

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 24, 2024 -9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 24th, 2024 | Christ the King | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.

WELCOMING WORD *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.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

408 - Come, Thou Almighty King

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Host at every table,
Companion of the suffering, Spirit of resurrection life.

C - Amen.

L - Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence for reflection)

God of letting go,

C - We confess that we fill ourselves with empty riches while our neighbors starve.

L - God of the cross,

C - We confess that we grasp for dreams of wealth and reject your path of sacrificial love.

L - God who knows our pain,

C - We confess that we become numb or grumpy when you invite us into compassion.

L - God who saves, feeds, and heals,

C - We repent of setting the table too small. We lament our habits of scarcity and distrust. We renounce the lures of prosperity and seek your reign of joy and peace.

L - People of God, we are both sinners and saints: God's table is set for all creation. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven all our fears are cast aside and all our neighbors are fed.

C -Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 "Glory to God in the Highest..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Come, Lord Jesus,

C: and be both our guest and our host. Bring your reign of joy and peace to birth among us. Gather us to your endless, crowded table where you have set a feast of mercy for all creation, for you are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, king and friend, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS: *You Are My King*
 No Greater Love

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.

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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 18,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

430 - Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

+RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING -

MUSIC "He Reigns" - by Praise Team

OFFERTORY #186 "Create in me...."

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

+THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

#634 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs.1,2,3)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God’s grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ’s love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 76, Israel's God— Judge of All the Earth

Tuesday, Revelation 11:15-19, The Seventh Trumpet

Wednesday Ezekiel 30:20-26, Proclamation against Pharaoh

Thursday, Psalm 25:1-10, Prayer for Guidance

Friday, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22, Final Exhortations

Saturday, John 1:35-42, The First Disciples of Jesus

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world.”
– John 18:36**

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

- From everything I believe, intuit and have been taught, I imagine God to be ... (Dan 7:9)
- What kind of kingdom is God using us to shape, influence and build in the here and now? (Rev 1:4)
- What is Jesus continuing to turn upside down in the world and the church? (John 18:33)

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.

BLESS: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.