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Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Everyone Who Belongs

John 18:33-37

- November 21, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 am-Traditional Service

10:30 am-Contemporary Service



*Flowers are given today in memory
of Melina's grandpa, Harv Pittelko.*



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are required even for fully vaccinated people.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

**November 21, 2021
8:30 am Service**

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” TCH 754—Tune: *Regent Square*

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty!
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.

Now the Savior, long-expected,
See in solemn pomp appear.
All His saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air.
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 for Thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, You have chosen to use Your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as Your people. King of Kings and Lord of Lords: You became weak so You could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with Your resurrection. Spirit of God, resting upon us: may Your power enflame us with Your peace; may Your peace touch us with Your grace; may Your grace fill us with Your hope; may Your hope lead us into Your Kingdom. God in Community, Our King, and Holy in One, may Your word and truth be on our lips.

C: Amen!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Reigning King,

C: We confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus King and our Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. So go forgiven in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit to live a life that matters to love and serve one another.

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Psalm 93

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

SERMON HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden” *LSB 672*

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest--
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest--
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there;
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!

Within those halls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

SERMON

Everyone Who Belongs

John 18:33-37

Pastor Matt Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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.

PRE-COMMUNION HYMN

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618 verses 1, 5

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525 verses 1, 4, 5*

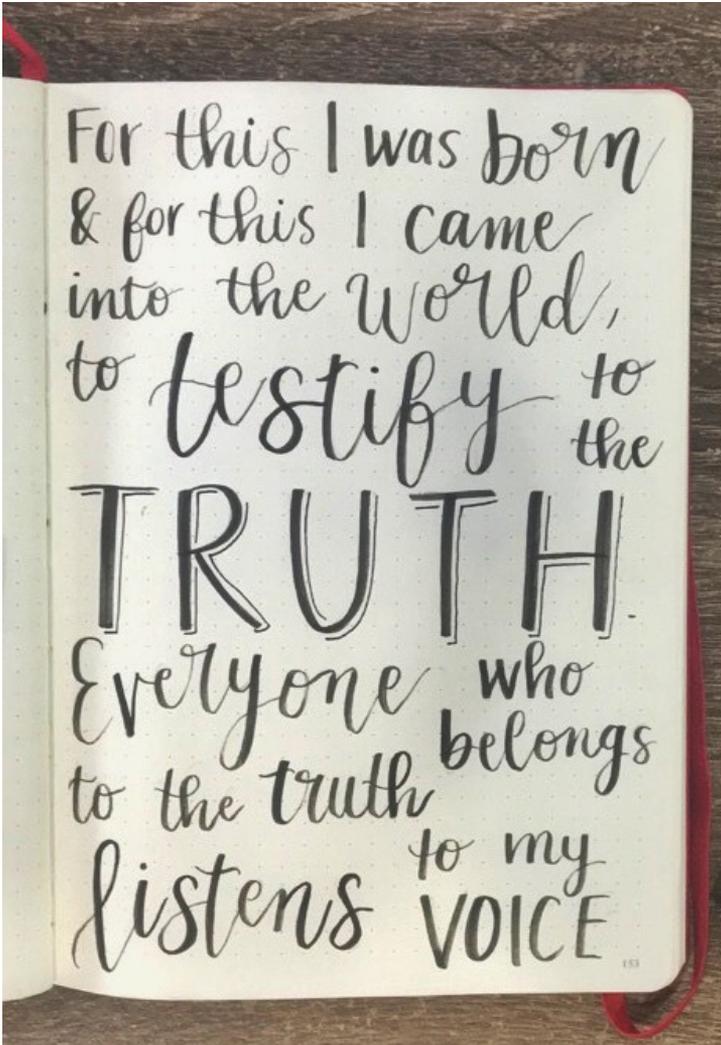
Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the 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.

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Team:	Andy Andrew, Alex Lindeke
Elder:	Frank Peto
Organist:	Jackie Kinunen or Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader:	Doyle Tonkinson

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **You are our Truth and our King!** We give thanks that we belong to your truth and pray we may point to you as the truth in this upcoming season of Thanksgiving. When the world looks to the powerful and bold, may we embrace your humility and truth in love, O Majesty.
- **We give thanks that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving this week!** We lift up the community Thanksgiving service we will be having here at RLC and pray it will be a blessing to our community. We also pray for all our family gathering that they will be joyous and will celebrate all we can give thanks for in you! Finally, we give thanks for all the family we will see, may we have great times being able to reconnect.
- **You have made your Son fairer than sunlight, moonlight, and sparkling stars on high.** Give to all who love the beauty of creation a deeper love for the uncreated light and supernatural beauty of your Son, the Word by which all worlds were made.
- **You have made your Son our light, joy, and crown.** Let his strong saving love accompany those who serve our country, here and abroad. Fill them with honor, courage, and wisdom. Bring them home in safety when their task is done. Heal and strengthen the wounded. Help them all to transition well into civilian life.

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for those who do not know your truth and are asking questions like Pilate.** May your Holy Spirit open windows of opportunity to share the Gospel hope of Christ our King with people we know asking questions. We also pray this same thing around the world that missionaries would have fertile moments of conversation with truth-seekers.
- **With so many traveling this coming week we pray for their safety.** O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end
- **You have made your Son Lord of the nations.** By your Holy Spirit, conform the hearts of rulers and people to the heart of Christ; and let his peace reign undisturbed in every land.
- **You have made your Son fairer than woodlands, meadows, and flowers of blooming spring.** Let his beauty, healing, and compassion cause all sorrowing hearts to sing. Especially this day we pray for the needs of Betty Aiton's son-in-law Chris as he recovers from shoulder surgery. Bring full healing to him. We also pray for all on our hearts who are sick that you will bring full healing.
- **As we honor Christ, the only King and head of the church, we pray for the continuation of Christ's ministry through the church.** We have faced many challenging months, separated by the pandemic and the divisions it has created among us. Send your Holy Spirit to knit the church together; bring renewed life and commitment to each congregation and the church-at-large.

Reflective Questions for the Week

John 18:33-37

Read John 18:33-37. Begin by naming the distinctions between Pilate, the Roman representative to the region, and Jesus.

Do you think Jesus' declaration that his kingdom is not from this world would have confused Pilate, relieved Pilate (because Jesus would no longer be a threat), or made him more hostile against Jesus?

What might it mean for Jesus' kingdom to not be of this world?

Who are the "everyone who belongs" Jesus is speaking about?

Jesus ends this part of the conversation by switching themes to truth. How is living in God's kingdom related to living in the truth?

How can living in the truth of God's kingdom help us to live a life that matters? How can you be on the side of truth in everyday life?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Doubleheader Sunday as we conclude the church year and our series, “A Life That Matters.”

This morning we are celebrating what is called Christ the King Sunday, which marks the end of the church year and points us back to our mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What kind of disciples are we? “Of Jesus Christ!” That is the kind of disciple that we are. We aren’t disciples of our own wisdom; we aren’t disciples following the winds of this world. We are disciples of Jesus Christ. So let us explore what it means to be disciples of the King!

Churches of Des Moines Give Thanks-Thanksgiving Eve Service-This Wednesday at 7PM!

We are really excited that we will be joining with other local churches to celebrate Thanksgiving here at RLC! Pastor Matt will be giving the message called “Wholly Thanksgiving” and fellow pastors will help lead the rest of the service. So come join us and meet some new friends in Christ for Thanksgiving Eve Service on Nov. 24th at 7PM! We look forward to seeing you in-person or streaming @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa>

Next week at 10am join us as we begin Advent!

Join us next week as we begin Advent, and as Christians in Advent we are about the longing for the coming kingdom, where there will be no more war, where people will walk in the light, where joy will be found, and love will be the tie that binds us together. That’s the home for which we long. That’s the invitation this Advent season to our church and the world: “Come home for Christmas.” So join us next week in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 10am because it’s time to go home.

Join us to help put up Christmas Decorations Next Week after service!

Christmas Flowers

There will be a basket in the Narthex with envelopes for the flower purchase. Make checks out to RLC with note of flowers. Questions? Ask Sara Andrew.

Stewardship Thoughts—Isaiah 51:6b

“... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ...” The things of this earth – the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, and that tempt us away from the Lord – are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

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