



**WELCOME TO**



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

# Reign of Christ

## November 24, 2024

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.

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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## **Prelude: Voluntary**

### **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*The service continues with gathering song.*

**GATHERING SONG HYMN: ELW #257 "O come, O  
come, Emmanuel" (Advent)**

**P: GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise: ELW 289 "Angels we have heard  
on high" (Christmas)**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray....

*A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.*

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.**

*All respond: **Amen.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

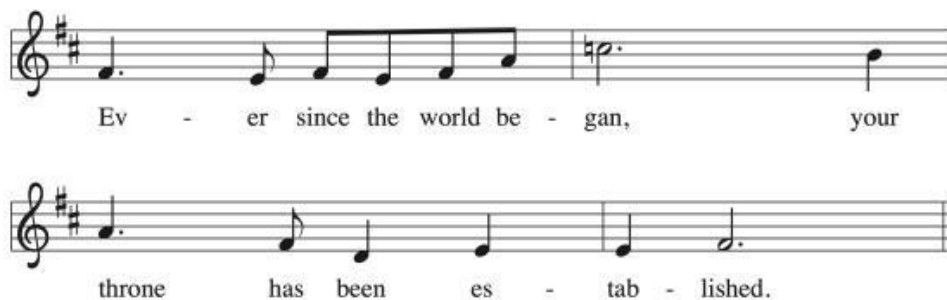
### **FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14**

*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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 93



Psalm 93:2

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<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and I armed with strength.

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

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has I been established;  
you are from I everlasting. R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted I up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their I pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers I of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who I dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are I very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- I evermore. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 314 "Arise, your light has come!" (Epiphany)**

### **Gospel: JOHN 18:33-37**

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

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #453 "Baptized and Set Free" (Baptism of our Lord)**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.  
The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,  
including the care of those in need.*

Corinthians 8:3 "For I testify that according to their ability and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord."

**OFFERTORY: ELW #334 "Tree of life and awesome mystery" vs. 1,2,3 (Lent)**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer.*

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Let us pray.

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

### DIALOGUE

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: ELW #365 "Jesus Christ is risen today"  
vs 1,4 (Easter)**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

*After the Words of Institution:*

As often as we eat this bread ... the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come  
again.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

**Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

**HYMN: ELW #362 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" vv 1-4 (Easter)**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-*

*alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The appropriate response is:*

Amen.

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

**Hymn: ELW #396 "Spirit of Gentleness"  
(Pentecost)**

**ELW #414 "Holy God, we praise your name"  
(Holy Trinity)**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

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.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW #434 "Jesus shall reign"  
(Reign of Christ, end times)**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**Postlude: Voluntary**

*The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.*

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

**Pastor:** Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara  
**Music Director:** Len Cremisio  
**Asst. Ministers:** 9:30 a.m.  
    **Reader:** MaryJean Kancel  
    **Crucifer:** Julian Menchaca  
    **Communion Assistant:**  
    **Assisting Minister:** Vaike O'Grady  
**Ushers:** 9:30 a.m. Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick  
    Craig Carlson, John Kelly  
    Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson  
**Altar Care:**  
**Post Worship Sec.:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Counters:** Arlene Kelly  
**Greeters:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Fellowship:**

**Communion Wine:** for November is given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel in Loving memory of Joseph J Kancel.  
Also, given by June Reib in honor of Jim Rieb's Birthday.

**Presence Candle:** for November is given by Marlene & Fred Farris in memory of George Long & Hunter Teal.

**Altar Flowers:** for November is given to the Gory of God.

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