



***Sunday, November 21, 2021***

**Christ the King Sunday**

**St. Mark Lutheran Church**

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*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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PRELUDE: Glory, Glory Be (CWB 147)

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## 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**

OPENING SONG: The Servant King (CWB 60)

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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.**

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.*

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 93

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)*

<sup>1</sup>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.

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

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

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

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

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.*

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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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.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Brother Zawadi Draw

SERMON HYMN: King of the Nations (CWB 33)

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CREED: The Creed (CWB 19)

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

*(A time of silence as we lift up those on our prayer list.)*

† We lift up especially Beth Hall, Sissy Howard, Louise Conklin, Christina Wallman, Pastor Lauren Kirsh-Carr, Mick Boone, Nickole Calmeyn, Maurice Stovall, Chloe Bray and her parents, Tina Karns, Misty Calmeyn, Jim Ohl, Stephanie Pooley, Ian Locke, Margie Blackwood, Gary Hall, Augie Wallman, Kent O'Clair, and Sandy Engel.

† We continue to pray for Richard, Terry, Charlene, Melissa, Pam, Chuck, Ted, Dr. Jim, Denny, Mary, Ben, and Dusty.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*Share the peace. You are invited to call or text someone and simply say "peace!"*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: Everybody's Got Something to Offer (CWB 86) Copyright CCLI 738292

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

*Thank you for continuing to give to the work God is doing through St. Mark Lutheran Church. You can give by mailing your gift directly to the church. You can also give your gift by going online to [www.stmarkypsi.com](http://www.stmarkypsi.com). Your gifts continue to sustain and nourish our ministries here at St. Mark, so thank you.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for your faithfulness in all generations.  
Praise to you for claiming us as your children and gathering us  
in this worship through sacred story and the presence of Jesus.

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 bread 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 to them, saying:

Drink this all of you.  
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.

And now, I invite you to lift a hand of blessing toward those  
communion elements that you have brought to this table as we pray:  
O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
which we bring to this worship that they may hold  
the presence of the risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
and so that, through these gifts,  
we might be empowered to live  
with courage and compassion in this world.

All praise and glory to you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in Heaven (CWB 44)

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### COMMUNION

Take and eat; take and drink;  
and as you do, know that you are indeed receiving  
the body of Christ and the blood of Christ,  
transcending time and space,  
with divine love poured out for you.

COMMUNION SONG: Make Me a Servant (CWB 109)

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:  
Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us.  
Send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy, safety, and peace  
to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Almighty (CWB 5)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

ENCIRCLED WITH PRAYER

- † Recognizing the power of prayer, please join us in praying at home throughout this week for those whose needs are known to us and those whose cares we do not know.
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*Please contact us at [office@stmarkypsi.com](mailto:office@stmarkypsi.com) if you need prayer for yourself or those dear to you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preaching today will be Brother Zawadi Draw.

**Advent and Christmas:** Our Advent and Christmas worship schedule is now posted on our homepage [www.stmarkypsi.com](http://www.stmarkypsi.com) ; The First Sunday in Advent is November 28 and Wednesday Evening Prayer services begin December 1.

**Holy Communion:** Each of our services includes Holy Communion. For those worshipping from home, please take a moment to gather communion elements from what you have on hand: bread or crackers, wine or juice, for use later in the service.

**Important Congregational Meeting:** Today at noon, we will be holding a congregational meeting. The meeting will be held in-person and also via Zoom. Contact Sarah Palmer if you have questions.