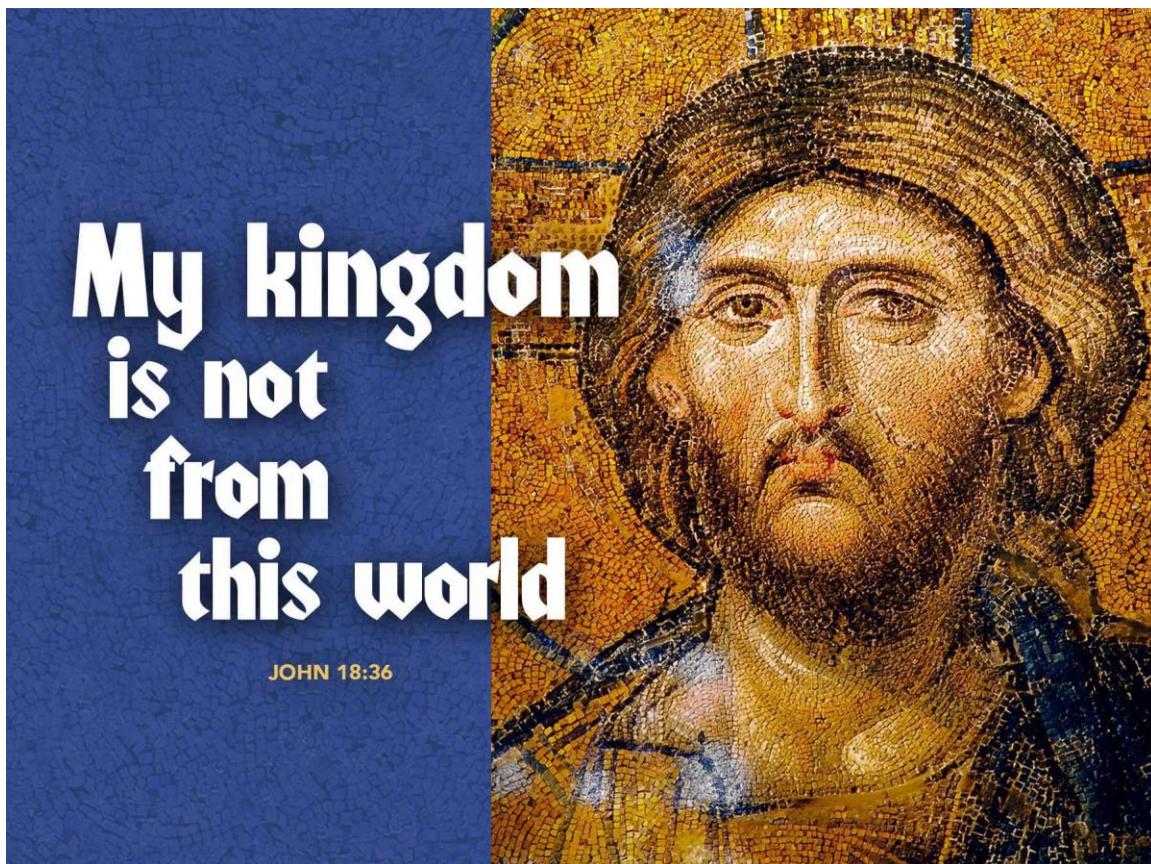


# Christ the King



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 25, 2018

Service of the Word

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING SONG** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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**GREETING**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 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.*

<sup>9</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 93**

<sup>1</sup>The 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 can- | not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;  
you are from | everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore.

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-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.*

<sup>4b</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>33</sup>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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, lay licensed ministers, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms and wildfires, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick, especially those affected by wildfires, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we would serve as your hands and feet in the world to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You surround us with your presence. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your dominion is forever and ever. We give thanks for the faithful departed who live with the saints of all ages in your infinite love, including Chuck Davidson, and hymnwriter Isaac Watts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

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**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG *Jesus Shall Reign***

**ELW 434**

**DISMISSAL**

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**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Mary Beaudua; Ushers: Ron Meiselbaugh & Dereck Maier; Acolytes: Lainey Donaldson; Scripture Reader: Mary Alice Schlegel; Projectionist: Kathy Nummer

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Chuck Butler and Joanne Niederhauser

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 18; Sunday 124

**BIRTHDAYS:** 11/25 Richard Golder 81 years  
11/26 Margaret Mahlstedt 84 years  
11/29 Elizabeth Macdonald 99 years

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

We are accepting orders for Christmas poinsettias that will decorate the sanctuary for the holidays. The cost is \$8. Ordering envelopes are available in your mailboxes and in the lobby.

Giving Tree: This year we are helping five local families with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and Christmas gifts. We supply the entire holiday meal to each family along with children's gifts of coats, shoes, boots, pajamas, socks, underwear, pants, top, and a toy (or fun item). Gifts are due back on December 9. Envelopes for contributions to our food baskets are in your mailbox. If you can assist in any way, contact Robin Bell.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 5 pm. Rehearsal for the program will be December 2 at 9:30 am.

We will put up the Christmas tree and all the trimmings on Sunday, December 2 after the 9:30 am service. Please stay to help if you can. Many volunteers will make the job go quickly.

The movie *It's a Wonderful Life* is a timeless Christmas classic and is the basis for our Advent Bible study. The congregation is invited to view the movie here on Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come enjoy the movie and fellowship.

St. Peter's is taking a trip to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, December 9. We are going to see the Detroit Zoo Wild Lights (a Christmas light display at the zoo). The cost is \$14 per person ages 3 and up plus \$7 per car (carpooling would be a great idea). If you, your family, or your friends would like to go please sign up on the sign up sheet or see Pastor Joyce. Money (for tickets and parking) are due to Pastor Joyce by December 8.

The congregation, youth, family and friends are invited to join the choir as we go Christmas caroling. We will meet at 6:30 pm on December 12 and carpool to several of our members' residences. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun and share some Christmas cheer. After caroling, we will warm up in the Fireside Room with cookies and hot chocolate.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Davidson who passed away on Monday, November 19. He was a long time, active member of St. Peter's. A funeral was held on Saturday, November 24 at Young's Funeral Home.

Mobile giving is now live! To download the app search for **Tithe.ly** in the App Store or Google Play. Once the app is downloaded you can search for "St. Peters Lutheran". There are different destination options. The default is the General Fund, but there are options for seasonal giving envelopes, as well as memorials. Please make use of the MEMO option if you have any notes. The processing fees are higher for credit/debit card transactions. Consider using your banking info for lower fees. There is an option to "Cover Card Processing Fees". This simply means that you will pay the extra fees instead of it coming out of your offering amount.

Middle school youth are invited to Junior High Charge, March 22-24, 2019, at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Registration is open. Students 6-8 grade are invited to attend. If you are interested in going please see Pastor Joyce for more information.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist. (Please call or email the office at [stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net) to update information.)

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday, Advent 1</u>
Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	Choir 7 pm	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm Movie Night 6 pm	Christmas program practice, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Decorate sanctuary 10:30 am