

Sermon Hymn: 341 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sermon: A Gift For The King

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Distribution Hymn: 278 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 496 Glorious in Majesty

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Christ The King - November 24th & 25th, 2018



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Order of Worship: Divine Service 1 (pg. 15 in the blue hymnal)

Opening Hymn: 363 The King of Glory Comes

Prayer of the Day:

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Daniel 7:13-14

Christ has always been the one center and the entire focus of all history. That was true in Daniel's time and will still be true at the end of time. Thus in a very real sense there is no other king—never has been, never will be. As he is, so is his kingdom. Oh, how foolish those little men, who strut their moment on history's stage and imagine that history is about them. Oh, how foolish I am when I do the same! But to be called by the gospel in his kingdom and under his gracious rule, then to worship and serve him in his kingdom, that's what life is about! That alone gives life true focus, true purpose and noble and glorious end.

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. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men 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.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 45 p. 83

Second Lesson - Revelation 1:4b-8

Of all the magnificent ways in which Christ could have shown his glory, he picked this one: to redeem us by his suffering and death that we should live with him for all eternity! All by itself that defines the nature of grace. How we long to see him as he is, to perfectly worship him whose greatest triumph was the cross for us and for our salvation! Some

day we shall; for he has promised it, he who is our King, the center of all that can be spoken that is true and good, the ruler of time and eternity.

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. ⁷Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the 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.”

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.* (Revelation 22:13)

Gospel - John 18:33-37

As the king is like none other, so his kingdom is also like none other. Ruled over by a king who even now appears so lowly and powerless, the kingdom is concerned with what is important to the king. And what is that? The truth! For it is by truth of the gospel, not the power of this world and its rulers, that he saves. Unconcerned with his appearance of impotence and unconcerned as well with our own appearance in weakness, we press forward to hear the truth, to hold to it, to share it and to die in its possession for life eternal.

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. “It was your people and your chief priests who 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 Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”