

**Stewardship 2025
United in Christ**



**Yesterday,
Today and
Tomorrow**

Psalm 46:7 “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
27th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Advent Beginnings
9:15 AM Worship Express

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The Bible says, “God’s ways are not our ways” and that is undeniably true when it comes to “Christ the King” Sunday. God dreams of kings and elected officials who will focus all their attention on the needs of the people they are governing – or should I say serving – than on themselves and what they can get out of it. Now that is the kind of King Jesus was and is.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “His Name is Wonderful”

Words to meditate on...

*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is a mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him,
Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord.*

WELCOMING GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

Leader: God gathers God's Chosen People together to encourage them with the WORD and strengthen them with the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

All: Amen!

CONFESSION

Right Side: I hate, sometimes I lie.

Left Side: Sometimes I waste, sometimes I cheat.

All: We have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.

Right Side: Sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I am prejudiced.

Left Side: Sometimes I am uncaring, sometimes I am destructive.

All: We have not lived as your Chosen People. We have not loved your daughters and sons. We have not walked in the footsteps of others. We have not followed the servant your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

All: Even though we are in bondage to sin, there is hope for freedom. Not by our own doing, but because God has chosen to forgive us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we know this is true. Amen.

Stand

GATHERING SONG: "Give Me Oil in my Lamp"

**Give me oil in my lamp
keep me burning, burning, burning.
Give me oil in my lamp
I pray, hallelujah!
Give me oil in my lamp keep me
burning, burning, burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.**

Refrain

**Sing Hosanna (3 times)
To The King of Kings
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To the King of Kings.**

May my lamp never dim,
keep me burning, burning, burning.
May my lamp never dim
I pray, hallelujah!
May my lamp never dim,
keep me burning, burning, burning.
Keep me burning
till the coming of the King. *Refrain*

Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving, serving, serving.
Give me love in my heart
I pray, hallelujah!
Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving, serving, serving.
Keep me serving
till the coming of the King. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Jesus, you came and showed us the kind of King God dreams all rulers would be. You were not in it for yourself. You always thought of others first. You came to help, not to profit. You came to serve, not be served. Help us and our rulers to be more like you. Amen.

GOOD NEWS VERSE: "Help Us, O Lord"

Help us, O Lord
to hear your word.
Open our hearts
to feel your word.
Give us the strength
to live your word each day.

Lector: The Good News according to the 18th chapter of John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOOD NEWS READING: John 18:33-37

Narrator (Lector): Pilate went back into the palace and called for Jesus. He said...

Pilate (Women and Girls): Are you the 'King of the Jews'?

Jesus (Men and Boys): Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you this about me?

Pilate (Women and Girls): Do I look like a Jew? Your people and your high priests turned you over to me. What did you do?

Jesus (Men and Boys): My kingdom doesn't consist of what you see around you. If it did, my followers would fight so that I wouldn't be handed over to the Jews. But I'm not that kind of king, not the world's kind of king.

Pilate (Women and Girls): So, are you a king or not?

Jesus (Men and Boys): You tell me. Because I am King, I was born and entered the world so that I could witness to the truth. Everyone who cares for truth, who has any feeling for the truth, recognizes my voice.

Lector: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit

CHILDREN'S WORD/ THE WORD

Stand

SONG OF THE DAY: "We Love"

**We love (*clap, clap*)
because God first loved us.
We love (*clap, clap*)
because God first loved us.
We love (*clap, clap*)
We love (*clap, clap*)
We love (*clap, clap*)
because God first (*clap*)
loved (*clap*) us (*clap, clap*).**

APOSTLES CREED

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus, God's Son?

**All: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God's Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: KUM BY YAH

This song will be sung before we begin the prayers and between the petitions...

Kum by yah, my Lord, kum by yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, kum by yah.

P: Breathe new life into your people so we may all mirror the King we serve in all we do and say. Raise up leaders from among us who will continue to teach us and serve all your people.

Kum by yah, my Lord, kum by yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, kum by yah.

P: Grant your kingdom wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate and make decisions on our behalf. May their only desire be to serve all the people of this country to the best of their God-given ability.

Kum by yah, my Lord, kum by yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, kum by yah.

P: Be near to those who are sick or feeling lost and alone. May they know that you are there for them and will never abandon them.

Kum by yah, my Lord, kum by yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, kum by yah.

GOD'S PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all!

All: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING SONG: "For Love and Health"

For life and health
and every good
We give you thanks, O Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Leader: We go out into the world to be God's Chosen People.

All: But we do not go alone. God goes with us as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.

All: In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE