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***Holy Communion Service
Christ the King
November 24, 2024***

PRELUDE

played by organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR INTROIT

OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 170

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Giver of Faith,

C Amen.

L Let us come in truth before the One who loves us, forgives us, and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, we are + forgiven and God remembers our sin no more. Let our heart be glad as we rejoice in the gifts of faith and salvation.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign king 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED

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.

The First Lesson is from Daniel chapter 7 verses 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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

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.

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

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their
voice;

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forever and forevermore.

The Second Lesson is from Revelation chapter 1 verses 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.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

(Congregation stands and sings “Alleluia” following the Reading.)

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 18 verses 33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

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."

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The Rev. Brad Stienstra

CHOIR ANTHEM

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*the word “*catholic*” in the creed means “*universal*.” It is the original word used as this profession of faith was adopted by the early Christian Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L ... Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

OFFERTORY

“O Christ the Same”

OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance at this table, and send us forth to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your compassionate love.
C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The table of the Lord is ready. All are invited. Rejoice and give thanks as Christ Jesus invites us to his feast of grace and love.

Holy Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar, Holy Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Those who are baptized

and share that belief are always welcome at this table. Please speak to the Pastor if you have any questions. The inside circle of glasses contains white grape juice.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

C Faithful God, you have spread before us a heavenly feast, offered through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. Now send us to labor with you, in service to the world and among the people you call your own, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P May our compassionate Father and Lord; may Jesus, the crucified and risen Son; and may the Holy Spirit, the giver of faith and new life, + bless us now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LBW # 377

“Lift High the Cross”

DISMISSAL

P Let us go in peace and generosity to encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

played by organist

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Interim Pastor: The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus
Organist and Choir Director: Sharon Heck

Flowers are given by: *Nancy Luebben and Bruce Young in
Memory of All Veterans and Honor of All
Active Military.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. Brad Stienstra
<i>Organist:</i>	Sharon Heck
<i>Holy Communion Assistant</i>	Carmen Leslie
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sylvia Makus
<i>Reader:</i>	Susan Sinner
<i>Prayer Leader:</i>	Carol Costello
<i>Financial Team:</i>	Wendy Alfageme and Kay Pushman

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: NO Bible Study

Next Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
First Sunday of Advent

Redeemer Finance: November Offering through November 17

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$7,308.00
Offering	<u>\$3,524.00</u>
Needed for Budget	\$3,784.00

CHURCH COUNCIL

President Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,
Secretary Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance**
Chair Doris Weinert

Members at Large, Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero,
Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Barry, Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Kathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darleen, Sharon, Danuta, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, Rachel, Mike, Jesus, Richard, Kelsey, Ginny, Christina, Margaret, Steven, and Dian. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian, Israel/Hamas conflicts, the civil strife in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.

Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors.
- † Thank you to The Rev. Brad Stienstra for presiding for us today. We are glad to have you back!
- † Happy Birthday month to our November Birthdays: *Doris Weinert, Barry Thomsen, Christina Paek, Ernie Dinkle, Jessica Keene, Mike Vanvales, and Lorna Miller-Kaplan.*
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Visitors, especially, are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!
- † Everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!) where we will be celebrating November Birthdays. You are encouraged to continue to wear your name tags at fellowship so we can greet one another by name. The basket will be available downstairs so your name tag can be collected and ready to wear next week.
- † Would you like to contribute to a monetary Christmas gift for Bishop Finck? If you would, please give your gift **in an envelope with Bishop Finck's name on it** by December 22. You can put it in the offering plate, give it directly to Kay Pushman, or drop it in my mail. I live at 13560 Saint Andrews Drive 3C; just 4 doors down from the church. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Kay Pushman (do not make it out to the church). I know Bishop Finck will be so happy to know the members are thinking of him.
- † The Bible Study will **NOT** meet on Wednesdays, until the new year. Please join us on December 11 and 18 for an Advent Reflection Study and Supper at 3:00 p.m. and our Christmas Eve Service and Brunch with a Cookie Exchange on December 24 at 10:30 a.m.!

- † Forms for the Memorial Cross Wall are in the Narthex if you wish to honor a friend or family member in this way.
- † Please let us know if you are having medical issues, so we can offer pastoral care and our prayers during your difficult times. Speak to a member of the Church Council or call the office number: (562) 598-8697.
- † The elevator is working. Please see Kay Pushman, Wendy Alfageme, or Sylvia Makus to use the elevator, even if you have used it before.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regard to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help. We are looking into improving the sound system for the Church Sanctuary.
- † The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.
- † Printed copies of our current newsletter are available in the entryway. It is online on our website at: www.redeemersealbeach.com. It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, or the midweek communiqué from the pastor, please put your email address on the attendance sheet in the pew pocket and put it in the collection plate, so we can add you or correct the address we have.