

FIRST READING. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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.
 A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousand served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
 The court sat in judgement,
 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 READING. 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 for ever 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

Then 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.'



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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they 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.

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Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Following guidelines from our Synod and Public Health, we are making every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a face covering. Please stay home if you are ill. Let's all stay safe!

Flowers

The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford Schultz, by wife Marilyn and family.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Confession and Forgiveness

leader/response

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

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Psalm 93 – Tune 842 Oh, Worship the King (Hanover) leader/sung response

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;
 Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love.

Leader: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

He has established the world; it shall not be moved.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
 Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;

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

Established it fast by a changeless decree,
 And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

Mightier than the thunders of mighty waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

**His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

Your testimonies are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9

Dates to Remember

November 28 Advent begins
 December 24 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

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