



Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2024

Announcements, Updates on Prayer Concerns, News for Our Community:

Prelude: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

by J. Pethel

Alan Chambers, keyboardist

Greeting: May this Christ the King Sunday, when the Church's Yearlong Study of the Life of Jesus Christ Celebrates His Prophetic, Ordained and Declared Kingship, Inspire you to enter into the Spirit of Worship, Service And Kinship with Jesus Christ the King more fully, deeply and sincerely as you shine your light for Him.

Response: And also with you.

We begin with Confession and Forgiveness:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven, and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 855

We lift our Voices now in Praise, Hope and Prayer: "Lord Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei - son, ev-'ry day. For peace in the world,
For your Spir - it to guide;

for the health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
that you cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the Word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
that we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace for the

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
hun-gry and the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:

thanks be to you for - ev - er! Strong is your
thanks be to you for - ev - er! (2nd time: one more "thanks....")

faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. *D.C. al Fine*

The Prayer of the Day leads us to our Bible lessons for today:

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.

First Reading: from the Prophet **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** Graham Groombridge, Worship Assistant

Context: 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

After reading: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!** *Silence for reflection.*

Psalm 93

(Read Responsively)

One: The LORD is king, robed in majesty;

All: The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

One: The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**All: Ever since the world began, Your throne
has been established. You are from everlasting.**

One: The floods have lifted up, O LORD The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their roaring.

ALL: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, more majestic on high is the LORD. Your decrees are very sure; Holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

(We sing now our Alleluia (Praise and Adoration) to the Lord for God's True Truth.)

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
5 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal
10 life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: The Holy Gospel, according to John 18:33-38a. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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 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." 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." 38(a) Pilate asked Him "What is Truth?"

After reading: The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. Silence for reflection.

Children's Story and Sermon: THIS! "Proclaim, Ordain, Declare" - God's Podcast – for a Thirsty World
Pastor JP Freeman

Hymn of the Day: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

No. 727

The Apostles Creed in the “Modern English”:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord; Who was born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary; Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried; on the third day rose again from the dead; ascended to heaven; sits at the right hand of the Father from where He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church; the remission of sins; the resurrection of the flesh and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation’s praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Bring them healing and wholeness. Especially those from our congregation and community as shared on our ARISING and ONGOING concerns – Help us to lift them in prayer this week in our homes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



We be-seech you, lov-ing Lord, hear us as we pray.
Com-fort those in need, dear Lord; heal our world this day.

Offering Prayer:

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

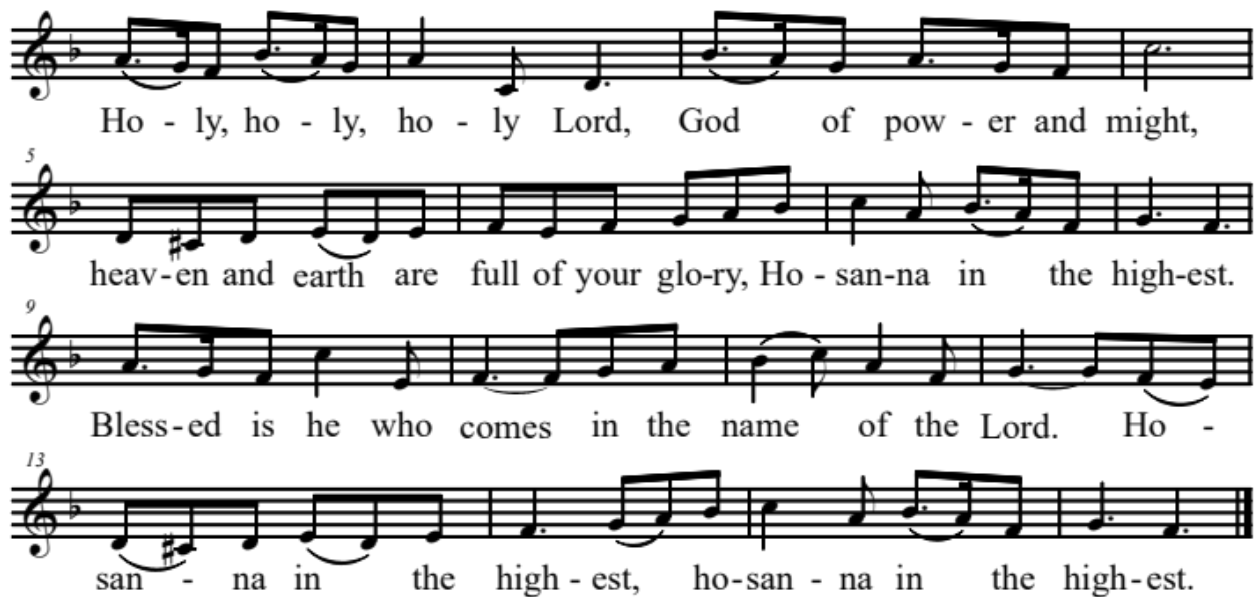
The Great Thanksgiving:

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!**

Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, by whose life, death, and resurrection we have life everlasting. And we give you thanks and praise for your Holy Spirit, who strengthens us, empowers us, and binds us together in faith. So, **we join our voices to praise you with the unending hymn:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high-est.

Words of Institution: *(the People share the highlighted words)*

In the night in which HE was betrayed, our Lord took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat: this is my body given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

(The inner rings of cups are grape juice, the outer rings of cups are wine. Please come forward and accept the bread and cup, or we will serve you in your seats.)

Invitation to Open Communion:

Come and dine with the Christ the King!

Voluntary: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. R. A. Hobby

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,

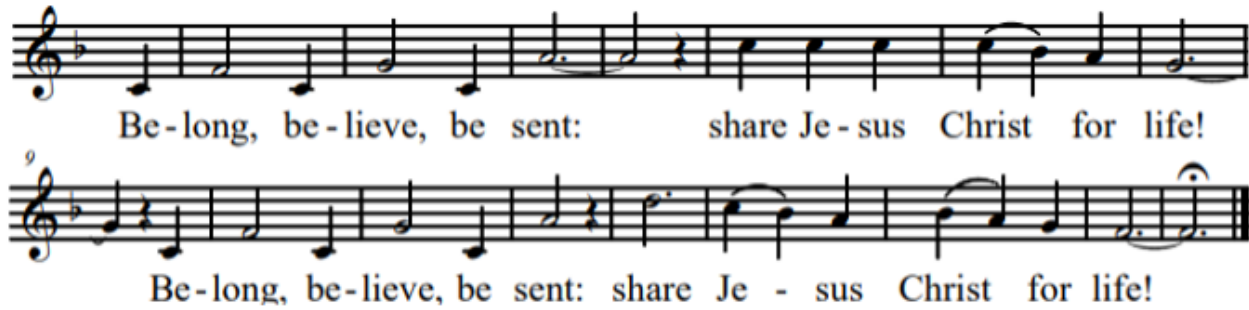
grant us peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first three staves each have a line of lyrics underneath them. The first two staves have identical lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace,'. The fourth staff has the lyrics: 'grant us peace.' The music consists of a single melodic line with various note values and rests.

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, **you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

TOGETHER WE SING OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Be-long, be-lieve, be sent: share Je - sus Christ for life!

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Blessing: *(We bless one another.)*

May the Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: Lift High the Cross

No. 660

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Jesus Christ is King! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Lift High the Cross

arr. J. Holloway and E. M. Porter

(Before leaving we sit for a time of reflection during the postlude.)

Announcements: TODAY ALL CHURCH BRUNCH MEAL HOSTED BY DANIEL'S PLACE:

10:45 Sunday, November 24th. Afterwards assist in decorating the church for Christmas (THE HANGING OF THE GREENS). We hope you will come for the meal and fellowship and enjoy our time together.

CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR A CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR: You are invited to stay after worship on 12/22 for 30 minutes. We'll share the music and a practice recording to work with at home.

ALSO FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: the Chimes will practice immediately following the choir rehearsals on 12/22. Music and a recording available upon request.

The Prayer List of "Arising" & "Continuing" Concerns: Please review and pray at home.

Paul & Nancy Nesbit now reside in Magnolia Lane at PRC 400 W 7th St NM IN 46962;
Healing: Jack (Deb) Vineyard (hip) Teresa Pattison (shoulder); Tammy Mosier- ribs;
Grover (Janice) Archer; Jim Davidson; Brent Herman, Joelle Parker, Ron (Sharon) Miller,

Phyllis Werking, Nancy Shenefield, Jack Williams, S Darell & Betty Yankey, Earl & Janet McKinley, Robbie & Steve Rohrer, Peter Siddons, Norma Burke, Tony Rogers, Jane Ann Airgood, Peggy Gilbert, Faith Miller, , Linda Hampton, Marie-Betten Niccum, Lois Dowd, Darlene Shear, Jon Frieden, Cynthia Priser, Joanne Boettcher, Rev. John Curtis.
Army Major Zachary & Marina Finehout.

Please call JP Freeman, with prayer concerns or updates on the people of Zion.

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Preaching Schedule

December 1st – “Stop, Look & Listen - The Heaven’s Are Telling...”
December 8th – “Steam Roller”
December 15th – “The Forerunner”
December 22nd – “Leaping for Joy!”
December 24th – “Lessons & Carols”
December 29th – “Where IS that boy?!”
January 5th – “Flesh & Bones, Heart & Soul”

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Mission Statement

To Belong, to Believe, to be Sent: to share Jesus Christ for Life.

*The Lord is calling Zion to live out its calling **to belong** to Jesus Christ and to each other by virtue of our baptism; **to believe** in Jesus Christ by virtue of faith given as a gift of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament; **to be sent** by Jesus Christ as ambassadors of the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, communities, and to the ends of the earth.*

Service Music Acknowledgments.

Kyrie Eleison: ELW Holy Communion Setting 8, by Larry Olson
Praise to You, O God of Mercy: by Marty Haugen from Now the Feast and Celebration
Gospel Acclamation: With One Voice, Setting 5: Bread of Life by Jeremy Young
Prayer Response: Adoro Te Devote, 13th century plainchant, text and arr. Alan Chambers
Holy, Holy, Holy: Service Music No. 193 by Per Harling
Lamb of God: ELW Holy Communion Setting 1, by Robert Buckley Farlee
Mission Song: Alan Chambers