



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, November 24, 2024 – 11:00 AM

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**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
(Series B)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating “apocalyptic” revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil’s madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

IMAGE

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. *Revelation 22:13*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “Our God”

1 Water You turned into wine
 Opened the eyes of the blind
 There’s no one like You
 None like You

2, 4 Into the darkness You shine
 Out of the ashes we rise
 There’s no one like You
 None like You

3, 5, 6, 8, 9 Our God is greater, our God is stronger
 God You are higher than any other
 Our God is Healer, awesome in power
 Our God, our God

7, 10 And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us
 And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
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 And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
 What can stand against?

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 93:1; 95:6

P The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty;

C the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Rejoice the Lord is King”

1 Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore

2, 4, 6 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say rejoice

3 His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n

5 Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord, the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home

7 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say rejoice, rejoice, rejoice the Lord is King

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

(The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)

⁹As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened. . . .

¹³I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 93; antiphon: v. 2

L ²Your throne is established from of old;
C **you are from everlasting.**

L ¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
C **the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.**

L Yes, the world is established;
C **it shall never be moved.**

L ²Your throne is established from of old;
C **you are from everlasting.**

L ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
C **the floods lift up their roaring.**

L ⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
C **the LORD on high is mighty!**

L ⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy;
C **holiness befits your house,**
O LORD, forevermore.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L ²Your throne is established from of old;
C **you are from everlasting.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega.”

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 kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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.”*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Revelation 22:13

P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,

C the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

("So You are a king?")

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "*Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?*" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "*My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.*" ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "*You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.*"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

OFFERTORY - “Give Thanks” Colossians 3:15

- 1, 2, 4, 5 Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
- 3, 6 And now let the weak say “I am strong!”
Let the poor say “I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.”
And now let the blind say, “I can see!”
Let the bound say, “I am free
Because of what the Lord has done for us.”
- 7 Give thanks, give thanks
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Lord and king of all creation, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings You have given to all beyond any worthiness or merit of our own. We praise You especially for Your holy church throughout the world of all ages, for preserving Your Word and Sacraments and providing faithful pastors to preach and administer Your grace. Keep them in purity of doctrine and all Your people in confident faith. Protect us in any tribulation or danger, and strengthen our hope in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the nations, grant that Your grace guide and protect all who are in authority, especially in our own country. Keep all people in safety by means of Your gifts of mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. Defend all who labor and grant that all may grow in useful knowledge that we may live in freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort, O God, all who are in any trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Show us Your mercy that we may live our days in safety and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG – "Sometimes by Step"

- 1 Sometimes the night was beautiful
 Sometimes the sky was so far away
 Sometimes it seemed to stoop so close
 You could touch it but your heart would break
 Sometimes the morning came too soon
 Sometimes the day could be so hot
 There was so much work left to do
 But so much You'd already done
- 2, 4, 5 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 I will seek You in the morning
 And I will learn to walk in Your ways
 And step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days
- 3 Sometimes I think of Abraham
 How one star he saw had been lit for me
 He was a stranger in this land
 And I am that, no less than he
 And on this road to righteousness
 Sometimes the climb can be so steep
 I may falter in my steps
 But never beyond Your reach
- 6 I will follow You all of my days
 And I will follow You all of my days
 Step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days

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