

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Contemporary Worship

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 21, 2021

Watching and Waiting for the King

Welcome to all who gather to worship the LORD this day! Today we celebrate Christ the King, whose kingdom is grace and who rules by love. Welcome to worship.

Please sign your name in the Attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are a guest, please take one of the visitor bags at the *Welcome Center* counter at the front entrance.

As We Gather



The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:23-24)

Opening Song

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. **Repeat**

Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. **Chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Faultless to stand before the throne. **Chorus 2x**

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Invocation

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Song of Praise

WORD OF GOD, SPEAK

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
and the funny thing is, it's okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Chorus: Word of God, speak.

Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see
Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness.

Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, hear Your voice.

Word of God, speak.

Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see
Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest In Your holiness. **Chorus**

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Prayer

Old Testament: *Isaiah 51:4–6* (Keep your eyes open for Jesus—righteousness draws near.)

Epistle: *Jude 20–25* (Remember your identity in Christ.)

Holy Gospel: *Mark 13:24–37* (The end is near.)

Theme Song

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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
Thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life;
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who 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;
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne,
To thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

By: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring, George J. Elvey CCLI #806791

Sermon: "Watching & Waiting for the King" by *Pastor Scott Malme*

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.

Prayers of the Church

Offerings: *“Coins for Christ” is an important part of the Mission funding at Pilgrim. Through this program all loose coins in the offering plate are donated to a mission project. During November, “Coins for Christ” is supporting **Ministry to the Armed Forces.***

As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.

Offering Song

LET IT BE SAID OF US

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Chorus: Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love, and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call;
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. **Chorus**

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✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Prayer of Preparation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor: *Blessed are You, Lord Jesus, for You have had mercy on us and given Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not perish but have life everlasting. In Your righteous judgment, You condemned Adam and Eve's sin and have rightly judged their rebellious children. Yet, in Your great mercy, You have promised salvation through the sacrifice of Your body on the cross and Your resurrection. Thank You for the Table You have set for us with Your very body and blood. Give us Your Holy Spirit to enable us to walk in faithful obedience to You, and hear us as we pray together ...*

People: 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.

Words of Institution

Peace of the LORD

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: And also with you.

Communion Songs

SCARS

Waking up to a new sunrise,
Looking back from the other side,
I can see now with open eyes.

Darkest water and deepest pain,
I wouldn't trade it for anything,
'cause my brokenness brought
Me to You, and these wounds are
a Story You'll use.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't
Know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell
Of who You are,
So forever I am thankful
For the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence,
With the strength of Your faithfulness.
And I'm not who I was before,
No, I don't have to fear anymore.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't
Know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell
Of who You are,
So forever I am thankful
For the scars.

I can see, I can see
How You delivered me.
In Your hands, In Your feet
I found my victory. *Repeat*

I'm thankful for Your scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't
Know Your heart.
And with my life
I'll tell of who You are,
So forever I am thankful.

I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't
Know Your heart.

And I know they'll always tell
Of who you are,
So forever I am thankful
For the scars.
So forever I am thankful
For the scars.

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THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the pow'r of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?

Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love;
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. **Chorus 2x**

Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Phil Wickham CCLI #806791

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: *Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Benediction

Pastor: *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.*

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song

WHERE I BELONG

Sometimes it feels like I'm watching from the outside.
Sometimes it feels like I'm breathing, but am I alive?
I won't keep searching for answers that aren't here to find.

Chorus: All I know is I'm not home yet. This is not where I belong.
Take this world and give me Jesus. This is not where I belong.

So when the walls come falling down on me,
And when I'm lost in the current of a raging sea,
I have this blessed assurance holding me. **Chorus**

When the earth shakes, I want to be found in You.
When the lights fade, I want to be found in You. **Chorus 2x**

Where I belong. Where I belong. Where I belong. Where I belong.

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Prayer Ministry is available for you immediately following today's service in the front of church.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper and confess that we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and are united intimately with Him and each other in a holy faith fellowship.

Because of our concern for all who receive the Sacrament here (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and since receiving the Supper is also a confession of faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17), any who are not instructed, in doubt, or have not communed here before are requested to talk with a pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available for those in need; please discuss this with the pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an usher.

Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the
peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like
manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dis-
mayed.

Jude 20–25 Your identity in Christ.

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up
in your most holy faith and praying in
the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in
the love of God, waiting for the mercy
of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to
eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those
who doubt; ²³save others by snatching
them out of the fire; to others show
mercy with fear, hating even the gar-
ment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you
from stumbling and to present you
blameless before the presence of his
glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God,
our Savior, through Jesus Christ our
Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and
authority, before all time and now and
forever. Amen.

Mark 13:24–37 (The end is near.)

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will
be falling from heaven, and the powers in
the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then
they will see the Son of Man coming in
clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And
then he will send out the angels and gather
his elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as
soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
out its leaves, you know that summer is
near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at
the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this
generation will not pass away until all
these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth
will pass away, but my words will not pass
away.

No One Knows That Day or Hour

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no
one knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on
guard, keep awake. For you do not know
when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his servants in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to
stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for
you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at mid-
night, or when the rooster crows, or in the
morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and
find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I
say to all: Stay awake.”