

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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Last Sunday of End Time—Christ the King November 20, 2022

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus! I praise You, who came to me long before I knew You. I thank You for leaning over me and taking me in Your arms and baptizing me. I thank You for coming to me day after day, for looking for me and following me. I thank You that You're the One who's coming and that every day that lies ahead of me is Yours--even the day of my death. I thank You for the great day when You come again, when You come in all Your glory, You who are the same yesterday, today, and forever, my Savior and my King.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Pastor's Welcome

"LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING"

A Celebration of Christ the King

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS".....REVELATION 1:4B-8

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The Root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love -- Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright. (CW 341)**

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

P: “Look, He is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of Him.”

C: So shall it be! Amen.

P: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

CONFESSION AN ABSOLUTION

P: In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. In Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise Christ the King.

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns For He is King of all. (CW 341)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

SCRIPTURE.....DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

9 "As I looked,

“thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took His seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of His head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

10 A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before Him.

Thousands upon thousands attended Him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS

P: There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.

C: And on the earth distress among the nations...for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

P: Then they will see, "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. (Luke 21)

**As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign. (CW 1)**

CLOUDS OF JUDGMENT

P: God makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind. (Psalm 104)

C: Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him; the heavens proclaim His righteousness. (Psalm 97)

**Oh, tell of His might; oh, sing of His grace.
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.** (CW 243)

CLOUDS OF MAJESTY

P: The Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud, to lead them along the way. (Exodus 13)

C: A cloud filled the temple as the priests were leaving the holy place, and the Lord's glory was in the cloud. (1 Kings 8)

P: On the mountain a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him!" (Mark 9)

**With Moses and Elijah nigh th' incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One bears record to the only Son.** (CW 233)

SIGNS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

P: I have set My rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

C: Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.

P: I have set My rainbow in the clouds. (Genesis 9)

**You fearful saints, fresh courage take.
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessing on Your head.** (CW 420)

Stand

A PROMISE REMEMBERED

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
We worship You; we bless You; to You, O Christ, we sing;
We praise You and confess You, our holy Lord and King.** (CW 368)

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

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, "Are You the king of the Jews?"

34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"

36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

**O Bringer of salvation, You wondrously have wrought
Yourself the revelation of love beyond our thought.
We worship You; we bless You; to You, O Christ, we sing;
We praise You and confess You, our gracious Lord and King. (CW 368)**

P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C: let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

P: looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Hebrews 12)

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY.....CW 487 "LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING" (CWS 704)

THE SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE ATHANASIAN
CREED

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity; and though He is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

OFFERING

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord’s Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life’s website.



OFFERTORY.....Tone Chime Choir

PRAYERS

P: Rejoicing together in the hope of our Savior’s appearing, let us pray together, saying, Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For the Church, the colony of the Age to come, as she waits with eager expectation the revealing of her King, that she may welcome Him with joy. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For our parish, that we may grow in our joy of serving Christ in the least of His brothers and sisters, loving Him in the hungry and the poor, the prisoners and the sick. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For all relief efforts and all the ministries of mercy in Christ’s Church, that through their devoted service the disinherited and downtrodden would experience Christ’s mercy and be given the hope of everlasting life. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For all the baptized, that we might live watchful and sober lives, eagerly looking forward to and hastening the joy of our Lord’s appearing. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For our government, for all who make, administer, and judge our laws, for our armed forces, and for all who serve to bring order and justice out of chaos and greed, that God’s protecting hand may rest on them and further them in every good deed. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For all sisters and brothers of the Savior who cry out in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers. Let us beg that Christ would be to them their Heath in sickness, their Joy in sorrow, and their Life in death. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: For the faithful in heaven who await the day of the resurrection, let us give our thanks and praise and join them in asking that that day may come swiftly. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: Father in heaven, with the whole Church in heaven and on earth we wait with eager joy for our Lord’s triumphant return. Send Him forth, we pray, that He might renew all things according to His gracious promises,

and bring us at last to see that Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We ask all these things in His name, trusting only in His righteousness, His mercy, and His love. Even so:

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, by the blood of Your cross You have delivered us from the domain of darkness into Your kingdom of light. Strengthen us to find our identity, not in the things of this world, but in all You have done for us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION.....REVELATION 1:4B-6

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....CW 489 “THE KING WILL COME AT AGE’S END” (CWS731)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Post Adopt-a-Sailor Cleaning Crew

Today— Last Sunday in the Christian Church Year / Christ the King Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 10:45 AM, Adult Bible Class in the New Life Café
Confirmation Class at 6:30 PM

Wednesday—No Preschool for the rest of the week
Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 PM
Stone Soup Supper at 7:30 PM

Thursday—Thanksgiving Day, Adopt-a-Sailor, Meal at Noon

Friday—No Men’s Bible Class

Sunday—First Sunday in the Season of Advent Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible class in the Café at 10:45 AM
No Confirmation Class

CALL TO OKLAHOMA CITY

On November 10 Pastor Bauer was informed he’s received the call to be pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.