shirley Nickel, Della Larson, Mark Kiefer, Tom Dachel, Anna Walentowski, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Announcements:

Sunday November 21st 9am In-door Worship, Livestream Worship, **10am** Coffee hour (MIM), **9:45am** Sunday School Hour

Sunday November 28th 9am In-door Worship, Livestream Worship, **10am** Coffee hour (?), **No** Sunday School Hour



This year Our Savior's will be sponsoring two different families. Our Christmas tree is up with ornaments on it for each family. If you would like to purchase a gift, please take an ornament off the tree and be sure to record it on the log sheet located in the last pew. When you return the gifts, **PLEASE**, have the ornament attached to the corresponding gift. You may wrap the gifts if you want, if not, we will wrap them. It is **VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE ORNAMENT IS RETURNED WITH THE GIFT**. If you prefer to purchase gift cards, rather than a gift, there is a box for them located in the last pew also. We will donate them to the Gift Box Program to use as needed for other families. The deadline for returning the gifts is Sunday, December 5th. We will collect gift cards through December 12th.

We thank you in advance for supporting this outreach program. We will be hosting coffee hour on November 28th to help support this program.

If you have any questions please contact, Sharon Peterson, Heather Johnson or Pauline Laughnan. God willing, we will be available to assist you before and after church services the next three Sundays. (21st, 28th, and 5th)

Ellsworth Hearts and Minds: They just ordered \$11,592 worth of school supplies, going to help 1,056 kids! We are still accepting donations at the moment, and any further donations will be used to purchase additional supplies and items from retailers. Again thank you all for your support, it's amazing we're able to exceed 1,000 students! The supplies should be delivered to our school shortly, from there we'll deliver them as soon as we can!

The Ellsworth Hearts and Minds Afghan Refugee Donation Drive is starting! Please make out donations to the Ellsworth High School to help give school supplies to Afghan students at Fort McCoy. On the envelope or check, please signify that the donation is for Ellsworth Hearts and Minds, or donate to our GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/e2932aef> .

Lutefisk Update: Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped with the 2nd Annual Lutefisk Take-out meal. We hope this may be the last one. Orders totaled 104 and gross proceeds were \$5,201.00. We still have 5 packages of lutefisk to sell as well as 5 jars of herring. We have the fish

frozen now in the basement refrigerator on the south side. Prices are \$8 for the herring and \$15 for the 1 3/4 lb package of lutefisk. You can leave money in the basket in the refrigerator sitting on the herring in the north refrigerator, or call Audrey Severson at 715-273-5019 about a purchase.

ARC Fundraiser: is excited to partner with Common Man Tap & Table in Ellsworth for a fundraising event. On Saturday, November 27th, Common Man will donate \$3 to ARC for every order of a sandwich or burger. Great place to grab a bite, take a break from shopping and decorating, and support ARC's mission of providing financial assistance to residents of River Falls and Ellsworth to meet their basic needs. www.arcriverfalls.org Hope to see you there, ARC Board of Directors

Attention All Committees: It's budgeting time. In the several weeks your Church Council will be working on the 2022 budget for Our Savior's. Please give some thought to your committee's financial needs for the upcoming year. It's most helpful in this planning process to get input directly from the committees, especially if you anticipate a significant change from this past year. You may submit this information to your council liaison or to the church office. Thank you.

College Scholarship: The Endowment Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school term. Deadline is December 1st. Please contact Nadalie Place at 715-790-3897 or nadgiff@yahoo.com, or the church office if you need an application.

Education Committee: Is looking for a piano player for the Christmas program. If you are interested contact Connie Girdeen todgird@bevcomm.net.

Youth News!

Mark your Calendars: After the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday December 19th. Santa will be in the blue chair room to read a Christmas Story and hand out bags of candy to youth of all ages.

Confirmation: No Confirmation on Wednesday November 24th. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering: This will take place at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis MN on Sunday July 24th - 28th. The Participants will be; Nora Feuerhelm, Derek Johnson, Delaney Johnson, Andi Peterson, Pearl Shelley, Lexie Shelley, and 2 female Chaperones; Patricia Peterson, and Kristine Shelley. **Need a Male Chaperone ASAP!** We will be teaming up with Joy Lutheran and Pastor Annie Ladnier in River Falls.

Scripture Calendars are available to purchase on the youth table downstairs for \$7.00. Thank you for supporting our 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering!