

CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

PRAISE THE LORD THE KING OF GLORY

Verse 1
Praise the Lord the King of glory
Gracious Son of God is He
Long foretold by prophets holy
Great in pow'r and majesty
With the Father thro' creation
Heav'n and earth now sing His fame
Hope and joy of ev'ry nation
Life and light are in His name

Verse 2
Blessed be the Lord of glory
Sun of righteousness and grace
Sing O earth the wondrous story
Christ redeems the fallen race
Praise Him for His great salvation
Precious Lamb of God adore
Lord and light of all creation
Praise and serve Him evermore

Verse 3

Mighty is the King of glory His great works the heav'ns proclaim Full of majesty and holy Lord of Sabaoth His name Countless tongues in joyful chorus Sing His praise with sweetest chords God Himself is singing o'er us King of kings and Lord of lords

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We Bow Down

Verse 1
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

Chorus 1
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

Verse 2
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

Chorus 2
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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daniel 7:9-14

⁹ "As 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.

10 A 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.

¹¹ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ "I 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.

14 And 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.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

¹ The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

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

- ² Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- ³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- ⁴ Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!
- ⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

REVELATION 1:1-8

- ¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.
- ⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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 kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory

and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, 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."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

JOHN 18:33-37

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus 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." ³⁷ Then 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."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

David Stewart

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,

we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit https://oftheredeemer.org/give/using this QR code:



Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

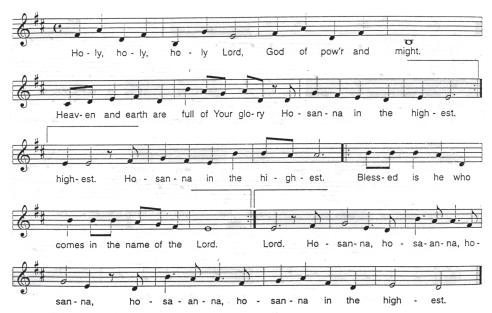
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

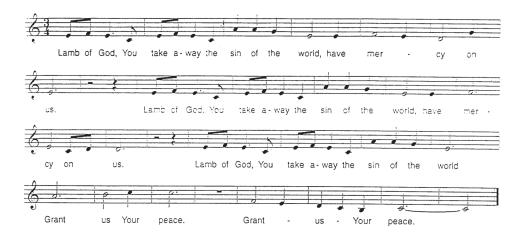
Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

Alleluia
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JESUS THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

Verse 1

Jesus Thou joy of loving hearts Thou fount of life Thou light of men From the blest bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to Thee again

Verse 2

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood Thou savest those that on Thee call To them that seek Thee Thou art good To them that find Thee all in all

Chorus

We taste of Thee O living bread And long to feast upon Thee still We drink of Thee the Fountainhead And thirst our souls from Thee to fill

Verse 3

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee Where'er our changeful lot is cast Glad when Thy gracious smile we see Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast

Verse 4

O Jesus ever with us stay
Make all our moments calm and bright
Chase the dark night of sin away
Shed over the world Thy holy light

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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

Refrain

The Lord our God is good The Lord our God is good Full of kindness and compassion Merciful and just The Lord our God is good

Verse 1

Who else knows our deepest pain Bears it as his own Finds us in our naked shame, Clothes and brings us home

Verse 2

Who takes his inheritance And gives it all away Welcomes guests to feast with him Who never can repay

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THE SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM

Verse 1

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom; Far and wide, He announces new birth: "I, the Lord of Creation, am making new Every inch of the groaning earth!"

Verse 2

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter Is the Kingdom of God as it's sown; But the powers of hell shall against it fall When the Kingdom of God is grown.

Chorus

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest, And we long for our King to appear, Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r, The Kingdom of God is near!

Verse 3

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom In the hearts of the poor and weak. He declares to the captives, "I bring good news: You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Verse 4

Through the City of God flows a river From the throne of the Lamb, waters pour And behold on the banks grows the tree of life Where the nations are healed and restored

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CHOIR

SING to the LORD a new song! (Ps. 149:1) We are happy to announce the Church of the Redeemer Choir will restart in time for Advent and Christmas. We will sing for Advent services on Dec. 5 and 19th, on Christmas Eve, and Jan. 9. Weekly rehearsals are held here at the church at 3:15 p.m. on Sundays, and all singers, 9th grade through adult are welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, contact Jim or Sandy Fulton: sandy.fulton@comcast.net & jim.fulton@comcast.net.

More Deeply Rooted – Building Team Update

The building team has drafted a letter to churches in St. Paul and its nearby suburbs that briefly describes Church of the Redeemer and our desire to find a permanent place of worship. We have compiled a list of more than 130 churches to whom we would like to hand-deliver or mail copies of the letter. If you would like to deliver letters to churches in your neighborhood, please contact the building team at seekingahome@oftheredeemer.org or reach out directly to Dan Leafblad, Jordan Schroeder, or Holly Willmarth.

ADVENT PREPARATION AND SOUP SUPPER

Following today's Worship Service

Advent is a time of preparing to welcome the newborn King and taking stock of our readiness to meet the triumphant King. The church family is invited to stay after today's service for a simple soup supper and the opportunity to consider practices that can enrich our observance of this important season of preparation.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

Our Good Neighbor Team is providing friendship and practical support to the Almahamid family as they adapt to life in the United States. As the weather turns colder, the team has collected warm clothing, socks, shoes, and boots for the family.

Church of the Redeemer will use benevolence funds to provide the Almahamids with gift cards so that they can purchase any remaining clothing and shoes that they need. To give towards the benevolence fund, please use the giving link on page nine and select "benevolence fund."

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Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m. Nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade 4:15 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children.

Contact Sonia or Rachel with

4th - 5th Grade 4:15 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer, for K-5th grades, on Fourth Sundays, 3:45–4:15 p.m.

Youth Group

questions.

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship. Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, Katie Pitchford, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

Women of Redeemer Bible Studies

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@ comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

Morning Prayer - Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer meets via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available using this QR code:



Informational Meeting With Fr. Jeff and Kristin J

Next Sunday, Nov. 28, Fr. Jeff and Kristin J and their children will join us in worship and share a brief introduction to their call to move to North Africa with SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders). On Monday, Nov. 29, 7–8:30 p.m. they will share at informational meeting for potential supporters, hosted at Restoration Anglican in Minneapolis – more details to come.

SEEKING VESTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Vestry of Church of the Redeemer is a lay leadership team that partners with our rector, Fr. Paul, in oversight of the church. Each year, new members are needed to serve on the vestry as current members transition out. In keeping with our bylaws, a nominating team has been formed to identify potential new vestry members.

As part of this process, we welcome your written recommendations for new vestry members. We will consider all recommendations made to the committee, and from those recommendations will formally nominate new members for the vestry. Those nominees will then be put forward for a vote by the congregation at the annual meeting in the new year. Written recommendations can be submitted at the page linked in the QR code below; if you would prefer, you can instead submit a hard copy recommendation to any nominating committee member.

Fr. Paul provides answers to FAQs about the vestry and vestry service in the linked QR code. We encourage you to read through those as you prayerfully consider who you might recommend to the committee! Please contact any member of the nominating committee with questions: Ross Anderson, Sara Bramsen, Molly Niehls, or Eric Watkins.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Nov. 14, 2021	\$126,803	\$120,000

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Notes

Staff

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

Sonia Keillor - Parish Administrator

Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon
Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation
Sabbatical Sept. 1-Nov. 30

Ministry Teams

Altar Guild - Barbara Leafblad

Finance - Roger Scharf

Website Manager - Caleb Molstad

Hospitality Team - Todd Willmarth

Missions Team - Rev. Dawn Lundgren

Music - Paul Calvin

Prayer Ministry - Rev. <u>Dawn Lundgren</u>

Youth Leadership Team
Sonia Keillor
Bjorn Lundgren

Children's Leadership Team

Sara Bramsen
Sonia Keillor
Rachel Knight

Liz Stewart
Steffie Williams

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