

Chris the
King 

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The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 2021



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – YORBA LINDA

*Gathering around Grace – Growing in Grace – Going with Grace
In the land of gracious living*

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Welcome

- † If you would like to know more about Grace, visit our **website** at gracelutheran.church. A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning soon. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.
- † Restrooms are across the breezeway, in our Grace Hall... a cry room is available in the back left corner of our church.
- † Coffee and treats are available after church. We would love to visit with you and answer your questions.



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End Times: Christ the King

The last Sunday of the Church Year (next week we begin tracing Jesus' life over again, preparing for his coming as our Savior) is Christ the King Sunday. We focus today on the one who rules now and forever. That's something to inspire our journey!

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*See page 10 in the hymnal for prayers
Prepare for communion using p.154.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We are frail children of dust who need God's forgiveness and strength in order to serve our Lord Jesus. Therefore, we confess our sins, and trusting in Jesus as our Savior and King, ask God to forgive us.

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sought to rule our own lives, and have not submitted to Your gracious reign. Our thoughts are of ourselves; our words are often meant to manipulate and control others and not meant to build them up; our deeds are centered on our own desires, not Yours, O Lord. Forgive us, for the sake of our King, Jesus.

M: You are blessed by the Father. For Jesus' sake, He declares you righteous or perfect in his sight and forgives your sins. Therefore, in the place and by the command of our Lord, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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 you unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

John sees a vision that inspires – a vision similar to the one in our sermon lesson. Here is THE KING who reigns

John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” [Daniel 7:13 – our sermon lesson today]
and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” [Zechariah 12:10]
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

VERSE OF THE DAY –

- L. Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia! (Revelation 22:13 / CW#157:2)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”



³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

SERMON – based on Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

**Your King Is
Coming**

Don't duck!

Heads up!

EXPLANATION TO THE 2ND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We offer the same prayer to our King as the thief on the cross prayed, saying:

Jesus, you are King of kings and Lord of lords, so we pray:
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

A BLESSING *based on the lesson from Revelation 1:4-6*

- L. Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- C. **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

JOIN US WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM

Because the key to thanksgiving is
noticing and being noticed!

(bring a pie to share after church)



CALENDAR

Monday - Little Lambs at Grace – 9:30 AM
Wednesday THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – 7 PM
Thursday – Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!
Sunday - 8:30 AM – Bible Study – Like Abraham...
9:30 AM – Worship – Advent begins!

December 4th - Brad Challacombe Memorial Service – 11 AM
(RSVP to Rene)

December 5th - Advent decorating after church

December 5th – 5:00 PM – Women’s Advent by Candlelight