

# ***Christ the King***

***November 21, 2021***

***9:30 am & 7:00 pm***



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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP – *Surely the Presence of The Lord Is in This Place***

**Joe Belanger**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (Please stand.)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Have mercy on us, O God.  
**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.  
We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.  
We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.  
Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for ✙ Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG – Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## 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.**

## KYRIE

Priest/Deacon/Cantor (Invocation) All

1. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
2. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

Priest/Deacon/Cantor (Invocation)

1. mer - cy on us. 3. Lord, have mer - cy.  
2. mer - cy on us.

All

3. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high -

- est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2 to Vss.

Last time

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
 high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

Verses

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| <p>1. Lord God, heavenly King,<br/>         almighty God and Father,<br/>         we worship you, we give you thanks,<br/>         we praise you for your glory.</p> <p>2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,<br/>         Lord God, Lamb of God,<br/>         you take away the sin of the world:<br/>         have mercy on us;</p> | <p>you are seated at the right hand<br/>         of the Father:<br/>         receive our prayer.</p> <p>3. For you alone are the Holy One,<br/>         you alone are the Lord,<br/>         you alone are the Most High,<br/>         Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,<br/>         in the glory of God the Father.</p> |
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**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.**

(Please be seated.)

**ZION CHIMES**

*We Gather Together  
 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**FIRST READING – Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**

<sup>9</sup>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.  
<sup>10</sup>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.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY – Psalm 93

### Refrain



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your



throne has been es - tab - lished.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved. <sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. **Refrain**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. <sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore. **Refrain**

### SECOND READING – Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1  
and the hon - or to the Lord!

2  
and the hon - or to the Lord!

(The assembly sings the refrain. A verse is sung by a cantor, followed by a final refrain.)

**GOSPEL – John 18:33-37**

**Response – Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

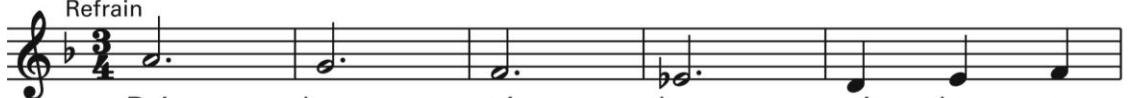
# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

Joe Belanger

### HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand.) – *Rain Down*

Refrain



Rain down, rain down, rain down your



love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's  
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the  
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the  
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from  
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.  
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.  
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

## CREED

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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.**

**PEACE** – The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another without physical contact, then be seated.*

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

**Shout to the Lord**

**Joe Belanger**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** – *Give Thanks* (Please stand.)



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the *Last time* Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Refrain: All



Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. God of mer-cy, hear our prayer.

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, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. **Refrain**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. **Refrain**

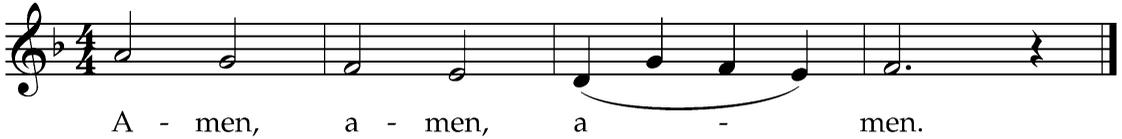
God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. **Refrain**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. **Refrain**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. **Refrain**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. **Refrain**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.



(Please stand.)

### 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.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – *Soon and Very Soon*



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

## DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### Worship Leaders Today

Preacher	Joe Belanger
Liturgist	Cathy Lucca
Readers	Ward Merrill Morgan Schoewe
Usher	Gordy Lindgren
Live Stream/Video	Ted Saxton
Musicians	Joe Belanger Zion Chimes

**Prayer Concerns** – Heidi Drees, Ruth Melbo, Klaus Schumacher, Ron Epley, Jim Stavseth, Mollie Besch and family, Doug Nagle, Tony Miller, and Kathleen Ganter.

**Our radio broadcast and live streaming** will continue at Zion. Sunday's service will be shown on KCC-TV Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm and 11:30 pm; Monday mornings at 5:30 am and 9:00 am. This is our local access station – Midco Channel 7.

**Zion's office hours** – The office at Zion is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, and by appointment.

**NO ZION CHIMES REHEARSAL** this Wednesday, November 24.

**POSTPONED THROUGH NOVEMBER Release Time and Confirmation classes** continue Wednesdays at First Lutheran Church. Release Time is Grades 2-6; Confirmation is grades 7-9. Both groups will meet from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

**Simply Giving** – Simply Giving supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. This online service (direct deposit to Zion) provides more options and flexibility to grow giving, add income to the church, and enhance cash flow. Simply Giving can strengthen the financial health of Zion and help us in doing God's work together. If you'd like more information or if you're interested in signing up, please contact the church office.

**Backus Community Café** – Volunteers are needed. Zion provides volunteers to work at the Community Café on the third Tuesday and Thursday every month throughout the year. If you can help with this vital outreach to our community, please contact the church office.

**SMART Team Update** – Due to an increase of covid cases in Koochiching County, our SMART Team has agreed to “stay the course” and not make any changes to the current plan at this time:

- Masks will continue to be required, even if you’re vaccinated.
- Time of Coffee/Fellowship would be served and enjoyed outside if weather permits.
- Use communion kits during the service.
- No Chancel Choir at this time, but the Zion Chimes may rehearse.
- Social distancing will be observed in all areas of the building. Every other row in the sanctuary can be used and family units may sit together. The dining room can be utilized for overflow seating if the need should arise.
- For weddings and funerals, there will be no congregational singing. Music will be instrumental and/or vocal solos from the front of the sanctuary.

The SMART Team will meet again Tuesday, November 30, to discuss any updates to the policy.

**First Lutheran and Zion Lutheran Church** are collecting food goods for the Falls Hunger Coalition from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to collect 500 items. Thrivent will donate \$500 to the food shelf if we meet our goal. Items can be brought to Sunday service or dropped off at the church during the week. Thank you for your support and giving.

**ZLCW** assembles Personal Care Kits that are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Items requested in September are bath-sized bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping. We’re still in need of light-weight bath towels (27” x 54”), dark color recommended. Please bring them to church if you can help with this outreach ministry.

**Worship Service Leaders** – Would you be interested in ushering, reading the scripture lessons, being a communion steward, monitoring our live stream, or assisting with leading Sunday worship services? Please contact the church if you are willing to help with any of these ministries.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, November 14 – 9:30 am – 25      7:00 pm – 6