4th Sunday of Endtime: Christ the King

The Season After journeying through the Sundays of Pentecost examining the life of faith, the season of End Time marks the end the Church Year. These are Sundays of promise: These promises give strength and hope to the faithful as we anticipate standing firm until our time of grace has come to end and beginning anew in the eternal presence of Christ our King.

The Sunday The Church Year ends with the lasting song of triumph for Christ our King. The promise is sure: We will live with him in his kingdom, rejoicing in his goodness and resting in his eternal peace. *The Promises of Endtime: You Will Be With Me In Paradise..*



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3. Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

Stand

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather around the Gospel

to help people

Grow in the Gospel

and

GO with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Oh, Taste and See



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

Junior Choir

There Is a Higher Throne CWS 727 (Sunday)

First Lesson

Genesis 49:8-12

Could Jacob have known the full weight of his words? Did Judah see beyond himself and the generations of royalty who would come from him to the Lion of Judah? The royal line to follow would be scarred by idolatry and weakness. The throne of Judah would be toppled and its kings punished at the hands of Judah's enemies. But the rule of great David's greater Son will be marked by vengeance on his enemies, the eternal establishment of his rule, and unending prosperity. This is Jesus – our Lord, our Savior, our King.

"Judah, your brothers will praise you;

your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;

your father's sons will bow down to you.

⁹You are a lion's cub, Judah;

you return from the prey, my son.

Like a lion he crouches and lies down,

like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah,

nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,

until he to whom it belongs shall come

and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

¹¹ He will tether his donkey to a vine,

his colt to the choicest branch;

he will wash his garments in wine,

his robes in the blood of grapes.

¹² His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk. (NIV)



for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with <u>mu</u>sic;

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:13-20

Our Savior-King has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into his kingdom of light. John clarifies this in the opening chapter of his gospel. Even as the first rays of light burst forth in the opening moments of creation, so the light of Christ has dissipated the darkness of sin that enveloped his perfect world. The darkness neither understood what happened nor could it overpower the light. But those on whom that light shined stand "redeemed, restored, forgiven." (*CW* 388) Our Light, Our King reigns supreme.

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

Stand

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

Hardly a vision of triumph as the King of the Jews hangs from the cross. Taunted, jeered, and battered, the King of kings offers his life for the very ones that have so abused him and made such sacrifice necessary. Even in the midst of suffering for the sins of the world, the promise comes to the repentant heart that longs to be remembered in his kingdom: "...you will be with me in paradise." See our king: suffering, dying, forgiving, redeeming.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.^[a]"

 $^{43}\,{\rm Jesus}$ answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day Not un - to 1 not un - to us be glo us, ry, 2 A - maz-ing the worlds gracethat chose us ere were 3 O faith-ful loveshep-herd - ed through faith that less 4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo ry, Not your name Lord; un - to but be praise; us to gracemade: A - maz - ing that sent your Son to save; For - giv - ing vears: lovethat led your truth; us to Lord, For grace so rich, wide, so high, SO free. SO Not all hon - or un - to us but to your name be A - maz - ing gracethat robed us in vour right eous -Un - vield - ing love that would not let us turn from A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are and o - ver giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give-ness, and grace. ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise. But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace. you done, And pil - grim feet lead home, Lord, us to you.

Text: Kurt J. Eggert, 1923–93, alt. © 1975 Kurt J. Eggert. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Tune: NOT UNTO US (12 10 13 10) Kurt J. Eggert, 1923–93. © 1975 Kurt J. Eggert. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Sermon

You Will Be With Me In Paradise

Luke 23:35-43

Stand

Not Unto Us CW 392

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen

Be Seated



Service of the Word © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-725297