

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

November 24, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Christ the King

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.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In the name of God, the Creator, Jesus, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, we come together to offer worship and praise.

We are blessed by your presence among us, God, and we look to you for help and comfort.

We gather as the believing community called the church, the body of Christ.

We come in response to your call. Gift us with wisdom and love in this hour.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

God of all creation,

we do not love you with our whole hearts. We do not love those around us as we love ourselves. We fail our families and break relationships in every area of our lives. We want to be made new. We need to be a new creation fashioned in your image. Forgive our sin and create within us all you intend us to be.

People of God, in Christ we are a new creation. In Christ our sin is forgiven and we are free to be the true people of God. The old has become brand new, and what was dead is rising to eternal life. The cross is empty and the tomb is open. Jesus reigns! New life belongs to us. Thanks be to God!

Amen!

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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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.

WORD

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

(Congregational responses in bold)

¹ The 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.

³ The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves;
you are from everlasting.

⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
You are from everlasting.

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

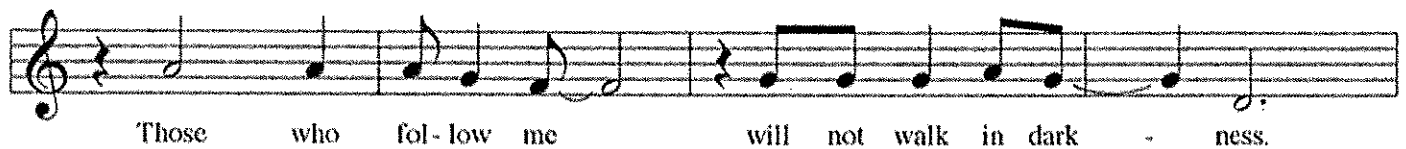
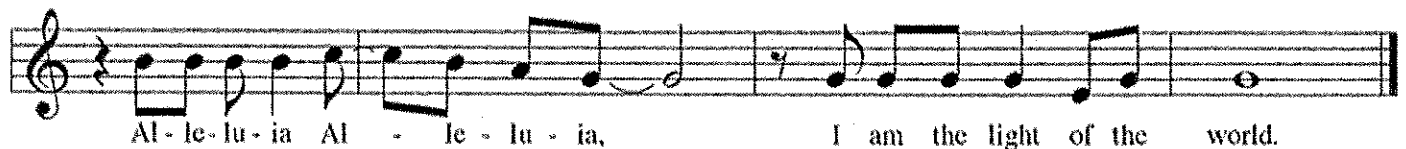
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

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John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Rev. Dr. Melanie Hauser

Hymn of the Day

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my Life, Lord of the land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
and Lord of all Lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship you Lord. We bow down and we worship you Lord
We bow down and we worship you Lord. Lord of all Lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the Land and the sea;
You were king of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all Kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King;
King of all Kings You will be.
King of all Kings You will be.

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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.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Musical Offering *King of Kings*

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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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.

SENDING

Blessing

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

Closing Song

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see How great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Chorus**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! **Chorus**

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Melanie Hauser
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Susan Endrulat
Deacons:	Craig Fox and Eric Hanson
Greeter:	Susan Endrulat
Acolytes:	Laney Georg and Vada Martin
Special Music:	Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir
Sound & Video:	Kelby & Joy Wulf
Coffee Hosts:	Deb & Denny Krager Val & Justin Georg

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, November 24 ~ Christ the King

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

Decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons

MONDAY, November 25

6:00 PM Meeting with Bishop Lorna Halaas and Pastor Judy Johnson

THURSDAY, November 28

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving, but anyone needing a family to celebrate with, please join us here at St. Paul at 12:30 PM for Thanksgiving Day Lunch! Please RSVP to the church office, though you are welcome to join us even if you don't RSVP ahead of time.

SUNDAY, December 1 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

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