

**Traditional**

# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Order of 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 Hymn:** "O Worship the King" # 804 (*verses 1-3*)

### Invocation

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

People: Amen.

### Confession and Absolution *Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: *As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.*

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: *As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.*

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: *As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.*

People: **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: *As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: *As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.*

**People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor: *As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.*

**People: Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

*(Silence for private confession)*

Pastor: *As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. Recalling the great proclamation of forgiveness that Jesus made from the cross, "Father, forgive them," I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: *May the Lord who began a good work in you bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Praise:** "O Worship the King" # 804 (verses 4-6)

### **Prayer for the Day**

Pastor: *Let us pray. Lord God, You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Pilgrim Lutheran School** Grades 1-2 Choir “God Above” . . . . . 5:00pm  
**Pilgrim Lutheran School** Grades 3-4 Choir “Thanks Be To God” . 9:00am

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

Pastor: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day:** “What Is the World to Me” # 730

**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**

Pastor: *As we wait patiently for the Lord’s return, let us pray to our gracious God on behalf of the whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Most merciful God, give Your Holy Church throughout the world Your grace to serve You with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Heavenly Father, You know all our anxieties and fears. Grant to those troubled in mind and spirit the strength to cast every care on You. According to Your will, give them quietness of heart and a firm trust in the mercy You have shown us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Place the lonely in the family of Your Church, O Lord, that they may find peace in Christ and fulfillment in loving service to their neighbor. Make the leaders of our nation to walk in the way of justice and truth, that they may use the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**Pastor: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *In the face of natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of all kinds, fill our hearts with repentance and humility, that in every circumstance we may trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Look with favor on all who are in need. Fill the hungry with good things. Give the poor and unemployed gainful employment. Heal the sick, especially \_\_\_\_\_, comfort those who mourn, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and watch over all who travel. Be near the dying. Give courage to those who suffer oppression and want. Defend all your people: the weak, the unborn and the aged. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

**Offering: "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 Hymn:** "In Thee Is Gladness" - #818

## **The Lord's Supper**

**Preface** (p. 160 in front of hymnal)

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 glorious 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. To the only God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## **The 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

***Pax Domini*** (The Peace of the Lord)

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

**People: And also with you.**

**Distribution Hymns:** "Amazing Grace" . . . . . *Adult Handbell Choir*  
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" # 633  
"What Is This Bread" # 629

**Post-Communion Canticle:** "Thank The Lord" (*sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Thanksgiving**

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 Hymn:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” # 525



### *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**

<sup>4</sup>“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.

<sup>5</sup>My 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.

<sup>6</sup>Lift 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**

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

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you  
from stumbling and to present you  
blameless before the presence of his  
glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to 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**

<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation,  
the sun will be darkened, and the moon  
will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will  
be falling from heaven, and the powers in  
the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then  
they will see the Son of Man coming in  
clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And  
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**

<sup>28</sup>“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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that he is near, at  
the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this  
generation will not pass away until all  
these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth  
will pass away, but my words will not pass  
away.

### **No One Knows That Day or Hour**

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no  
one knows, not even the angels in heaven,  
nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on  
guard, keep awake. For you do not know  
when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore 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— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and  
find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I  
say to all: Stay awake.”