

King of kings, and Lord of lords




Last Sunday of End Time: Christ the King
November 23 / 24, 2019

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Worship Notes

Christ the King

November 23/24, 2019

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, you sent Jesus to humble himself that he might wear a crown of thorns and be mocked for claiming he was a king. But now you have fulfilled your promise made about him in Psalm 2: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." You exalted him, and he truly rules over all things. Today we praise you for keeping your promise, and for blessing us through your Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept our worship and praise in his holy name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

The King Will Come at Age's End

CWS731

6:30 pm, 8 and 11 am

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

CW294

9:30 am

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 49:8-12

"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. You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches

and lies down, like a lioness-- who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

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. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk. "

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 98

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SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:13-20

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and

invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 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.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN of the DAY

There Is a Higher Throne

CWS 727

SERMON

Colossians 1:13-20

Jesus Reigns Supreme

- 1. In Power**
- 2. In Grace**
- 3. In Glory**

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PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

The Head that Once Was Crowned

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGANIST

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
Pastor Rob Guenther
Jon Roux

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Isms and Ideologies
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
Mon	7 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	7 pm	Thanksgiving Service
Thu	9 am	Thanksgiving Service
Fri		Church office closed
	6 pm	Parade of Lights
Sat	3 pm	Smith/Niebuhr Wedding

† **Upcoming Services** †

Thanksgiving Services:

Wednesday: 7 pm

Thursday: 9 am

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Dec 3	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Dec 4	11 am	Midweek Advent Service
	4 pm	Midweek Advent Service
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Service
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:15 pm	Mixed Choir
Dec 5	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Dec 6	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
	4:30 pm	Youth Group: Decorate for Christmas for Kids
	6:30 pm	Church Decorating
Dec 7	9 am	Christmas for Kids
	7:30 pm	MLC Christmas Concert
Dec 8	8 am	Jr. Choir sings
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Questions and Answers
	4 pm	MLC Christmas Concert
Dec 9	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Dec 10	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

The full church calendar can be found at www.stjohnsnewulm.org

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 709 with 551 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,201	Home Operations ~ \$26,173 is our weekly need		
\$1,081	MVL ~ \$2,010 is our weekly need	\$45	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,466	Missions ~ \$2,302 is our weekly need	\$35	Food & Fellowship
\$1,164	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$25	Wish List - Handbells
\$25	K-12 Education Assistance	\$10	Endowment Fund
\$	Wish List - Timpani		

Born Again into God's Family Through Baptism ~ is Joelle Beth Nilson, the newborn daughter of Adam and Kristin Nilson. We pray that God would bless this child and her family so that she may remain faithful always to Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Call Accepted ~ Christine Baganz has accepted the Call to serve as our kindergarten teacher and music director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Mrs. Spike, the current kindergarten teacher, will move to teach grades 1-2 where Mrs. Jean Schroeder is retiring. Please keep Christine and all of our teachers in your prayers!

Women of St. John's Meeting ~ will be on Tuesday, December 3 at 7 pm in the church basement. All women are invited to enjoy Christian fellowship at our yearly Christmas gathering. We will enjoy some fun conversation about your favorite Christmas ever, receive a wonderful surprise in your white elephant gift, sing some Christmas carols, and enjoy some festive treats. This is an enjoyable evening, so bring along a friend. Each attendee is asked to bring a white elephant gift to share--nothing new--just wrapped and ready to be reused.

Church Decorating ~ We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, December 6th, beginning at 6:30 pm. Many hands make light work. Anyone who would like to help is welcome!

Christmas for Kids ~ The Christmas for Kids event will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am until 11:30 am. This is for children who are 4-years-old through Grades 5. Please sign-up online at: stjohnsnewulm.com/news or our church Facebook page. There are registration cards in the narthex if you don't have internet access.



Youth Group ~ Please come to the church on Friday, December 6, beginning at 4:30 pm to decorate the church. On Saturday, December 7, the fun begins at 8 am with donuts and juice. **Please sign up on the board in the narthex for which area you would like to help.** Stay for cleanup and a pizza party. On Sunday, December 15, we're going to decorate Gingerbread Houses from 1-3 pm. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 with questions.

Upcoming Midweek Advent Services ~ St. John's will be adding an 11 am Midweek Advent service on December 4, 11 and 18 in addition to the 4 and 6:30 pm services.

2019 Mission Trips ~ St. John's Board of Education would like to invite the youth who attended a mission trip in the summer of 2019 to give a brief summary of the experience. The presentation will be at the beginning of a Sunday morning Bible class. Please go to bit.ly/2019MTPresentation to let us know which Sunday works best for you.

Looking for a Volunteer ~ we are looking for someone to take over the greeting card responsibilities from Tonya Kowalke. The duties would be ordering and stocking the cards. If you are interested, please contact Tonya with additional questions at 507-359-2250 or Denise Karstens at 507-766-5899. Please consider serving the Lord in this way.

EHV Bibles ~ The EHV Bibles have arrived and are ready to be picked up and paid for. Please pick up your Bible from Pastor Guenther's office your convenience. There is an envelope for payment on the bookshelf. Please also highlight your name so that we know who has picked theirs up.

Contributions for St. Paul's School Building Fund ~ Please make out checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and indicate "St Paul's School Building Fund" on your offering envelope. This will help us better track our congregation's support of the building project. These amounts will be reflected on your St. John's contribution statement. Thank You!

Parade of Lights ~ Members of St. John's and St. Paul's are invited to walk together on Nov. 29th at 6 pm in New Ulm's Parade of Lights! We will hand out hot chocolate packets and information regarding both holiday worship schedules and upcoming John and Paul Ministries events. If you are interested in helping with the float please contact Beth Scharf (scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu). To walk in the parade sign-up at johnandpaulministries.com. Thank you!

Christmas Pre-Service Music ~ Grade school age music students are again invited to prepare Christmas music to be used for worship before the Sunday school service at 11 am on Dec. 22 or before the St. Paul's Children's Christmas Service at 4 pm on Dec. 24. You can pick up a form from Laura Balza at St. Paul's, or in the church narthex.

Fleece for Blankets ~ John and Paul Ministries January event, *Winter Carnival*, will include an opportunity to make fleece tie blankets that our pastors can give to those in need. We will be looking for **donations of 1.5-3 yards each of coordinating fleece fabric** (a front and back). Do not tie the blanket already-that will be done at the event. Donated fleece can go into designated bins in the narthex areas or the church office. More information on *Winter Carnival* coming soon!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ Please join the MLC Wind Symphony for "The British Invasion!" as we celebrate the influence of British composers on the development of wind band literature. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Percy Grainger, Adam Gorb, and Philip Sparke will be featured. Also featured on this program are student conductors studying to be future instrumental music educators. As part of their program of study, these students are assigned a work for wind band, which they study and rehearse with the ensemble and then conduct in the concert. The goal is to provide the students an authentic experience in preparation for their future full-time work. The concert will take place Sunday, November 24, at 3 pm in the MLC Auditorium.

MVL News ~ *Giving Tuesday* Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, December 3 for a special day of partnering with MVL! On Giving Tuesday, all donations to MVL will help complete the funding story for our students through the Partnership Fund. A few MVL supporters with a desire to inspire others have created a \$7,500 matching pool just for this day! Stay tuned to mvl.org and facebook.com/mvlhs for more details. *Study Hall Supervisor* Mrs. Maribeth Wong will retire as study hall supervisor at the end of the first semester. As a result, MVL is looking for an individual to serve as study hall supervisor beginning Jan. 6, 2020. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Tim Plath, MVL's principal, at 354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. *Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Routes* Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We're looking for MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great kids. Paid training! Full-time and part-time positions available. Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.

Advent by Candlelight ~ Invite your family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for women this holiday season. Sunday, December 1st - 5 pm- Registration, 5:30 - prayer & dessert, 6 pm - program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 304 Monroe Ave., N. Mankato. There is no charge for this event. To sign up call 507-345-7049 or secretary@stpaulsnorthmankato.com. Questions: contact Darlene Archard at 507-278-4978.

MLC Christmas Concerts ~ Martin Luther College's highly anticipated Christmas Concert will be presented Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8, at 4 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. The combined choirs of Martin Luther College, the Wind Symphony, and the Hosanna Ringers invite you to join them in this musical celebration of the birth of Christ. This year's program, entitled "*Joy Has Dawned*," offers a highly eclectic blend of music for choir, instruments, and congregation, centering on the joy that dawned upon the world at the Savior's birth: The Son was sent into the world that the world might be saved through him. Light refreshments will be served in the Chapel Fellowship Room after each concert. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

St. Paul's School Winter Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Raider Bands will be giving their winter concert on December 12, 2019 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. Please join us for a concert of favorite sacred hymns and Christmas carols!

Job Opening ~ We are taking staff applications at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato! JLMMLC has six rooms and the purpose of our center is to share the message of Jesus our Savior with everyone. All six rooms have a child-centered environment where children learn and thrive in all developmental areas. We offer competitive wages and fun-filled days. Email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com for more information or call 507-508-2041.

About the Cover ~ Jesus Christ, once mocked and crowned with thorns, and then nailed to the cross with a title over his head, written by Pontius Pilate: "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews," has now ascended into heaven and sitting as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He rules in power, grace, and glory. What is more, all who know him as their Lord and Savior rule with him, here on earth spiritually, and ultimately in heaven in his glorious presence.