

As a Christian and Scripture-centered congregation, we invite you to believe and confess with us . . .

- ♣ That there is one God, and he has revealed himself as the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- ♣ That God has made himself known to us and all men through the Bible - his true, inspired and error-free Word;
- ♣ That all people, because of the disobedience of the first man and woman, are conceived and born in sin, and that because of sin, all people deserve eternal death;
- ♣ That God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin, to live, die and rise again to take away the eternal condemnation of sin;
- ♣ That God's grace through Jesus is given to us through faith worked by the Holy Spirit and the Means of Grace - the Gospel in God's Word and the Sacraments;
- ♣ That faith, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, is the living force within us which produces good works which are pleasing to God;
- ♣ That on the Last Day Christ will come again in all his glory to take us and all believers to live with himself in heaven for all eternity.



OUR REDEEMER
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from
**Jesus Christ,
the faithful
witness,
the firstborn
of the dead,
and the ruler
of the kings
of the earth.**

REVELATION 1:5, NRSV



“Jesus is the Alpha and Omega; the Eternal King of Glory!”

November 21, 2021
Festival of Christ the King

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11:00 am

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Welcome to Our Redeemer!

This morning marks the culmination of a year of worship. We have heard the promises regarding our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have also witnessed the perfect fulfillment of those promises. Even though it was God’s will to have Jesus suffer and die, it was through his perfect obedience he secured every needed blessing for our rescue. Because of his faithfulness to his Father’s will, Jesus now lives and rules over all us and all things as King of kings and Lord of lords.

About our Worship

The Order of Worship is printed in this service folder. Responses—both sung and spoken—are noted. The service focuses on the proclamation of God’s Word which is contained in the three lessons for the day. It also leads us to respond to his divine gift with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

May our good and gracious God bless us through his Word, lead us to pray to him with confidence, praise him for his love, and give him thanks for all he has done.

For Parents with Small Children

There are children’s bulletin available in the basket with the service folders. Please pick one up as you enter. There are also restrooms in the fellowship hall—turn left and go through the double doors.

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✧ **Sermon**

Revelation 1:4b–8

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with clouds,
and every eye will see him,
including those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.”

“Jesus is Our Lord!”

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Christian Worship 370

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David’s line
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne’er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

The congregation will rise

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

The Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the

Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

Absolution

God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

What's Happening . . .

In the coming months we will have a number of special opportunities through which we can invite others to come to know their Savior Jesus Christ and what he has done for them. Make sure you take the opportunity to “share the good news!”

- November 25th is our Thanksgiving Day worship service. It begins at 9:30 am.
- Sunday, November 28th begins our preparation for the celebration of our Savior’s birth. This year we will turn our attention to the Old Testament Prophets and their prophecies. Each provided a beautiful and needed piece of the picture regarding Jesus’ birth. Our Advent services will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.
- Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24th, and Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25th, will be 7:00 pm and 9:30 am respectively. While there are many traditions which can be a part of Christmas, make the worship of our new-born Savior your first priority.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Special Note of Thanks

We thank Pastor Doug Found for serving us today with God’s pure Word. He and Pastor Proeber switched pulpits to allow Pastor Proeber to be in Lancaster for a Call meeting, as well as an important Voters meeting. We ask the Lord to continue blessing Pastor Found with good health so he can serve wherever he is needed.

undeserved love provide you with the confidence you need to trust him, follow him, and give thanks to him in all things. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service for some refreshments.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00 am. There will be a study on the Bible basics of Law and Gospel.
- Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck. Everything begins at 5:30 pm tonight. Plan on bringing something to the meal—main course, side dish, or dessert. Just as important, bring yourself and a friend!

Monday—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—There will be no Bible Class week because of Thanksgiving.

Thursday—Thanksgiving Day Worship at 9:30 am.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Degner

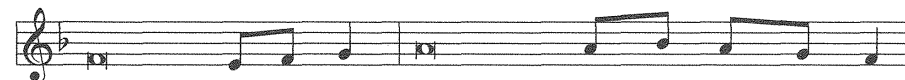
- Lawn beginning November 28th—Pettus

Sunday, November 28th—**Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.** This Sunday marks the beginning of our Advent Season of preparation. We will turn our attention to the words of the Lord's prophets which were always faithfully spoken and faithfully kept. This week we hear the promise of a Royal Branch.

- Christian Education will follow the worship service and will focus on the Epistle lesson where we learn to pray for increased and overflowing love as we wait for the coming of our Savior.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and video of our live stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in thanks for his many blessings; and to Julie Schroeder and Emily Schroeder for serving refreshments after the service.



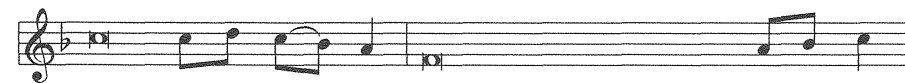
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



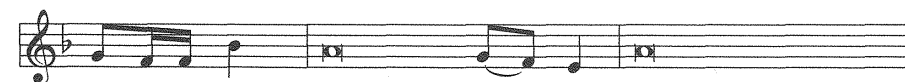
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



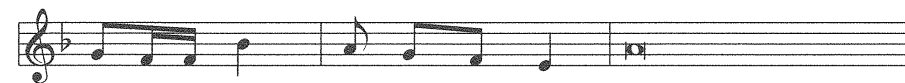
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



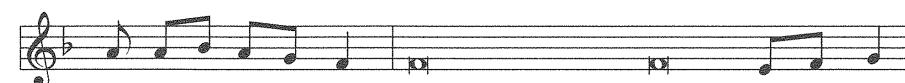
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O dearest Jesus, you are just, yet compassionate. You are powerful, yet humble. You are also faithful in all things. Because of who and what you are, you deserve to be honored as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Give us the faith we need to worship you as our Master and Savior. Strengthen us to resist the temptation to make you to a lesser priority in our life. Fill us with awe and reverence to faithfully serve you in all things. We know there will be distractions. We know there will be just as many temptations. We especially know how our own strength will fail us. Keep us in your protective care. Renew us daily to face every challenge to your authority. Bless and guide us until we join you in heaven. There we will praise you—together with your Father and Spirit—throughout all eternity.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word
“The LORD reigns. He is clothed in majesty!”

Old Testament

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”
Christian Worship 373

O Jesus, King most wonderful,
O Majesty renowned,
O Conqueror invincible,
In whom all joys are found.

When once you visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
Then kindles love divine.

On Jesus, Light of all below,
O Found of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire.

May ev’ry heart confess your name,
Forever you adore,
Enkindled with the Spirit’s flame
To love you more and more.

Oh, may our tongues forever bless
And honor you alone,
And may we in our lives express
The image of your own!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in name of our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns as the King of kings and Lord of lords. May the gift of his*

P: I will exalt you, my God the King;
 I will praise your name forever and ever.
 Every day I will praise you
 and extol your name for ever and ever.
 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
 his greatness no one can fathom.
 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
 and loving toward all he has made.
 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
 to all who call on him in truth.

C: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.

P: O gracious Lord, it is because of your faithful promises and incomprehensible power that we can be certain of your loving care. It is also why we can trust you and follow your gracious will. Help us learn from your glorious name to be confident in your presence, to rely on your rescue, and to seek your love. As the King of kings and Lord of lords bless us and rule over us until we receive the invitation to join you in your kingdom of glory in heaven. There we will praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make his face shine upon you
 and be gracious to you;
 The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.

given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 45

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



My heart is stirred by a | noble theme, *
 as I recite my verses | for the King.

You are the most excel- | lent of men, *
 and your lips have been anoint- | ed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O | Mighty One; *
 clothe yourself with splendor and | majesty.

In your majesty ride forth vic- | toriously; *
 let your right hand display | awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and | ever; *
 a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your | kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate | wickedness; *
 therefore God has anointed you with the | oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; *
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

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.

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Epistle *Revelation 1:4b-8*

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood ⁶and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

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Verse of the Day *Psalms 111:7-10*

P: I will extol the LORD. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever; done in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided re-

**your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Christian Worship 341

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beautify glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond’ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous
name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.

Closing Psalm and Prayer

Sermon

Revelation 1:4-8

“Jesus is our Lord!”

“Create in Me”

Psalms 51

C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho- ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -
tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing

Special prayers and intercessions

The Lord’s Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

demption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Congregation responds

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Christian Worship 154 st. 1 & 5

Refrain

Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord.
Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, give praise to his name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God;

Refrain

He is the King of Cre - a - tion.
Joy- ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the eighteenth chapter of St. John, reading from the thirty-third verse.

C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³³Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

³⁷“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

*(we will unite in the words of the Second Article
of the Apostles Creed)*

C: I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father

from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

“Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus”

Christian Worship 351

Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!
You have suffered to release us hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame;
By your merits we find favor; life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed all our sins on you were laid;
By almighty love anointed, you have full atonement made.
Ev’ry sin has been forgiven through the power of your blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; we are reconciled to God.

Jesus, heav’nly hosts adore you, seated at your Father’s side.
Crucified this world once saw you; now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading,
and our place you now prepare,
Ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow’r and blessing you are worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sin our Savior’s merits; help to chant Immanuel’s praise.