

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The Royal Throne  
November 23 & 24, 2019  
5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

The disciples had hoped for thrones and power to rule beside Jesus, but the throne on which He pronounced His greatest edict was a cross. On it He prayed for forgiveness for His executioners. From it He promised paradise for the thief on a neighboring cross. And because of His royal sacrifice, the Father “delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.” Like the people of Malachi’s day, who saw evil running rampant, we may not understand all that is happening in the world around us. But we trust that in Christ God has made “peace by the blood of His cross.” So lift high the cross, for by it our sins are forgiven and paradise is open to us!

### WELCOME

"[The last] day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire,  
and the elements will melt in the heat.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward  
to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."  
(2 Peter 3:12b-13, NIV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #837 “Lift High the Cross”

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

**People: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

Pastor: in whom we have redemption,

**People: the forgiveness of sins.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are confident of God’s forgiveness because of Christ’s sacrifice of Himself on the cross, let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**People: Heavenly Father, we confess that by nature we regularly sin without even thinking. Our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the world around us rather than the grace you have showered upon us. We have not loved you above all things; we have loved ourselves more than our neighbors. Without your help, we cannot free ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us; by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew in us clean hearts and willing minds that we glorify your holy name each day until we see the paradise you have so graciously promised us.**

Pastor: The promises of God are sure! By the blood of Jesus’ cross He has made peace with us and reconciled us to Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

**HYMN OF PRAISE #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”** Stanzas 1–3

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King.  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword:  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you reign among us by the preaching  
of your cross.

**People: Forgive your people their offenses that we, being governed by  
your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into your eternal  
paradise;**

Pastor: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**5:00 BAPTISM SONG #593 “See This Wonder in the Making”**

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place them,  
With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

**5:00 BAPTISM** of Gracie Mae Butler

*Please refrain from taking photos during the worship service.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 3:13–18* (God promises to keep names in His book of remembrance.) “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 1:13–20* (Jesus is the image of the invisible God.)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 ANTHEM**

*“Be Still My Child”*

**8:00 ANTHEM**

*“My God is There”* (2-3)

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 23:27–43* (Jesus promises paradise to the thief on a neighboring cross.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON HYMN #515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.  
The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

### **SERMON**

#### **"Who Is This King?"**

**Luke 23:27-43**

(Rise)

#### **8:00 NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us come in the name of Jesus and pray on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

Pastor: Almighty God, fill us with joy in Christ, who displays His kingly reign first from the cross and at the end of time in His reign over the eternal Kingdom of God.

**People: Bless us with faith as we wait for the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into our eternal rest by the merits of Christ alone.**

Pastor: God of grace, we rejoice in the gift of Holy Baptism through which we are made to be children of God. Bless especially Gracie Mae Butler as she has been baptized into Christ this weekend.

**People: Bless her parents to raise her in the faith and grow with her in the knowledge of Christ and His holy ways.**

Pastor: Lord of the church, bless this congregation and your whole Church on earth with faithful pastors and church workers who speak boldly the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen.

**People: Bless each of us as hearers of this Gospel with deeper faith and the response of thanksgiving and service to our neighbors.**

Pastor: God of our salvation, we pray for release to the captive and freedom to those imprisoned in guilt and shame, bringing all people to repentance, that through the forgiveness of their sins they receive the gift of a clear conscience.

**People: Having been set free by your grace, grant them to live holy lives to the praise and honor of Christ.**

Pastor: Bless the Christian education programs of our church and school, that all those who teach and learn His Word may grow in the Truth, be kept from all error, and given wisdom to recognize and reject all that is false.

**People: Bless all who serve in our church and school and the many volunteers helping with our tournament this weekend.**

Pastor: Lord of the nations, bless and preserve our nation in peace; raise up faithful leaders; and bless our president and those who make, administer and judge our laws.

**People: Empower us to be good citizens, to live lives of integrity and service, manifesting the good works of the Kingdom in our daily callings as your people.**

Pastor: God of compassion, we ask you to deliver the poor from their want and give employment to those who seek work.

**People: Grant your blessing to all the agencies and programs through which the Church supports those in need.**

Pastor: God of healing and peace, bless and be with all those afflicted in body or mind, relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying, and healing to those afflicted in body or soul, especially Don, June, John, Arlene, Jerry, Judi, Nancy, Robert, Jonathan, Steve, Sharon, Bette, Nathan, Shirley, Mary, Cindy, Bill, Katie, Dolores, Russ, Herb, Sarah, Marge, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah.

**People: In their time of need, be their strength, their hope, and their peace.**

Pastor: God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for life and all its blessings, joining also with the Osell family as they celebrate Rachel's birthday.

**People: Help us to love and cherish all the special people you place in our lives.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, give us grateful hearts to rejoice in the mercies that are new every morning, and supply us wisdom to use faithfully all the resources entrusted to us.

**People: Grant to us cheerful and generous hearts to bring tithes and offerings for the work of the ministry of Christ.**

Pastor: God of grace, bring us to repentance and faith so we may rightly receive the body and blood of Christ, that we may also manifest the unity of faith and witness before the world.

**People: Empower us by your grace to show forth in our lives the good fruits of the Spirit in holy words and holy works.**

Pastor: Grant us to always remember the mighty works by which our Lord has saved us, and fill us with faith that our prayers and concerns are heard and answered by our God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI #775 "Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and ev'rywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN #809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### HYMN #534 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We in worship join with them; We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain; Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

### HYMN #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears a way.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all  
goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into  
the flesh,

**People: we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and  
peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your  
children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy  
Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### 5:00 CHORAL BENEDICTION

### 8:00 BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on  
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  
✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN #525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight.  
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

Preacher

Liturgist

Children’s Message

Lectors

Acolytes

Accompanist & Special Music

Director of Parish Music

Pastor Harold Bender

Pastor Noah Kegley

Laurel Privatt

Dalen Heinzen, Amanda Buch

Emma Bingenheimer, Lillia Carson

Olivia Kukor

Michelle Prince

## *Thanksgiving Worship*

*November 27 at 6:00pm*

*November 28 at 9:00am*

*Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms  
Has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love  
and still is ours today.*