
WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.



***First Lutheran
Church***

Tiffin, Ohio

November 17, 2024

***"Christ the King
Sunday"***

PRELUDE

LAUS REGIS

Robert J. Powell

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

P: There is one Body and one Spirit.

C: **There is one hope in God's call to us;.**

P: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: **One God and Father of us all.**

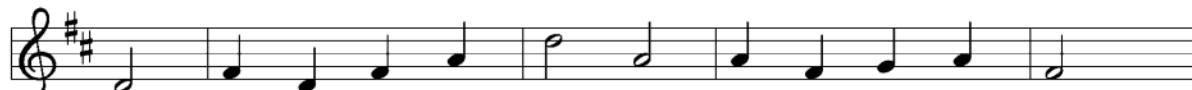
P: Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

C: **And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.**

Alleluia! Amen!

Please stand.

Rejoice, for Christ is King ELW 430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

GREETING

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

THE OPENING LITANY

L: As a people, as a group, as a community of faith:

C: **We gather in this place.**

L: To listen.

C: **To speak.**

L: To worship.

C: **To pray.**

L: To be with God. Because we know:

C: **It is out of God's love, that we live!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

CANTOR



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

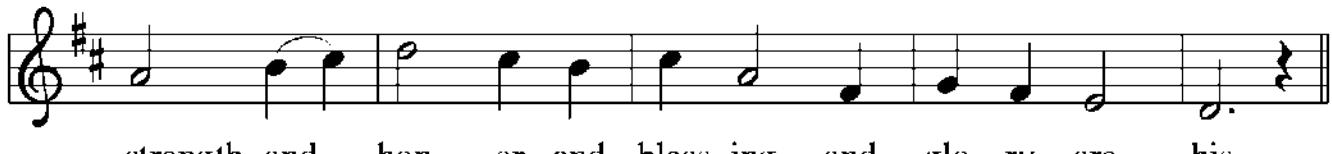


All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Pepper Choplin

We're Gonna Worship Christ, the King

Jacob Reuter, bass: Senior Choir

A READING FROM DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

R: A reading from Daniel the 7th chapter.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM REVELATION 1:4B-8

R: A reading from Revelation the 1st chapter.

^{4b} 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 the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ 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. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 18:33-37

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to John the 18th chapter.



Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ 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?” ³⁶ 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.” ³⁷ 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Rev. John Ferne

Please stand.

Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434



All 1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
Woman 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
All 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
Men 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
All 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

All: 1,3,5 v2 Women: V4 Men

THE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: 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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together we respond.

P: Merciful God

C: Receive our prayer!

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

A time of silence and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

P: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace! May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

You are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Please be seated.

OFFERING AND MEDITATION

PICARDY

Robert Lau

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and
welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION IS DISTRIBUTED IN TWO MANNERS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

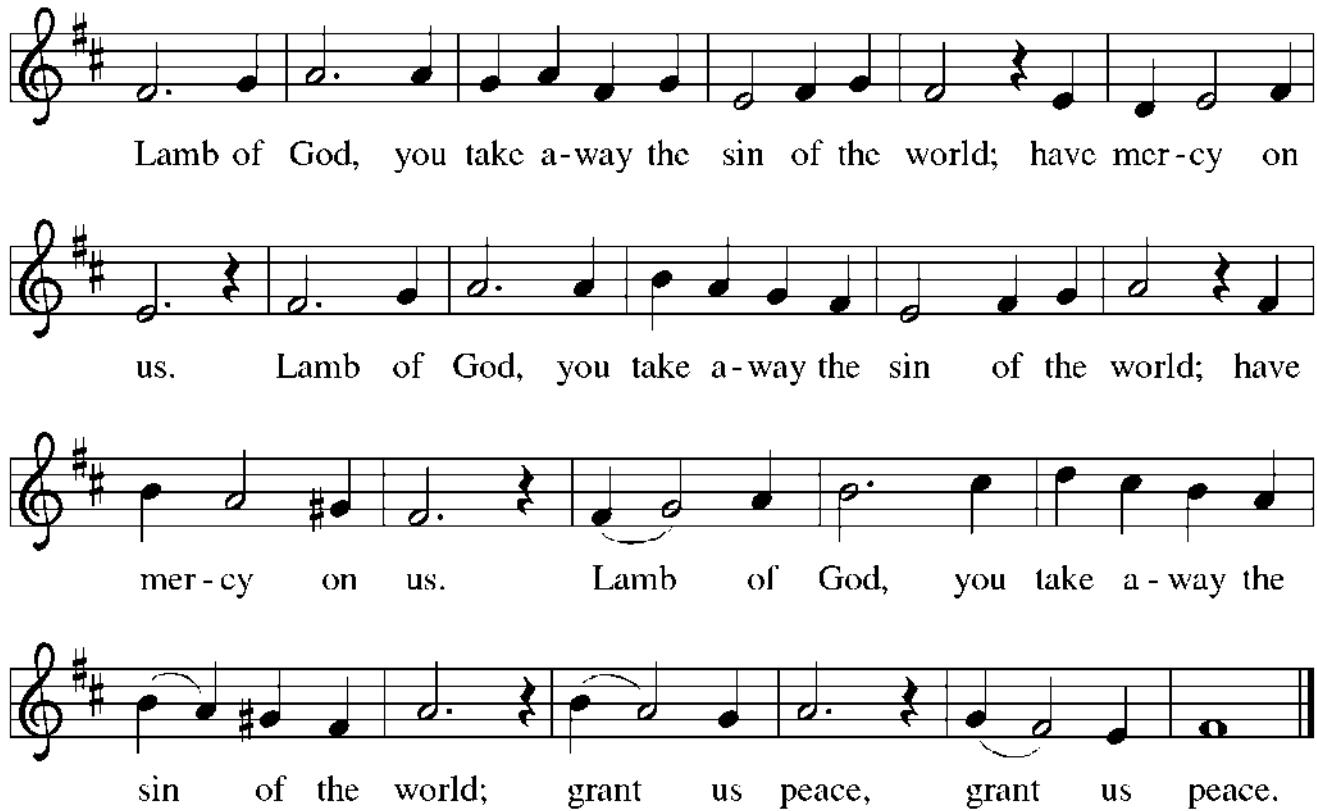
- † You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in-place will commune together.
- † You may come to the Table. We will have a station at the front and another at the back of the worship space, where both Bread and Wine will be distributed. Baskets are available to dispose of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine as we feast on the body and blood of Christ. All are welcome to the Table of the Lord!

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth-ing earth-ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend-ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres-ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,

C:Amen.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever.



BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

LBW 893



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing! tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song. pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied. throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ .

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

DUKE STREET

John A. Behnke



Bountiful Feast

All are welcome to join in fellowship, after worship on November 24th
to celebrate our Annual Bountiful Feast.

The church will provide turkey, dressing,
mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks.

**Members can sign up to bring additional side dishes and desserts.
Sign-up sheets can be found of the Dietz Room windows**



TODAY'S FLOWERS
were given by Pete Myers and family
in memory of

Beth Myers

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor:
Lector:
Host:

Jacob Reuter
Jamie Lodermeier-Fay

Director of Music:

Curtis L. King

Facebook Camera:

Shelley Ross

Slide Show Operator:

Worship Leader: Rev. John Ferne

Worship Assistant:
Rick Greene

Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who help bring Sunday Worship Services to you on WTTF, Facebook Live and in person.

We are not able to offer all of these opportunities without the help of many people.

May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

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