

CHRIST THE KING
November 24th, 2024 – 10 AM

WELCOME



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.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but often have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. Often our desire make distinctions among ourselves. We many times place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

OPENING HYMN: ELW#430 – Rejoice for Christ is King

Prayer of the Day - 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

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!**

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

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

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

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

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house,

O LORD, forever and forevermore.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 18: 33 - 37; **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."

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – "Gathered & Grateful"

The Reverend Diane Burkland

HYMN: ELW#434 – Jesus Shall Reign

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grace those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Bring them healing and wholeness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with others around us, sharing your love and truth. Bless these offerings, that they may support ministries and missions that reach out to those in need. And empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, shining your light wherever we go. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.



And on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray;



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.

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Jesus, Name above all Names	Majesty
<p>Jesus name above all names Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer living Word.</p> <p>Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.</p> <p>Praise him, Lord above all lords, King above all kings, God's only Son The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit Comes to live in us, Savior and Friend</p> <p><i>c. 1974, 1978 Universal Music, Brentwood Benson Publishing, CCLI License # 22085334</i></p>	<p>Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority Flow from His throne unto His own His anthem raise.</p> <p>So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.</p> <p>© 1981 New Spring, CCLI License # 22085334</p> <div data-bbox="1393 1381 1490 1535" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="1349 1539 1520 1570"> ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Barnegat Light NJ </p>

Closing Prayer - 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.**

Blessing – The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW#855 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

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