

WEST IDA IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

159 Years of Serving Together

Sunday, November 21, 2021

26th Sunday After Pentecost

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.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P) In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) **Amen.**

P) Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Whose teaching is life, Whose presence is sure, and Whose love is endless.

C) **Amen.**

P) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept.

P) Have mercy on us, O God.

C) **We confess that we have sinned against You and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as You love, to welcome those You send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to Your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P) God, Who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C) **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – "Lead on, O King Eternal!" ELW#805

Greeting

P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P) 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.

C) **Amen.**

Children's Message

The Readings for This Day

AM) The first reading is from Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

AM 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 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. 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.

AM) Word of God, word of life.

C) Thanks be to God.

AM) The responsive reading today is Psalm 93

AM) 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.

C) ²Ever since the world began, Your throne has been established; You are from everlasting.

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

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

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

AM) The Second Reading is Revelation 1:4b-8

AM) ^{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. ^{8a}"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty.

AM) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

P) Please stand in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation for today will be sung:

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

P) The holy Gospel according to **John 18:33-37**

C) Glory to You, O Lord.

P) 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."

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – "You Are my King (Amazing Love)" ccli#2456623

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 to heaven, He is seated at the right hand of God 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (*The congregation will respond with **Hear our Prayer.***)

Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

The Offering is Gathered

*Thank you to all who have sent or brought your tithes and offerings.
If, because of employment or financial difficulties, you are unable to bring or send your offerings at this time, please know the church will be helped by your offerings of prayers.
Thank you for giving from your heart – because God LOVES a cheerful giver!
(If you would like to donate electronically, you may do so at our website or Facebook page)*

Offertory Hymn – **"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #182**

Offertory Prayer

P) Holy God, the earth is Yours and everything in it, yet You have chosen to dwell among Your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C) Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P) The Lord be with you. **C) And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts. **C) We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
C) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna is the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.
P) In 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.
P) 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.
P) Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us say the Lord's Prayer.
**C) 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

P) All who hunger and thirst, come the table is ready.
P) The body of Christ, given for you. **C) Amen.**
P) The blood of Christ, shed for you. **C) Amen.**

Communion Hymn – **"Beautiful Savior" ELW#838**

Prayer after Communion

P) Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C) Amen

Announcements

Blessing

P) The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore, In the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C) Amen

Sending Hymn – "Soon and Very Soon" ELW#439

Dismissal

P) Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C) Thanks be to God.