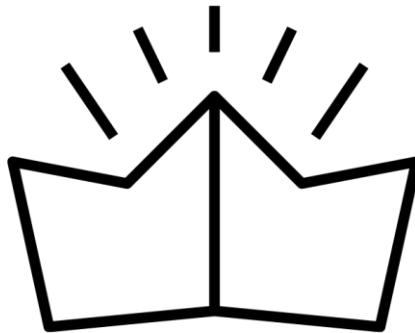


COME LORD JESUS – AS KING!



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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Sunday: Amy Cook

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Sunday 8AM: ■ Sunday 10:30AM:

■ Monday 6:30PM:

Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

SERIES THEME: COME, LORD JESUS!

The Latin word *adventus* means "coming." The last words in Scripture are "Come, Lord Jesus!" Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End—capital "E"—when Jesus Christ will come and destroy this sin-broken world.

If that is what Jesus and his angels are coming to do—destroy the universe with fire (2 Peter 3)—why would we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus"? Because we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God's promises of deliverance fulfilled... God's plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God's people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom.

Advent is necessary to prepare us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!

THEME OF THE DAY: COME, LORD JESUS! - AS KING

Why would the Church Year begin with a gospel reading that describes an event near the very end of Jesus' life—his entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week? Because the events of Palm Sunday serve as a perfect summary of the entire plan of salvation.

It is an odd sight, this man riding into Jerusalem on a baby donkey, to cheers and the celebratory waving of palm branches. Understandably, many asked, "Who is this?" The answer: This is not just a rabbi. This is the King of all Creation. This is God Almighty wrapped in flesh. Yet, he does not enter Jerusalem with all his glory and power on display. The King hides all that and rides into Jerusalem so that he might also be our priest and sacrifice.

This is a King unlike any other ruler who has ever lived. For he is infinitely greater than all other kings, while simultaneously being infinitely humbler. This King is willing to trade his golden crown for one made of thorns. This King comes not demanding our service but to serve us. You look at how good, how loving is this King, and you ask that question upon which eternity hinges. "Who is this?" As we march through this new Church Year, the answer becomes crystal clear. This King is the Savior of the nations.

THE SERVICE (SETTING THREE)

548 The King of Glory Comes

CW 548

Stand

Invocation

Confession

CW 188

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²This will take place in the latter days: The mountain of the LORD's house will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it like a river. ³Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. Then he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For from Zion the law will go out, and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem. ⁴He will judge between the nations, and he will mediate for many peoples. Then they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 Welcome the King of Glory *Responsive by Pastor and Congregation*

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:10



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, “The Lord needs them,” and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

301 Savior of the Nations, Come

CW 301

Sermon: Matthew 21: 1-11

WHO IS THIS?

I. Your King

II. Your Savior

What would you say about Jesus if someone asked you, “Who is this?”

Consider the various names and titles used in this lesson to describe Jesus. You can use your Catechism to help research these names.

Jesus:

Lord:

King:

Son of David:

Prophet:

Stand

Apostles' Creed

CW 197

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

CW 198

Offering

305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

CW 305

Non-Communion Ending

CW 171

524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CW 524

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