

The Last Sunday of the Church Year
Christ the King
November 22, 2009

Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor

Music and Meditation- We have reserved 15 minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the back of the church and will be brought up to the altar as an expression of our gratitude to our Lord.

Order of Service- Page 45 of the red hymnal.

Hymns: 195, 217, 365, 44 in LAPPY

Prayer for the Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory You have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim You King of kings and Lord of lords, to Your unending praise and glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading- Daniel 7:13, 14
An Old Testament view of Christ as King.

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 45 page 83 of the hymnal

The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8
The sermon text.

The Verse for the Day- Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

The Gospel Lesson-John 18:33-37
Jesus states that He is a king.

The Sermon Text- Revelation 1:4b-8
The Sermon Theme- Here Is Your King

1. He Is True God.
2. He Is Your Savior.
3. What Will You Do with Him

Announcements-
After the Service—

Coffee time
Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.
Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes.
Youth Catechism class today at 12:15

Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve) We Gather to give thanks at 7 pm. Following the service we will have a pie social. Please bring a pie to share. Drinks and Cool Whip will be supplied.

Saturday- **Please help distribute fliers**

Next Sunday- Worship service at 9:30
Sunday school at 10:30.
Confirmation Instructions at 12:15.

Memory Verse- Each week, as a congregation, we try to learn one Bible verse. This weeks verse:” When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28).

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the Pilgrims for their remarkable deliverance when famine seemed to stare them in

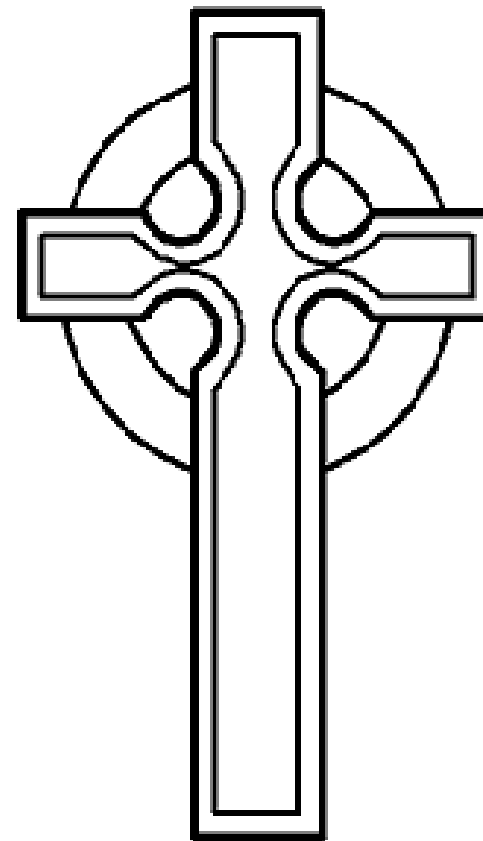
the face (1621). After 1630 Thanksgiving was celebrated by them after each harvest. The first state to establish an annual Thanksgiving was New York (1830). The custom of setting the day aside for the purpose of worship became fixed when Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation (1864) calling upon the nation to thank God and made the fourth Thursday in November the date for Thanksgiving.

It is good and right that a people should pause to give thanks and recognize that God is the giver of all good gifts. We give thanks to our gracious God through our Lord Jesus Christ for it is because of Him that God loves us and cares for us.

Our Lord teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" to remind us to appreciate His gifts and to receive them with thanksgiving. May this special day of giving thanks remind us to give thanks throughout the entire year.

The Supreme Worship of God

In writing of faith in the fact that Christ has justified us before God, Dr. Martin Luther writes, "So far as we are concerned, therefore, this is a very elusive thing because we are so unstable. In addition, we are opposed by half of our very selves, namely, by reason and all its powers. Moreover, because the flesh cannot believe for sure that the promises of God are true, it resists the spirit. Therefore it contends against the spirit and, as Paul says, holds the spirit captive (Rom. 7:23), to keep it from believing as firmly as it wants to (Gal.5:17). This is why we continually teach that the knowledge of Christ and of faith is not a human work but utterly a divine gift; as God creates faith, so He preserves us in it. And just as He initially gives us faith through the Word, so later on He exercises, increases, strengthens, and perfects it in us by that Word. Therefore the supreme worship of God that a man can offer, the Sabbath of Sabbaths, is to practice true godliness, to hear and read the Word. On the other hand, nothing is more dangerous than to become tired of the Word. Therefore anyone who is so cold that he thinks he knows enough and gradually begins to loathe the Word has lost Christ and the Gospel."



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