

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a 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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**GATHERING**

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**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**ELW 855**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P: Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad!

C **Amen**

**GREETING**

P May the hope to which God has called you, the power of God at work in Christ, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu-ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people on 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.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“Thanksgiving Prayer”*

Don Besig

Thank you, Lord, for loving us all. For your gifts both great and small, for the faith which keeps us strong, now we join in thankful song. For the beauty all around, ev'ry sight and ev'ry sound, for the love and friendship we share, Lord, we bow in thankful prayer. We gather together to share in God's blessings: the colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring, the gift of creation, the promise of salvation. For all His many wonders our thanks now we bring. Together we join in our song of thanksgiving, with grateful rejoicing our voices we raise. All men and all nations unite in celebration, To God be all honor and glory and praise! Amen.

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**WORD**

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

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they (God's people) were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: Indeed, it shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to God's people who are represented by "one like a human being."*

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.

<sup>10</sup>A 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.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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.

**PSALM: Psalm 93**

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:3)*

The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel;\*  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

**<sup>2</sup>He has made the whole | world so sure\*  
that it can- | not be moved;**

<sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;\*  
you are from | everlasting.

**<sup>4</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;\*  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.**

<sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,\*  
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

**<sup>6</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure,\*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins with a series of messages addressed to seven churches. John's greeting to these churches extols God as one who controls their past, present, and future.*

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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**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.*

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN'S TIME****THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”  
Sung to Picardy*

**ELW 435**

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
join to sing the glad refrain  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign

Now redemption long expected,  
comes in solemn splendor near;  
all the saints the world rejected  
thrill the trumpet sound to hear  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne,  
Savior, take the pow’r and glory,  
claim the Kingdom as thine own  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

**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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

A: Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of all, unite your church throughout the world, that we might bear witness to the power of your redeeming word and the coming of your reign. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, you have blessed us with land, air, and water to sustain us and all living creatures. Turn us from neglect and waste to carefully tend all that you have made. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of peace, our world is too often torn by bloodshed and violence. Grant wisdom and humility to all nations of the world, and our leaders, that we might know and do the things that make for peace. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of mercy, look with kindness upon all who struggle on this day. Grant hope and guidance to all who seek your grace. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of truth, you shine your light into our hearts and our minds, revealing to us the glory of your Son. Strengthen us as we seek to follow you amid all the conflicting voices that surround us. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of grace, the ways of your reign are marked by justice, love, and mercy. We pray this day for the work of Women of the ELCA who strive to live as bold witnesses in your name. We pray for our own Priscilla Circle, for their faithful studying and the ways they live what they learn, caring for each other and others in your name. As we join them in showing our thanks with the offering of our gifts, may the money be used in caring witness to your love. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our King, may the goodness of your reign be revealed in the gatherings of your people. We pray for our congregation and our companions this week: Gloria Dei in Wichita, Marion Hill in White City, and Christ Lutheran in Webster Groves, that we may show your grace and glory. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other prayers are offered.*

A: God of eternal life, as you supported our ancestors in the faith, so guide and support us, that when our earthly journey is complete, we may rest eternally with you. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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**MEAL**

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**THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

**ELW 184**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Creator God,

C **the earth and all that is in it belong to you. Inspire us to use what you have made to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives. May our offerings, given in your name, lift up those who are bowed down; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

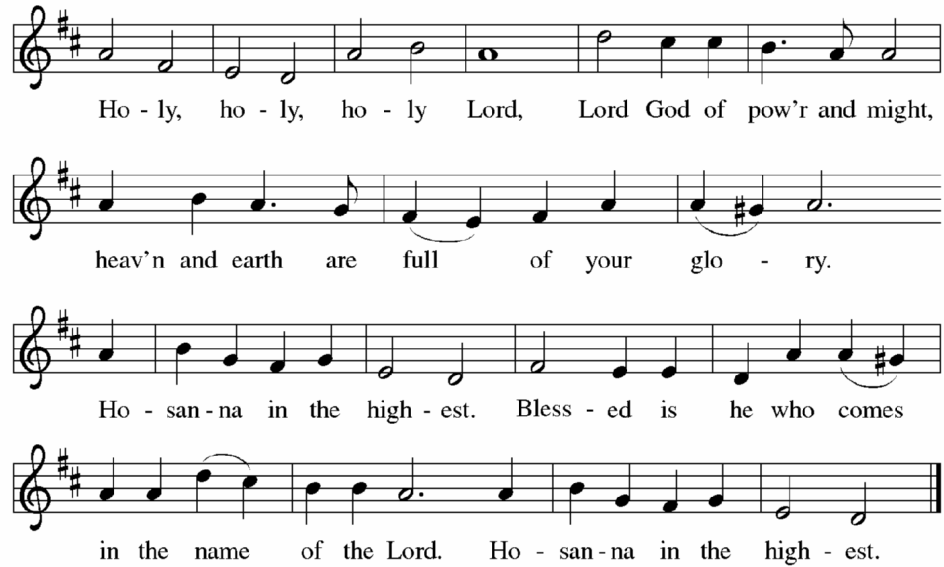
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God...The universe declares your praise...with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

#### Words of Institution

P: Remembering his love for us...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...in your church without end.

**C: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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;**

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**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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Feast with the Lord, who has swallowed up death forever.

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**Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**THE COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN** “*God of Light*”  
“*Beautiful Savior*”

**ELW 507**

**ELW 838**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray...

At your table, O God, we have been made new. Our mourning and crying and pain pass away, and we see the glory of your presence among us. Unite us with this vision, and make us into your holy people, one in the body of Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

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**SENDING**

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**BENEDICTION**

P God the Alpha and Omega. Jesus Christ the faithful witness, God the Holy Spirit of truth, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen

**SENDING HYMN**

*“The Head That Once Was Crowned”*

**ELW 432**

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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