Welcome

to Trinity Lutheran Church

1010 Sill St, La Crosse, WI

Sunday, November 25 2018 8:30 am

Christ the King

Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Serve the World

Prelude

Welcome

*Confession & Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

^{*}Please stand if able

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

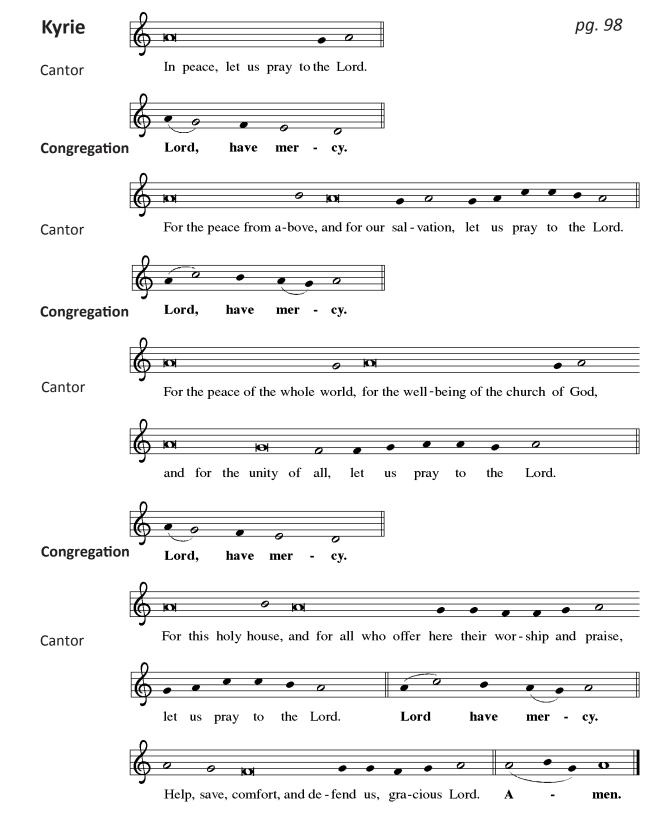
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*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





Canticle of Praise



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*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

(Please be seated.)

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.)

9As 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.
 10A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

and the books were opened.

13 As I watched in the night visions,

The court sat in judgment,

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.

14To 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

¹The 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 cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,

mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

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.)

^{4b}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, ⁵ 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, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

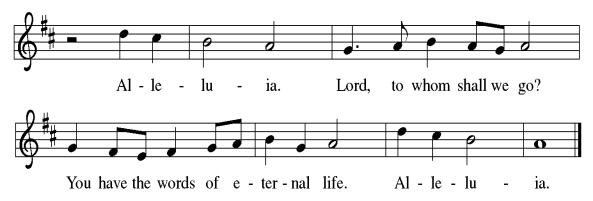


⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Lesson: John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th Chapter.

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.)



³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate 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?" ³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Pilate 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.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Roger Grow

*Hymn of the Day

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

*Offering Prayer

Creator God,

you made everything, and you provide for every need.

The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,

fill us with your love;

let that love flow through us to others;

and join us to the saints before us

in a holy and boundless communion;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

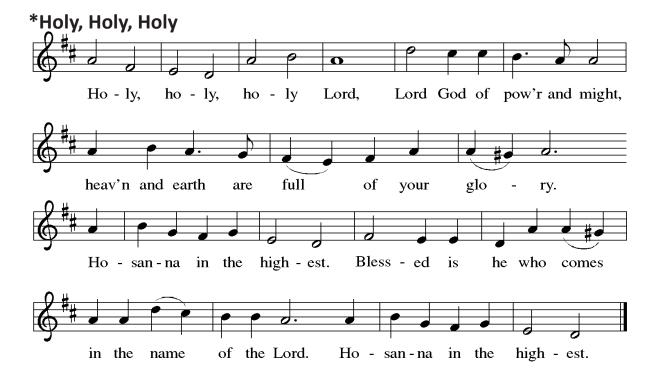
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface



*Words of Institution

*Lord's 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.

(Please be seated)

Communion Distribution

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction, which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.



Communion Hymns: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #471 "Beautiful Savior" #838

Prayer After Communion

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

*Benediction

The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

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*Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

