Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church.
Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our service this morning. +Guests who are baptized Christians, who acknowledge and confess their sinfulness, who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, and who believe that He is really present in Holy Communion to bring us His forgiveness and life, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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November 24, 2024

Prelude

WELCOME

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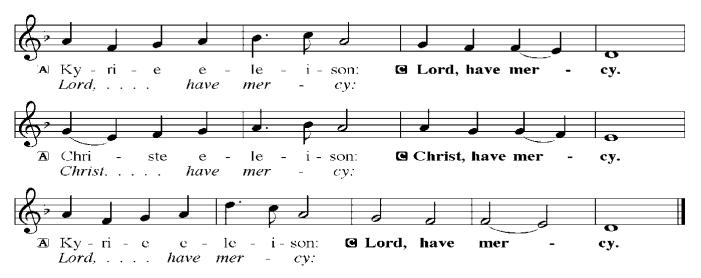
PROCESSIONAL HYMN – ELW 634 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

GREETING

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

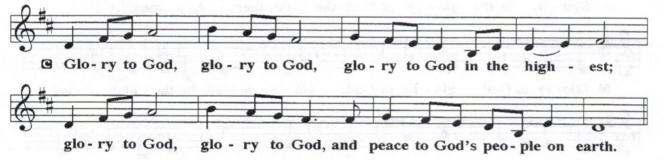
Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – pg. 28

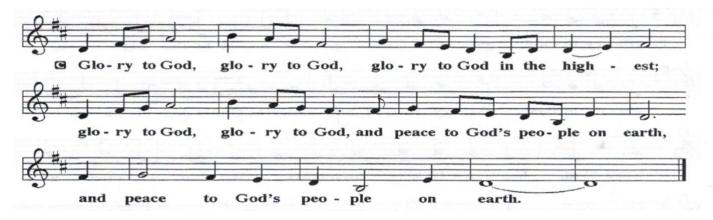


HYMN OF PRAISE – pg. 29

(Women & Children – verse 1; Men – verse 2)







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.

Cong - Amen.

(Please be seated)

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

Diana Tavener, Elder

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. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As 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. 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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2) (Choir will sing the Refrain before and at the R)

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 can- not be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;

you are from | everlasting. R

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 for- | evermore. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

Diana Tavener, Elder

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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and 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.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - CHOIR

Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

Cong - Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Pastor Kelly Reagan

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."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 432 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED

THE 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.

PRAYERS

Pastor - Merciful God.

Cong - Receive our prayer

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Cong - Amen.

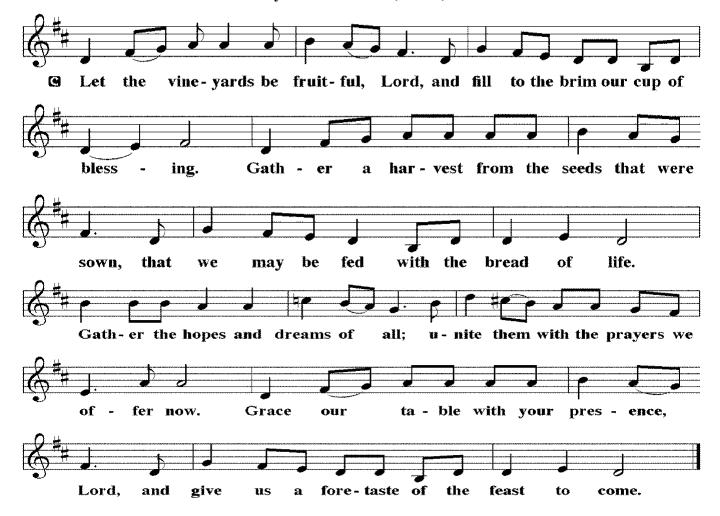
May the Peace of the Lord be with you always!

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,..."



OFFERING PRAYER – pg. 35

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

Cong – O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – pg. 36

The Lord be with you.

Cong – And also with you.

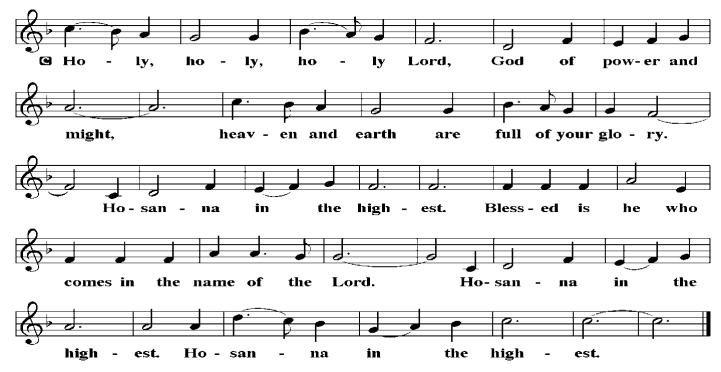
Lift up your hearts.

Cong – We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong – It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Cong - Amen.

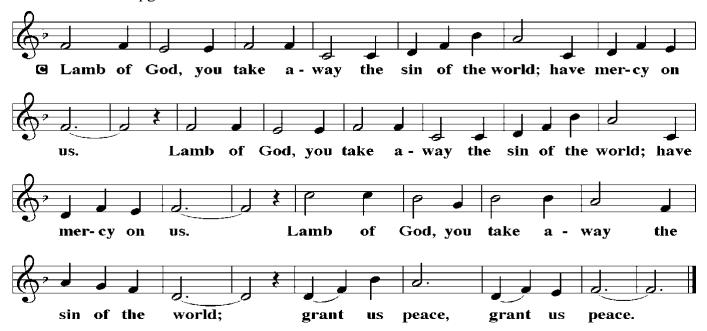
THE LORD'S PRAYER - pg. 39

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

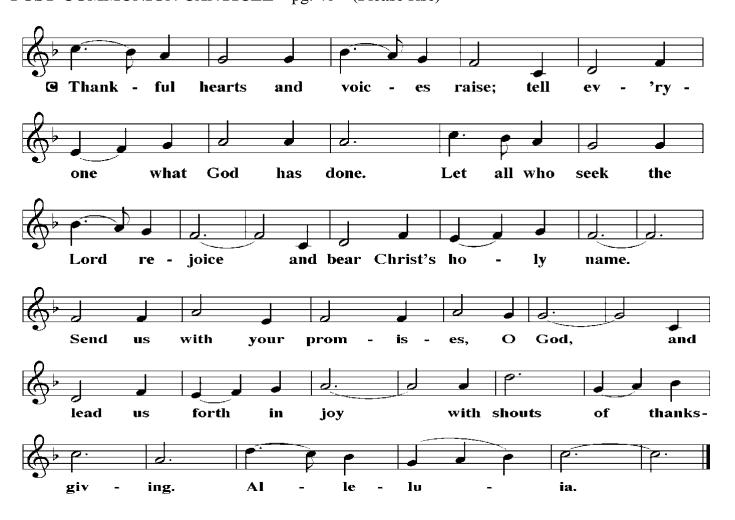
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COMMUNION – pg. 39



COMMUNION HYMN – ELW 501 COME WITH US, O BLESSED JESUS POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – pg. 40 (Please rise)



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Cong - Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong - Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Cong - Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN – ELW 430 REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING!

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor – Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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MID-WEEK ADVENT SUPPER & WORSHIP SERVICE

The mid-week Advent Supper and Worship services this year are on December 4th & 11th. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the worship service at 6:30 p.m. – both will be in the Fellowship Hall. Clean up of the Fellowship Hall will begin after the informal worship service. If you don't want to eat, or just want some dessert, plan on being at the church by 6:30 p.m. The suppers are very simple – soup, side dishes & dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex to bring a meal item. The Advent service on Wednesday, December 18th, is "Carols, Candles & Cookies" and will be in the Narthex at 7:00 p.m.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

Next Sunday, December 1, is the first Sunday of Advent. Devotions for Advent are available in the Narthex for everyone.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

The Head That Once Was Crowned The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now; The high-est place that heav'n af-fords is his 2 by sov-'reign right, The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy all be - low of To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n; roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic-tor's King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to vic-tor's brow. the light. know; ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, their name, an heav'n.

- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855 Music: Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

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Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

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Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891 Music: Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750 WERDE MUNTER 8787 D

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

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