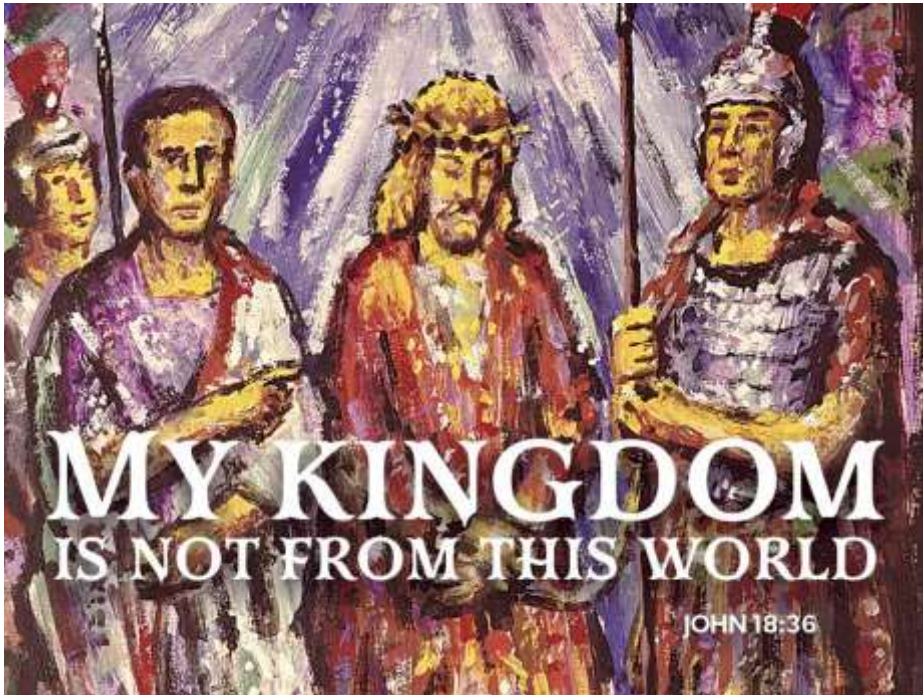


Christ the King



November 24, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Today we celebrate Christ the King, who declared to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). May we be open to his countercultural rule. Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Even after Israel had experienced the erratic actions 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.

OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1-4) ELW #855

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Children of God, whom do we follow?

C **We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

P Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

C **Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

P Children of God, how will we live in the reign of Christ?

C **We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

P Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

C **Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sung)

**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.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins;
therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Rev. 1:5

**C Holy God,
how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of
your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you.
Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

**P Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us,
and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace. Amen.**

Rev. 1:5b

GREETING

**P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

**C 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.**

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.*

PSALM 93

**L ¹The 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.**

**C ²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

**L ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

**C ⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the
sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

**L ⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forever and forevermore.**

HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 1-2) ELW #634

RESPONSIVE 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.

P ^{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.

C **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.**

P 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.

C **So it is to be. Amen.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C **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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

BIBLE CELEBRATION

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C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love
for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C Amen.

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #689

****OFFERING PRAYER**

C Holy God, you call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to
share in your everlasting kingdom. Bless these gifts that we offer that we
may extend your blessing to others, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

P We are citizens of many different communities

C we live, work, love and move in a variety of circles.

P Go from here remembering that above all you are a citizen of God's Kingdom

C and as such we pledge to share the values, promises, and hopes of God's Reign with all our circles.

P As Beloved Children of God, go secure in the knowledge that God is with you wherever you travel in God's Kingdom.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 5-6) ELW #634

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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