

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Christ the King Sunday

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THE LESSON. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

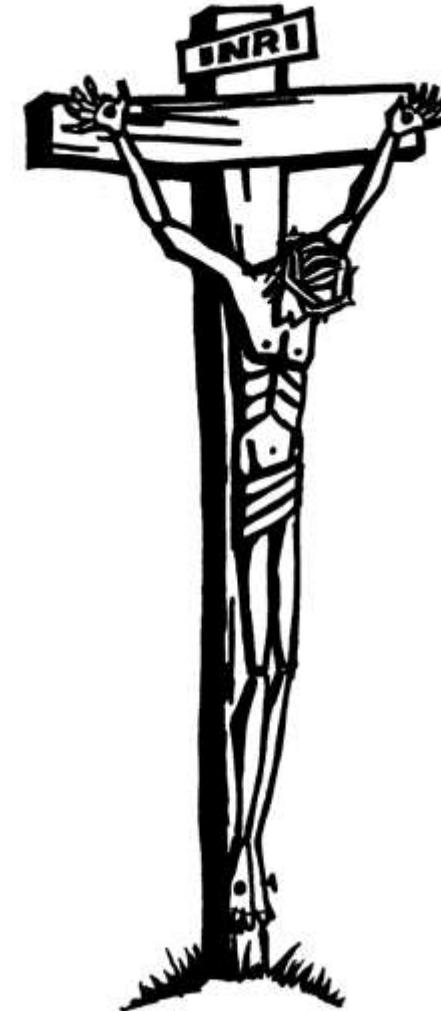
As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing as white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, 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.

SECOND 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.

GOSPEL. John 18:33-37

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."



NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2015
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(218) 739-3348

Online
Giving
(QR Code) 

The Kingdom of Christ is most definitely NOT a Kingdom of this world. And yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, our eyes can be opened to see signs of the kingdom in our midst; as the hungry are fed, the outsiders are included, and we who gather in Christ's name are made one.

Prelude

Announcements

***Processional Hymn** *Lift High The Cross* **ELW 660**

*** Apostolic Greeting** ELW Page 147

*** Kyrie** ELW Page 147

*** Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* ELW Page 148

*** Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Anthem

Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Raney
Hosanna Handbells, Trumpet: Wally Warhol

First Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

*** Gospel Acclamation**



(Congregational response after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

*** Gospel**

John 18:33-37

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



We are delighted to welcome the following new members who are joining this morning:

Dawn, Michael, Emily, Hailey & Callie Knudson
Kristopher, Robin, Alise & Emily Werner
Dick & Judy Werner
Lewis Roers
Jolene & Brady Hansen
Richard & Leslie Hemmingsen
Andru Nelson, Amy Baldwin, Oscar & Hattie Nelson

Please greet them during the coffee hour

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Hosanna Handbells Director:	Linda Mellon
Sacristan:	8:30– Mark & Susan Hermes 11- Mary Johnson
Cantor:	8:30 –Diane Boen 11-Steve Guttormson
Lectors:	8:30 – Dennis Emmen 11– Mindy Fuder
Acolytes:	8:30 – Sydney Batzlaff 11- Nycole Mouritsen
Greeters:	8:30 – Matt & Dina Freitag 11– Jon & LuAnn Harris
Ushers:	8:30 – Matt & Leslie Flugstad, Ashley Shuck & Jace Vangrud 11- Cary & Kari Knudson, Anthony & Joyce Perez Bud Mellon
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This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 a.m. Worship/**New Members received**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wed.: **7:00 a.m. Men's XY Bible Study (Café 116)**
9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group
10:00 a.m. AA
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship
NO 3:45 CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE, BUT GATHER AT 5:30
NO FLY (K34 OR SR FLY)
NO CONFIRMATION (Worship at 6pm with your family)

Thursday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch Pastor Jennifer-KBRF-AM (1250)
Church Office Closed – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday: **Church Office Closed**

Next Sunday, November 29 – 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sermon

Not Your Ordinary Kingdom

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

(v. 1-4)

(children come forward during the last verse)

Children's Event (8:30)

Pastor Saul

*** Apostles' Creed (8:30)**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

Reception of New Members (8:30)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

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*** The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*** Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*** The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,

C hear our prayer.

C Lord, have mercy.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

C 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

*** Benediction**

*** Three-Fold Amen**

*** Sending** (Congregational response: "Thanks be to God")

*** Closing Hymn**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW 855

Postlude

*Indicates when to stand

Coffee, Cake and Refreshments will be served this morning in the narthex between services by the Membership Committee.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

The Rose on the Altar is in celebration of the baptism of Ellinor Rosaline Dinsmore, daughter of Joseph & Kristi Dinsmore. Sponsors are Scott Larsen and Emily Fischer.

Sympathy to Matt & Dina, Kaleb & Danielle Freitag on the loss of Matt's step-mother, Lucille Sorenson-Freitag, whose funeral was held at Faith Lutheran Church last Thursday.

Thankoffering: Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings for more than 100 years. Last year, Thankofferings totaled \$903,374 to support Women of the ELCA church wide ministries, with offerings coming from 2,450 congregations. First Lutheran sent \$845 in 2013. Thankofferings are sent in full to the church-wide women's organization and help do mission and address concerns of women and children in crisis—especially the crisis related to poverty, health/AIDS and domestic violence. Please place your thankoffering for 2014 in an offering marked "Thankoffering" and place it in the Sunday offering plate or bring it to the office. If you have questions, call Margaret Kratzke 736-3697

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION REQUESTS FOR 2016: The requests should be approved by the Church Council. The written request for funds should be sent to Orrie Leabo, Foundation President, before December 14th, 2015. This will help the Foundation Board to prepare for the Foundation's Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact the board members. They are as follows: Chad Felstul, Vicki Hanneman, Leonard Hatzenbuhler, Tim Johnson, Orrie Leabo, Missy Mattson and Linda Mellon.

Parents of college students! We would love to have your child's college mailing address (we'll be sending 'CARE' packages). Please fill out one of the postcards sent to you and return to the church office, or you can find them at the info desk.

Lenten Planning Task Force for 2016: Yes, believe it or not, it's time again to ask for volunteers to serve on the Lent/Easter Worship Planning Task Force. This group will work with Pastor Saul to come up with a theme and ideas for visuals and decorations to help the congregation have a meaningful worship experience during the seasons of Lent and Easter. No special artistic ability required. Everyone is welcome. Please talk to Pastor Saul or call the church office. (739-3348) We will begin meeting in December.

A graphic illustration for Thanksgiving Eve Worship. It features a central cross with a crescent moon and stars above it. Below the cross are various Thanksgiving items: a turkey, pumpkins, corn cobs, and a lit candle. The text "Thanksgiving Eve Worship" is written in a cursive font at the bottom of the illustration.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Music by Adult & Children's Choirs and Bell Choir

Our Thanksgiving offering goes to ELCA World Hunger Appeal
**There will be a procession of food items
for the Fergus Falls Food shelf.**

Have you seen the new debit and credit cards with micro-chips for added fraud protection? Many people are receiving these new cards, which mean your card information needs to be updated wherever you have automated purchases set up. Please keep your church in mind and update your card if you give online with auto-pay. It is very much appreciated!

Christmas Giving Tree! Beginning this Sunday, you will be able to pick an ornament from one of the Christmas Giving Trees located in the narthex. Each ornament on the trees will list a gift request from A Place to Belong or Someplace Safe. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift listed on that ornament, and place it under the tree (unwrapped) by Tuesday, December 15.

Christmas Food Baskets Each year, First Lutheran delivers all the food needed to make a Christmas meal to community members in need. If you, or someone you know would benefit from a Christmas Food Basket, please contact the church office. The deadline to register for a basket is Monday, December 7th. Delivery will take place Saturday, December 19th.

Calling All Cookie Bakers! On Tuesday, December 15th, members of First Lutheran Church will be delivering plates of holiday cookies to shut-ins and members unable to bake anymore. We need help from those of you who enjoy baking to spread Christmas joy in this way. Cookies should be dropped off in the church kitchen on Tuesday (Dec 15) by 9 a.m. You can also leave them in the church kitchen on Sunday (Dec 13) and label them "Cookie Plates for Special Friends". We are looking for additional drivers to help deliver the cookies later that morning. Previous drivers have found it to be a very rewarding experience. Please call the church office (739-3348) if you can help in this way, or if you have questions. Together we can spread lots of Christmas love and cheer!

Y's Folks Cookie Sale – December 2, 2015 at the YMCA beginning at 6 a.m. Come early for the best selection of homemade krumkake, rosettes, sandbakkles, and other holiday favorites.