

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2021**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**

**Prelude:** Come, Thou Almighty King and O Worship the King  
**arr. Donna J. Krieger and David Mconald**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † One God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

**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.**

## **Scripture 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!**

## **Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37**

*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 [religious leaders]. 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 our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Pastor Tim Maybee**

**Hymn of the Day:** Rejoice, for Christ is King!

**ELW 430**

Stanzas 1-3

### Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## **Offering**

Never Grow Old (from "Quilters")

arr. Barbara Forthun

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. We pray especially for our companion Synod in Magulilwa, Tanzania and the China Service Ventures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give us compassionate hearts to care for your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct local and global leaders to choose nonviolent paths toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community such as Loaves and Fishes, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Neighbors Inc, and Isaiah Community Organizing. Renew us in our work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (especially...). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be added.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **Invitation**

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church practices open communion. Whether you are a member of AGLC or not, you are invited to the table that is set by Christ for you.*

A feast of love is offered here for you. All who hunger and thirst, come!

## **Distribution**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*At this time, we will consume, together, the wafer and wine in the communion kit you received at the beginning of the service.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

**Sending Song:** Jesus Shall Reign

**ELW 434**

Verse 1: All

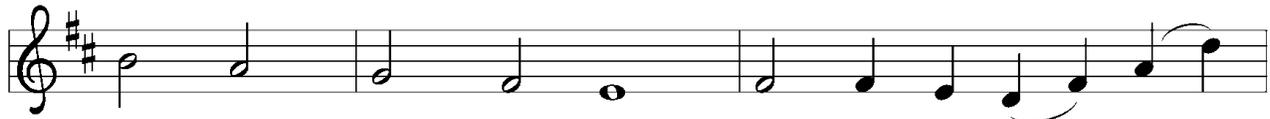
Verse 3: High Voices Verse 4: Low Voices

Verse 5: All

**Jesus Shall Reign**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** Soon and Very Soon

**arr. Lloyd Larson**