Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church *Christ the King Sunday* • *ELW Setting 3* 10:00 AM Worship Service • November 24, 2024



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. Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

A nursery room is available during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have "activity binders" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm; Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in. **Pastor's Cell:** (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth Trinity Ringers arr. Kevin McChesney

GATHERING

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen. These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Greeting

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

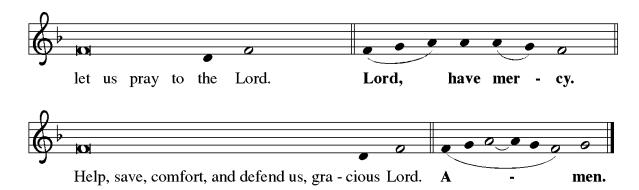
And also with you.

Kyrie



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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HYMN OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took the throne; The Ancient One's clothing was white as snow, with hair like pure wool; the throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from the presence of The Ancient One,

Who was served by a thousand thousands,

and attended by ten thousand times ten thousand.

The court sat in judgment,

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 this One came and was presented to the Ancient One.

To the One who came was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve the One only,

whose dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and whose kingship is one.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93 (sung responsively)



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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 can- | not be moved.

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

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted | up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the Lord who | dwells on high.

Your testimonies are | very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for- | evermore.

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.

Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the 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 a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL PROCESSION	Rejoice, for Christ Is King!	ELW 430
	LAUS REGIS; stanzas 1-2	

The procession moves to the center of the congregation symbolizing the Word of God coming into the midst of the people. The doors are opened so that we may proclaim to the world that through the Spirit, we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

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 18th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Rejoice, for Christ Is King! LAUS REGIS; stanzas 3-4

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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NICENE CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

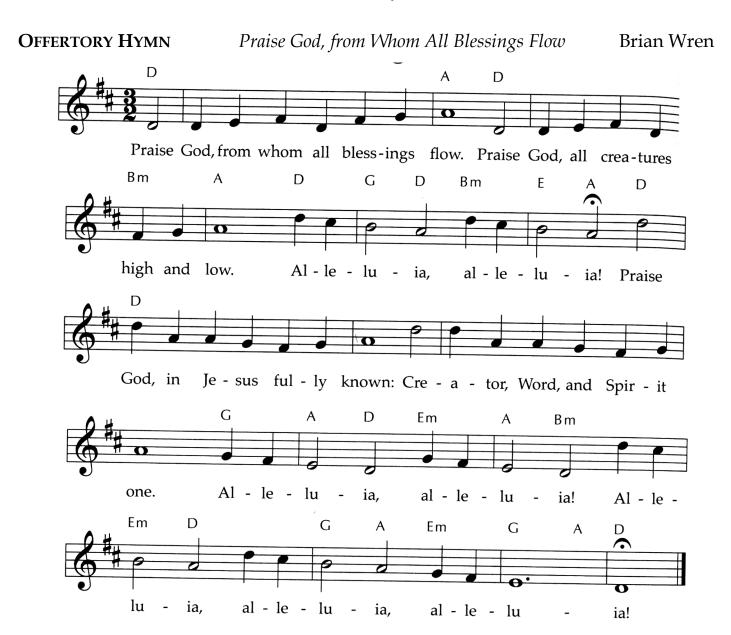
RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Ma Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

> Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon bow down before Him! Dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

The assembly stands.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

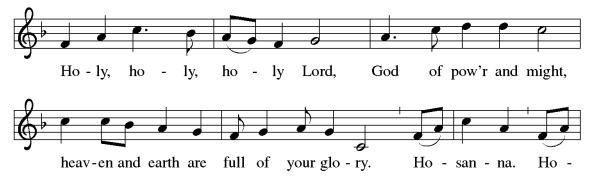
GREAT THANKSGIVING with The Lord be with you. you. And al - so Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. 0 the Lord our Let us give thanks to God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

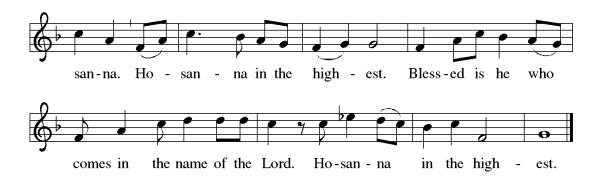
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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: shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

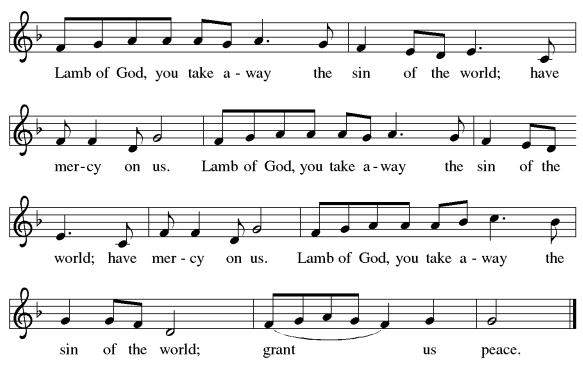
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Laudate Dominum Patricia Fielding, soprano (sung in Latin) W. A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; extol him, all ye peoples. For his lovingkindness has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

> O Savior, Precious Savior ANGEL'S STORY

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SENDING

Thankful Hearts

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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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Post Communion Prayer		
BLESSING		
The Ancient One, enthroned, th	ne Crucified One, now risen,	
the Indwelling One, poured out	t, \pm bless you now and forever.	

Amen.

SENDING HYMN	Crown Him with Many Crowns	ELW 855
	DIADEMATA	

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott (Marche Triomphale)* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Flowers are given this Sunday to the Glory of God and in recognition of Christ the King Sunday.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Shawn Murphy ACOLYTES – Elliott Jay and Luke Harry TORCHBEARS – Carter and Emma Recupero BIBLE BEARER – Abbi Wessler LECTOR – Dave Roselius USHERS/GREETERS – John Lunsford and Jerry Cobb CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Doug Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias: We are now taking donations for poinsettias up until December 8. Each 6.5" pot is \$15. A poinsettia form was sent out via Constant Contact email this past week. More forms are available in the narthex. Please note — we ask that you pick up your poinsettia immediately following worship on 12/29. We will not be donating them to Simple Sunflowers. <u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u>

We are looking for members interested in taking a more active role in church envisioning and spiritual growth as a member of Church Council. If you are interested or you know of a member who would be a great candidate, please reach out to any current member of Council for more information to our 2025 Nominating Committee: Wendy Mynoymany, Diane Roselius, or Shawn Murphy. Nominations are due December 1.

<u>RED FOOD BOX</u> Thank you so much for your donations to the Red Box! We will always need water and food donations. A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only- other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God! Canned goods and items that need to be cooked can be place in the Thrive baskets next to red food box table.

EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! November 21st at 6:30 PM. We will gather every other Thursday throughout the fall, from 6:30-8 PM for discussion and to dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

THE VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERTS December 14th at 4pm Trinity Lutheran Church and December 15th at 4 pm Temple Baptist Church, Newport News.

THE VIRGINIA HANDBELL CONSORT

St Mark Lutheran Church and Sine Nomine presents The Virginia Handbell Consort under the direction of Mr. Al Reese on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692.

RING IN THE SEASON

Hello! This is First United Church of Christ on Todds Lane in Hampton inviting you and your congregation to our 39th annual Ring in the Season concert on Saturday, December 7th at 4pm. This concert is free and will feature the Williamsburg A Cappella Singers. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg. A reception will follow. Please share the attached flyer with your congregation. We hope to see you there! God Bless.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut– ins Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Nancy Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; **Mary Best,** a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; **Charlie Edmonson,** friend of Sandy and Jerry Cobb, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Nancy Allerding,** who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Sherry Johnston**, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; **Harlan Hamby,** requested by Katherine Harry; **The family of Carole Knopp,** by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina's dog,** requested by Tricia Wessler; **Janet Stephan,** requested by the Dail Family; **Amanda Griegos** and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; **Karen Admano** and her husband **Matt** requested by Patricia Fielding; the **Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce. Jesus Shall Reign



Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936 Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

O Savior, Precious Savior

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