



# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*Kremser (Traditional Netherlands Melody)*  
*Holy God We Praise your Name (Grosser Gott)*

setting by Gerre Hancock  
arr. Diane Bish

## WELCOME

**+SOLA GRATIA+**

## A LITANY FOR TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

One: We praise you, Holy One, for the gift of life, precious, stubborn, fragile and beautiful; We are grateful for the time we have to live upon the earth, to love, to grow, to be.

**Many: We give thanks for the will to live and for our capacity to live fully all of the days that we are given;**

One: and for those who have been taken by the devastation of violence used against them we remember them and claim the opportunity to build lives of wholeness in their honor.

**Many: We give you thanks for the partners, friends, allies and families who have been steadfast in their love; for the people who have devoted their life's work to the prevention of violence, support and making transition from one gender to another possible with passion and commitment,**

One: For the diligent science, brilliant ideas and insights that have led to new, life-giving procedures, for those in leadership who have acted to provide health care for people who are in transition.

**Many: We give thanks for those whose prejudice and judgment have yielded to understanding, for those who have overcome fear, indifference or burnout to embrace a life of caring compassion.**

One: We praise you, Eternal One, for those who have loved enough that their hearts have broken, who cherish the memories of those we have lost, and for those who console the grieving.

**Many: God, grant us the love, courage, tenacity, and will to continue to make a difference in a world even with the violence aimed towards our community;**

One: Inspire us to challenge and stand strong against the forces that allow the needless harm and violence to continue -- prejudice, unjust laws, repression, stigma and fear.

**Many: Into your care, we trust and lift up the hundreds of souls who have been tortured and murdered.**

One: We lift up to you our dreams of a world where all are cared for,

**Many: Our dreams of wholeness,**

One: Our dreams of a world where all are accepted and respected,

**Many: A dream we know you share.**

*This litany is provided by [Rev. Paul Turner](#) of [Gentle Spirit Christian Church of Atlanta](#) for use in the Transgender Day of Remembrance, 2007.*

## OPENING HYMN

### Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

## INTRODUCTION TO LAMENT AND LOSS RITUAL

*There are two baskets at the altar to receive your Lament Cards. Those placed into the basket on the lectern side will be read aloud during worship. Those placed into the basket on the organ side will be prayed over and lifted up privately by the pastor. You may bring the cards forward anytime during worship, as The Spirit invites.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**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. Amen.**

## +SOLA SCRIPTURA+

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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. 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. 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. 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## A PSALM OF WITNESS

Mary Ann Horton

### EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR CHRIST THE KING

Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

**O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

**Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

**By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him:

**And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;**

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

**And every tongue confess him the King of glory.**

Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

**O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** John 18:33-37

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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**

Pastor Kurt

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## +SOLA FIDE+

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*\*sung at beginning and end of prayers:*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me**

*\*after each petition:*

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

**OFFERING** Testimony of Thanks from Analiese Christenson

[Give Here](#)

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WE SHARE OUR LAMENTATIONS

Óyenos, Señor

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor, Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lis - ten to your peo - ple. Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Bob Hurd, b. 1950, alt.

Music: ÓYENOS, Bob Hurd

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We offer up our Laments, Griefs, and Loss to the Living God

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

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

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*\*We continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistants will then place it on a credence table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black trash receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

## 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Go out as faithful witnesses to the one who reigns forever.

Look to Christ as your shepherd and your ruler,  
 and listen for his voice.

Clothe yourselves in righteousness  
 and make every place a place to worship God.

And may God strengthen you and fulfil your dreams;  
 May Christ Jesus be the rising sun that lightens your days;  
 and may the Holy Spirit speak to you and through you  
 with words of grace and peace.

## SENDING SONG

## Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

setting by Don Hustad

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + **Online Faith Development**

Join us each Wednesday on Zoom for the traditional refrains and sung scripture of **Evening Prayer** followed by a time of **Reflections on Faith**.

Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.; Reflections on Faith 7:21 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89728207639>

Topic: Wednesday Evening Prayer and Reflections on Faith 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 897 2820 7639

### + **Cards for LIRS**

Following worship on November 21, we invite you to stay briefly to sign Christmas cards that will be sent to detained families served by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Tables will be set up in the Narthex and sample messages offered to help you compose your greetings. Children are encouraged to help decorate their cards.

### + **Annual Congregational Meeting Part I**

The Annual Congregational Meeting Part I will be held on December 12. The agenda for the meeting will be approval of the budget and voting on Church Council members. The budget will be presented for review at the Budget Forum for FLC members on Sunday, December 5th.

### + **2022 Council Nominations**

Do you know an FLC member who'd make a fantastic Council person? We'd love to hear from you! For 2022, there are 4 seats on Council open for election, including one seat for a 2-year term and three seats for 3-year terms. New Council Members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in December. Please speak with Pastor or any Council member to make a nomination or learn more.

### + **Help Wanted**

We need TWO "Backup" SetUp Crew Members to help with setting up the "Shades" on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. No skills necessary. Please tell Joe Slevcove, Pastor Kurt or Hannah if you are willing or interested.

### + **Email Distribution**

Each week we mail out the weekly Heartbeat newsletter and the Rapid Pulse with information about worship that week. If you would like to be added to the email list, you may either send an email to [administrator@firstlutheransd.org](mailto:administrator@firstlutheransd.org) or go to our website ([firstlutheransd.org](http://firstlutheransd.org)). Toward the bottom of the page, you will see a place that says "Join The First Lutheran Church Newsletter," with a space to enter your email address.

<b>Pastor</b>	the Rev. Kurt Christenson
<b>Piano</b>	Bill Engel
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<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Hannah DeMers
<b>Facilities</b>	Wayne Boss
<b>Worship Technician</b>	Brian Jensen
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Ann Horton
<b>Lector</b>	Shaun Travers
<b>Cantor</b>	Paul Engel
<b>Singers</b>	Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Jan Neuhaus, Billie Thompson
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Clayton

**prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal**

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**closing blessing**

*by Nathan Nettleton*

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