



Welcome to St. Mark's!
*God has joyfully brought us together
for such a time as this!*
God's Work Our Hands

Guests and Visitors – Let's connect in life and faith together. "Welcome" cards are in the pews for you to provide your contact information. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers or pastors. Thanks!

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022 8:30 a.m.

Worship Servants:

Greeter:	Allison Gray
Ushers(s):	Bart Mays, Whitey Meadows and Travis Tidwell
Lector:	Lorri Monterose
Acolyte:	Mackenzie Proefrock
Communion Assistant:	Colin Davis

+ indicates we stand in body and/or spirit

* indicates we are seated

Welcome

Prelude

+ Gathering pages 94-96

+ **Hymn First Hymn: 870 We Praise You, O God**

(the offering is brought forward by the ushers during the opening hymn)

+ Prayer of the Day



* First Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created

through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God!

* Psalm 46 (*prayed responsively*)

¹God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

And though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea we will not fear;

³though its waters rage and foam,

And though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

The holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord,

What desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹Behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

Who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

* Children’s Message

+ **Gospel Acclamation Hymn 662 Christ is the King! vs. 1-2**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 23:33-43

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the King of the Jews. verse 38

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

* Sermon

+ **Hymn: 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

+ Nicene Creed page 104

* New Members Affirmation and Prayer (page 237)

+ Prayers

+ Great Thanksgiving page 152

+ Holy, Holy, Holy page 153

+ Lord's Prayer page 154

* Lamb of God page 154

* Communion

+ Blessing, Prayer, Benediction

+ **Hymn: 873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

+ Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Today, Christ the King Sunday, reminds us of Jesus' crucifixion. While also reminding the Christians in Colossae of the crucifixion and resurrection, Paul also offered this blessing and challenge: *May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. Col. 1:11-12.*

What words or phrases stand out to you in that text? "May you be made strong" "His glorious power" "joyfully giving thanks"?

Lutheran pastor Tim Stoa writes: "My family will tell you that I am not patient. My five-year struggle with a brain tumor resulting in double vision has shown how little patience I have. How does one give thanks when you live daily with a disability? *"Endure everything with patience"* seemed impossible. However, this reading also ends with the encouraging words that Christ has made *"peace through the blood of the cross."* (Col. 1:20). I am reminded of Romans 8:32 which similarly announces that God *"did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for us all."* God in Jesus lived, hurt, cried, laughed, and died in this world. So, we are called to look to the cross of Jesus and make peace with our struggles. We look with thanksgiving at what God has already done. We are loved. We are forgiven. Can we rest in that hope beyond our own struggles in this life?

Let us pray: Lord God of Hope, it is so easy to look inward. Help us to find peace in our lives by looking to the cross of Jesus and rest in your love for us. Joyfully giving thanks in Jesus Christ our Hope we pray, Amen.



P.S. Christ the King History: Hoping to celebrate the lordship of Christ in a world of increasingly secular and non-Christian empires, Pope Pius XI inaugurated in 1925 a Sunday dedicated to Christ as King