 **Kerkhoven Lutheran Church**

 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Living and trusting in god’s amazing grace we welcome all to worship, learn and serve in celebration of Christ’s love.**

**Christ the King Sunday**

 **November 21, 2021 9:00 AM**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW p. 94**

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Beautiful Savior” ELW # 838**

1 Beautiful Savior,

 King of creation,

 Son of God and Son of Man!

 Truly I'd love thee,

 truly I'd serve thee,

 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,

 fair are the woodlands,

 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

 Jesus is fairer,

 Jesus is purer,

 he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,

 fair is the moonlight,

 bright the sparkling stars on high;

 Jesus shines brighter,

 Jesus shines purer

 than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,

 Lord of the nations,

 Son of God and Son of Man!

 Glory and honor,

 praise, adoration,

 now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**Special Music Sunday School Choir** “Thankful” by Shawna Edwards

**WORD**

### **FIRST READING: 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.

9As 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.
 10A 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.
13As 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.
 14To 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.

### The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 93 Reading Responsively**

1Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
 **2but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.**

3They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
 which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
 In all that they do, they prosper.
**4The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

 5Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
 **6for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a**

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.

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
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, 5and 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, 6and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

###  7Look! 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.8I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” ELW p. 142**

### **GOSPEL:   John 18:33-37**

### 33Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35Pilate 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?" 36Jesus 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." 37Pilate 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON Overwhelmed** **Pastor Tim Larson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Shall Reign” ELW # 434**

 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

 does its successive journeys run;

 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

 till moons shall wax and wane no more.

 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,

 and praises throng to crown his head;

 his name like sweet perfume shall rise

 with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue

 dwell on his love with sweetest song;

 and infant voices shall proclaim

 their early blessings on his name.

 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:

 the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,

 the weary find eternal rest,

 and all who suffer want are blest.

 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring

 peculiar honors to our king;

 angels descend with songs again,

 and earth repeat the loud amen. Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each portion of the prayers ends with “God in your mercy”. Congregation response: “**hear our prayer”.**

**OFFERING INTERLUDE**

**OFFERTORY “As the Grains of Wheat”** **ELW# 465**

Offering plates will be brought to the altar during offertory

*Refrain* As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill

 were gathered into one to become our bread;

 so may all your people from all the ends of earth

 be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,

 may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come

 when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**MEAL**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW # 461**

 1 All who hunger gather gladly;

 holy manna is our bread.

 Come from wilderness and wand'ring.

 Here in truth we will be fed.

 You that yearn for days of fullness,

 all around us is our food.

 Taste and see the grace eternal.

 Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;

 seeker, be a welcome guest.

 Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered

in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together,

 Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.

Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table

live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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 **“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW # 479**

1 We come to the hungry feast

 hungry for a word of peace.

 To hungry hearts unsatisfied

 the love of God is not denied.

 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast

 hungry for a world released

 from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,

 the poor in body, poor in mind.

 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast

 hungry that the hunger cease,

 and knowing, though we eat our fill,

 the hunger will stay with us; still

 we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

 **“What Feast of Love” ELW # 487**

1 What feast of love is offered here,

 what banquet come from heaven?

 What food of everlasting life,

 what gracious gift is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the bread come down from heaven.

 Oh, taste and see and sing!

 How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,

 what covenant from heaven?

 What hope of everlasting life,

 what wondrous word is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the sun come down from heaven.

 Oh, see and hear and sing!

 The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,

 what crimson drink from heaven?

 What stream of everlasting life,

 what precious blood is given?

 This, this is Christ the king,

 the sweetest wine of heaven.

 Oh, taste and see and sing!

 The Son of God is given!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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 **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ELW # 502**

1 The King of love my shepherd is,

 whose goodness faileth never;

 I nothing lack if I am his

 and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,

 my ransomed soul he leadeth

 and, where the verdant pastures grow,

 with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

 but yet in love he sought me,

 and on his shoulder gently laid,

 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,

 with thee, dear Lord, beside me,

 thy rod and staff my comfort still;

 thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;

 thine unction grace bestoweth;

 and, oh, what transport of delight

 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,

 thy goodness faileth never.

 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise

 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life;

and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us,

through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love

toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG “Soon and Very Soon” ELW # 439**

1 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Hallelujah Hallelujah
 We’re Going To See The King

2 No More Crying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 No More Crying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 No More Crying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 Hallelujah Hallelujah
 We’re Going To See The King

3 No More Dying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 No More Dying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 No More Dying There
 We Are Going To See The King
 Hallelujah Hallelujah
 We’re Going To See The King

4 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Soon And Very Soon
 We Are Going To See The King
 Hallelujah Hallelujah
 Hallelujah Hallelujah

**DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us,

go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Pastor – Timothy P. Larson

Musicians – Alison Nelson and Mariah Rudningen

Lector – Julia Carlson

Ushers – Ross and Beth Carlson

Acolytes – Harkema Family

Communion Assistant – Zoe Olson

Greeter-

***PRAYER CONCERNS:*** *(Periodically these prayer concerns will be moved to the prayer concerns list in the newsletter)* Family of David Forsman, Phyllis Meyer, Lee Meyer, Doris Bakken, Haile Nichols, Keith Lundberg, Andrea Raths, Kathy Schol, Dennis Doering, Calvin Carls

**Stewardship Snippet**: Christ the King Sunday **Revelation 1:4b–** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

*As did other New Testament writers, the author of Revelation blesses his readers with “grace” and “peace” of Christ. Truly, if we have Christ’s grace and peace in our hearts, we will find true contentment.*

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**Fellowship Hour:** Please join us for coffee and fellowship this morning in the Fellowship Hall following worship services.

**Sunday School Choir:** The Sunday School Choir will be singing on Sunday, November 21, at the 9:00 am worship service and on November 24, Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:00 pm. Also, the Christmas program is scheduled for December 12, at 10:45 am. We are practicing now so please plan to have your children here every week. Jenell Mitteness

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are from the funeral of David Forsman held at KLC on Tuesday. We continue to hold the family in our prayers and thank them for sharing the flowers with us.

**This Week . . . November 22-28, 2021**

**Tuesday, November 23**

 8:30 am Packing KMS food bags for delivery to the schools

**Wednesday, November 24 No Confirmation Classes**

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship service with Sunday School Choir singing.

 We will be collecting funds and items for the Campus Ministry Center at Ridgewater College at this service.

 8:00 pm Coffee fellowship served by WELCA

**Friday, November 26**

6:00 pmDecorating the sanctuary -All KLC members are invited to come and assist the Altar Guild in decorating the KLC sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Let’s make this a family fun time.

**Next Sunday,** **November 28, 2021**: **First Sunday in Advent**

9:00 am Worship Service with lighting of Advent wreath. Service is both in person and Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday School with practice for Christmas program

10:00 am Advent Cookies and Coffee with a Basket Auction and Bake Sale - one half of proceeds designated for Backpack program – one half to WELCA General Fund.

3:00 pm Luther League Vikings game viewing party at Jesse and Alison Nelson’s

**Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday, December 1**

6:00 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation

 7:00 pm Gr. 9-10 Confirmation

**Sunday,** **December 5: Second Sunday in Advent**

9:00 am Worship Service with lighting of Advent wreath and Holy Communion

 10:00 am Sunday School with practice for Christmas program

 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

**Wednesday, December 8:**

6:00 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation

 7:00 pm Gr. 9-10 Confirmation

 7:00 pm Church Boards meet

 8:00 pm Church Council meets

**Thursday, December 9:**

8:30 am Pack KMS food bags for delivery to schools

**Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday in Advent**

9:00 am Worship service with Noisy Offering both in person and live streamed

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 15:**

6:00 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation

 7:00 pm Gr. 9-10 Confirmation

**Sunday,** **December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent**

9:00 am Worship service with Holy Communion both in person and live streamed

 10:00 am Appreciation Brunch for Pastor Tim Larson

**Thank You:** Thank you so much to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday in so many ways. I appreciated all of the cards, gifts, food and other wishes that I received both at the church coffee hour and at my home. Thank you for your kindness. Florence Smith

**WELCA Basket Auction and Bake Sale:** WELCA will be sponsoring a Holiday Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Sunday November 28 during Coffee Fellowship hour. Now is the time to start planning a basket to donate to the sale or start your baking early.

**Snow Removal Bid:** The Board of Properties and Grounds is calling for bids for snow removal at the church. There is snow blower that is available for use in the storage shed. Bids should be submitted to a member of the board or drop off at the church office.

**Meals on Wheels:** KLC is responsible for the Wednesday deliveries of Meals on Wheels in the community for the month of December. Please check your calendars and sign up on the list on the table between the offices for a Wednesday that you can deliver the meals. The number of people who receive these meals varies from week to week and at present there are about 4 deliveries each Wednesday. The Wednesdays we are responsible for: December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Thank you.

**Request from Ridgewater Campus Ministry Center:** PLEASE PARTNER WITH US!

Due to changes in long term financial support of Lutheran Campus Ministry, we are VERY SHORT on funds. Financial gifts to Lutheran Campus Ministry are used for rent and expenses of the property and building, support of ministries and student needs, Chaplain salary and supplies for lunches and programs.

**YOUR FINANCIAL GIFT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED** and put to immediate use. A receipt will be sent to you. Thank you! Please send your gift to: Reverend Amy Juel, Lutheran Campus Ministry Chaplain, PO Box 41, Maynard, MN 56260.

More ways to get involved!

\*Volunteer to cook and serve a Wednesday meal.

\*Collect non-perishable foods, hygiene products, household goods for the Give Away Pantry.

\*Donate new or gently used warm winter wear (coats, hats, mittens, etc.)

\*Give a special financial offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry

\*Invite Chaplain Amy to your church group or service organization meeting (via Zoom or in person).

Please pray for our students, professors, staff, and Ridgewater Community.

**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is in need or 2 additional people to work with another team member to prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. For more information contact Barb Norton: barb@theinwell.com or 320-894-2128. Thank you.

**KLC Worship Services are also available for viewing on YouTube!**

**KLC Office Hours for the Week of November 22-26:** Church office hour will be Monday & Tuesday 9:00 -3:00 pm. Wednesday 9:00 – 7:00 pm. The church office is closed on Thursday and Friday. If you have questions or need assistance please call: Ann Hanson – 320-894-4464, if no answer please leave a message or send a text.

**KLC Website:** Visit our website <https://www.kerkhovenlutheranchurch.com/>

**On-Line Giving:** It is now possible to give your offering or a donation to KLC on-line at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNJM> This link will now be available on our Kerkhoven Lutheran Facebook page and is available on our new website (see link above).

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