



# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

9:30 am

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As we begin, all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L Have mercy on us, O God.

**A 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.**

L 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.

**A Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Lead On, O King Eternal!"*

*ELW 805*

### GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*pg. 184, refrain only*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*pg. 187*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**A And also with you.**

L Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God,

**A 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**

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4B-8**

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*pg. 188*

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

**A Glory to you, O Lord.**

**SERMON TEXT: JOHN 18:33-37**

<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.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“What is the Truth?”

Pastor Marilyn Breckenridge

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

ELW 431

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**A 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L God, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

“Beautiful Savior”

Lana Pemberton

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L Generous God,

**A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

*ELW 439*

**DISMISSAL**

L Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

**A Thanks be to God!**

***Welcome Guests & Visitors!***

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