

*Advent is
Doing
Justice*

**The Season of Advent,
Three* / Christ the King
Worship with Holy
Communion
November 24, 2024**

Good morning & Welcome to Grace

***Our mission is to invite and welcome all
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.***

**This year, Grace is exploring an extended, seven-week Advent season. We're using the appointed texts from the Lectionary each week, but our focus is on the coming of Christ, in the stable, into our everyday lives, and at the end of all things. This is a practice that, while new for us, has gained traction in many mainline Churches over the past ten years. We are excited to invite you into the journey with us.*

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table. We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!

GATHERING ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

⌘ See Screens Up Front

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

⌘ CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

ELW 435

⌘ GREETING & THE ADVENT WREATH

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7.9 – 10, 13 – 14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel’s message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to “one like a human being,” the Messiah. And we read:

⁹As 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. ¹⁰A 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. ¹³As 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. ¹⁴To 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ PSALM 93 (*read in unison*)

SECOND READING

Revelation 1.4b – 8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world’s rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await. And we read:

^{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 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 all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

⌘ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 18.33 – 37

In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love. And we read:

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 does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

ELW 430

THE CREED ~ *Let us affirm our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE

MEAL ~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW 855

⌘ **OFFERING & OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* **ELW 186**

⌘ OFFERING PRAYER

⌘ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Those moved to do so may rise.)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (THE SANCTUS)

ELW 191

⌘ THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

⌘ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Those on live stream may commune at this time.*

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us”

ELW 431

“O Christ the Same”

ELW 760

⌘ BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

⌘ BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

ELW 260

⌘ DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Cindy Berry

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