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November 25th, 2018

Worship: 8&10:30A.M.

Christ The King Sunday
Bible Study Hour: 9:30A.M.

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Christ the King 2018

“A Celebration of Christ’s Reign!”

THE CHURCH YEAR--For centuries, the Christian Church has worshiped according to the Church Year. The Church Year begins in December with the season of Advent. The first six months of the church year (December through May) follow the life of Christ from his birth until his suffering, death, and resurrection on Easter Sunday. The second six months of the church year (June through November) follow the teachings of Christ and their effect in the daily life of Christians.

We are now approaching the close of the Church Year and the beginning of another. To mark the end of this year, the Church celebrates the Season of End times. End times reminds us that the time is short, and our Savior is coming again soon. The Sundays in End times:

1. **Reformation**, a call to remind us that we live by grace alone, through faith alone, revealed to us in Scripture alone.
2. **Last Judgment**, where we remember that Christ is coming to judge the living and the dead, as we confess in the Creed.
3. **Saints Triumphant**, when we remember the eternal glory enjoyed by the saints in heaven—glory prepared and waiting for us in Christ alone.
4. **Christ the King**, when we remember that the entire Church Year celebrates the rule of Christ over our hearts now and forever.

Greeting and Welcome: Pastor Kemnitz

Opening Hymn: 217 “The Head That Once Was Crowned”

Invocation and Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

RESPONSORY

P: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

P: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

We Confess our Sins and Console Ourselves with God’s Mercy

P: Lord Jesus, You are ruling over all things right now at the right hand of Your heavenly Father. You will return, as promised, to take those who are found “in the faith” to Yourself in glory. Please forgive us for not always being ready for Your certain return. We still, all too often, live as though You were still in the grave. We have been more concerned with feeding our stomachs than feeding our souls. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for Your second coming in glory.

CW 492 “Son of God Eternal Savior” vs. 1
**Son of God, e-ter-nal Sav-ior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth a-mong us,
Hon-ors all our hu-man race,
You our head, who, throned in glo-ry,
For your own will ev-er plead:
Fill us with your love and pit-y;
Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

P: We confess to you our many sins:

C: **Like the five foolish virgins (Matthew 25) we have permitted ourselves to be lulled into apathy and spiritual “dozing” by the treasures and pleasures of this life. We have not been “on our toes” watching and praying as we could or should. We have not stored up an ample supply of oil for our souls by seeking strength through Your Word. In fact, we have become “burned out” spiritually by “burning the candle at both ends” while trying to be successful in this world. Please forgive us for our misplaced priorities and sinful desires. Help us to go, now, while there is still time, to solidify our spiritual position by immersing ourselves in Your life-giving Word.**

Vs. 2

**Come, O Christ, and reign a-mong us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and pas-sion;
Bid its cru-el dis-cords cease.
By your pa-tient years of toil-ing,
By your si-lent hours of pain,
Quench our fe-vered thirst for pleas-sure;
Stem our self-ish greed for gain.**

P: Be of good cheer! Jesus came to save!!! And save us He did, not because of good things we had done but because of His undeserved love. Our salvation is already secure-by His grace and mercy. We are forgiven all our sins-including the sin of not taking our soul’s needs seriously! Our Savior took our spiritual needs seriously and went forth to the cross where He paid the penalty for our unfaithfulness. Jesus has gone on to prepare a place for us to share with Him. He will return-not to condemn us but to take us home to heaven.

Vs. 3

**Bind us all as one to-geth-er
In your Church’s sa-cred fold.
Weak and health-y, poor and wealth-y,
Sad and joy-ful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sor-row?
Make us all the bur-den share.
Are there spir-its crushed and bro-ken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**

P: Rule in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit and help us to serve You and others with love and good works. Grant us the grace to trust you to provide for all our needs and bless us to faithfully use what You have entrusted to our care to advance the cause of Your Kingdom work here in our midst and beyond-even to the ends of the earth. In these last days keep us from falling into despair and from other shameful sins and vices and from denying You with our words or actions.

C: Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life!!!

Vs. 4

**As you, Lord, have lived for oth-ers,
So may we for oth-ers live.
Free-ly have your gifts been grant-ed;
Free-ly may your ser-vants give.
Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stew-ards of your boun-ty
Held in sol-emn trust will be.**

Prayer of the Day:

Lord Jesus, Eternal King, help us, we pray, to recognize the signs of the end times about us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the last day. Move us to hate what is evil and to cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in Your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that, when the day comes, we will be among those looking up to see You, our Lord and Savior, coming in the clouds. For You live and reign with the Father and with the Holy Spirit One God now and forever.

C: Amen

THE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8 (cf. back of service folder)

Psalm of the Day: 45 (p. 83 in the front of the hymnal)

Gospel Lesson: John 18:33-37

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: 341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

THE SERMON: Daniel 7:13-14 (p. in the pew Bibles)

Theme: Our King Is Coming Back!

I. His Coming Strikes Tension, Trepidation and Terror in the Hearts of His Enemies

II. His Coming Brings Confidence, Calmness and Contentment for His Followers

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED: Given to Glorify the King of kings and Lord of lords...

PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

God of glory, eternal King, help us, we pray, to recognize the signs of the end times about us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the last day. Move us to hate what is evil and to cling to what is good.

Keep us zealous in Your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that, when the day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Lord and Savior coming in the clouds. In His name we pray...in Whose name we also join in praying...

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.

Holy Communion: Today we are again privileged to celebrate the Lord's Supper at our altar. Our church practices what is known as "close communion". If you have not communed with us before and are not a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, we politely ask you to please speak with us before communing-we'd love to share with you what God's Word says about receiving our Savior's body and blood. We do *not* want to make visitors feel excluded. We only want to follow the Bible's way to make Holy Communion and honest expression of oneness.

Communion Liturgy: p. 33 in Christian Worship

The Distribution Hymn: 377 "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice""

Closing Hymn of Praise: 28 vs. 4&6 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

GOD'S WORD FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:4b-8 Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is 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 blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it 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.”

John 18:33-37 ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” ³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” ³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” ³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

12/1 9:00A.M.-12:15P.M. Christmas for Kids

12/2 4P.M. Ladies Advent Prayer Service, followed by a meal, Grace Lutheran, Seward

12/5/12/19 **6:30P.M.** Midweek Advent Meditation

12/16 9A.M. Children's Christmas Service (NOTE: 1 service followed by a Christmas Brunch)

12/24 5P.M. Youth Group Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

12/25 9A.M. Christmas Day Song and Scripture Worship

12/30 8A.M. & 10:30A.M. New Year's Communion Worship with Pastor Beckmann

THE CLEANING LIST for the next few months is being created this week. Please add your name if you are willing to serve but are not already on the list. If you can no longer serve, please remove your name. Thank you for helping keep God's house clean and invited for all who worship here!

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE (If the Lord Does Not Return First!)

TODAY: 8&10:30A.M. Christ the King Communion Worship

9:20-10:15A.M. Growth in the Word for All Ages/Children's Christmas

MONDAY: 7:00P.M. Evening Worship @ St. Mark (for those who missed out today)

TUESDAY: 9A.M. Women's Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive

WEDNESDAY: 3 PM Windercrest Bible Study

4:30P.M. Catechism/Christmas Decorating

THURSDAY: No Evening Worship at Mt. Olive

SATURDAY: 9:00A.M. Christmas For Kids

SUNDAY: 8&10:30 Advent One Worship

9:30 A.M. Growth in the Word

11:45A.M. First Chime Tones Choir Practice

NEWS N NOTES

THANK YOU: We thank our organist, Jackie Kronebusch, this morning, who acted on her God-given faith and used her God-given gifts to honor and worship the Giver of those gifts... and the greatest of all gifts: eternal life!

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS UPDATE: Christmas for kids is planned for this Saturday, December 1st from 9A.M.-12:15P.M. All children from age 3-Grade 4 are welcome to come and learn what the real reason for the season is all about! Volunteers are still needed in various areas. Please let Stacy Schleusener know if you can help and please make sure your kids are signed up early-to help with the planning.

ADVENT MIDWEEK MEDITATION & SOUP SUPPERS: Three very special midweek Advent Meditations are being planned for the Wednesday nights leading up to Christmas (5,12,19) **starting at 6:30P.M.** Pastor Beckmann will serve us for our first gathering on December 5th. Soup suppers precede worship starting at 6P.M. A sign up is located in the back to help with the meal. Come join us as we enlist the help of Peter to help us prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE READINGS: Advent is a wonderful season of the church which focuses our attention on preparing our hearts for Jesus' second return in glory. In member mailboxes there are copies of the Advent daily (or nightly) devotions for 2018. By using this brief order you can draw closer to our Lord in repentance and faith before He draws closer to us for eternity!

BARNES & NOBLE fundraiser for St. Mark school will be held Dec 7th 6pm-8pm at the Southpoint location. This is a great opportunity to pick up some gifts and help our school at the same time.

SCRIP is another great gift opportunity, with the benefits going to NELHS or St. Mark School. Carol Hans is the Lincoln SCRIP coordinator. She has cards available year-round. 402-430-1053 More information, including what SCRIP is available, is in the narthex.

THE FIRST CHIME TONES CHOIR PRACTICE will take place next Sunday at 11:45 A.M.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Candace Meyer, Lynne Costin

Heidi Brase, Shawna Fox

Ushering: J&W Costin, D Jung, J Landis

R Yeager, G Ellis, C Beiermann

Cleaning God's House this week: Downstairs- Monroe, Upstairs-Richie, Narthex-N Rassmussen

Given for God's Glory: Budget Offerings: \$4,252.50 (\$6,373.11 needed to meet budget)

Year to Date Budget Offerings Pace: -\$9,326.13

In God's House 11/14 & 11/18 3+60+71 Total: 134