



Sunday, November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday
Holy Communion
Confirmation Sunday

November 21, 2021 • 9:00, 11:00 AM Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL PROCLAMATION

"Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world. Oh, come, let us worship Christ, our King."

GATHERING SONG

Lift High the Cross (verses 1, 2)

ELW 660

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe,
grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

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.

SECOND READING: 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.

^{4b}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.

⁸"I 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.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Lord., to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

The holy gospel according to St John, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (9:00) Pastor Rick Bliese

(11:00) Jim Cooper, ELCA Deacon for Children, Youth, Families, and Contemporary Worship and the Confirmands

A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

(11:00) AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM / RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism may be used at many times in the life of a baptized Christian. It is especially appropriate as part of a process of formation in faith in youth or adulthood (confirmation), at the time of beginning one's participation in a community of faith, as a sign of renewed participation in the life of the church.

PRESENTATION

Today Emmanuel's Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Jim Cooper, will make the presentation of those to be confirmed.

I present *the following* who *desire* to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *our sisters* and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen.**

The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
stir up in the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm his/ her/ *their* faith,
guide *his/her/their* lives,
empower him/her/*them* in *their* serving,
give him/her/*them* patience in suffering,
and bring him/her/*them* to everlasting life.
Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.
Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(9:00) 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

(9:00) OFFERTORY

Let All the People Praise Thee Natalie Sleeth
The Emmanuel Choir

Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forever more. Let all the nations bless thee! Let all of the nations bless thee now, O God, and bow before. Let every creature thee adore, and spread thy truth from shore to shore! Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forever more. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou are God, to endless years the same. Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forever more. Let all the nations bless thee! Let all of the nations bless thee now, O God, and bow before. Let every creature thee adore, and spread thy truth from shore to shore! Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forever more. And praise thy name, forever more!

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The assembly is invited to sing along.

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You, We give to You

Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering, We are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (SUNG)

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SUNG)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of Our Lord among us. Jesus' presence is in the sanctuary. Jesus' presence is also real in your home. Please have bread and wine available and ready (or juice). All the baptized are welcome to participate this morning in their homes during the livestream worship. Follow the presiding pastor for instructions.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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 for the 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants in the sanctuary and at home will say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus,

at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables

and to share your gifts

until that day when all feast together

at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,

who has written your name in the book of life,

✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace

from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Blessing, Honor, and Glory

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DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us,

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Confirmation

Sunday, November 21

Confirmation Sunday this year will be held on November 21. The official confirmation ceremony will be taking place at the 11:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary. Confirmands will be participating in all parts of the service as well as sharing their Faith Stories for the sermon. They will also be participating in the 10:00 AM contemporary worship service. You can see them in person or watch via livestream. We have five wonderful students being confirmed, they are listed below.



Bridgette Graney

Junior, Naples HS



Ty Jakubielski

Freshman, Gulf Coast HS



Savanah Sallee

Freshman, Palmetto Ridge HS



Lantz Hemmert

Freshman, Seacrest HS



Isabelle Graney

Freshman, Naples HS



In a theological sense, Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

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