

# First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 21, 2021 Give from the Heart Sunday

## Gathering

### Prelude Music

### Welcoming and Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

### Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #855

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 through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o're the grave  
and 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 years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

*Text: Matthew Bridges, Music: George J Elvey. Public Domain*

### Opening Litany

Leader: Let us pray for wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God. (pause)

Leader: Because of our faith in you, O Lord...

**All: ... we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.** (pause)

Leader: Help us, to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives...

**All: ... by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families, and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.** (pause)

Leader: Help us, Lord, to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek...

**All: ...and that You, alone, can provide...** (pause)

Leader: Help us to hear Your call to be good and faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us...

**All: by sharing them for your purposes...** (pause)

Leader: Help us make your priorities

**All: .... Our priorities** (pause)

Leader: Help us, challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ

**All: ...to put our faith into action...** (pause)

Leader: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing... (pause)

Leader: As we plan the things in life that are most important to us...

**All: ... Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need....** (pause)

Leader: Help us plan...

**All: How to 'give back' the talents with which we have been blessed...** (pause)

Leader: Help us to plan...

**All: How to share our treasure to do your work...** (pause)

Leader: Our planning and sharing

**All: ...show the great important that You and the Gospel have in our lives...** (pause)

Leader: Help us to plan...

**All: To serve our church, our community and your world with Your gifts....** (pause)

Leader: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given to us...

**All: Help us, Lord, to give in proportion to what has been given us...** (pause)

Leader: Help us Lord...

**All: To return a portion of all that has been given us...** (pause)

Leader: We do this O Lord, as a sign of our love...

**All: And in thanksgiving for all that has been given and entrusted to us...** (pause)

Leader: We offer not only the "first fruits" of our financial resources...

**All: But a generous portion of our "time" and "talents" as well...** (pause)

Leader: As we give proportionately,

**All: Help us to put our trust, our security and faith in you...**

Leader: As good Christian stewards...

**All: We pray that we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart.**

### 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.*

# Word

**Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

<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.

**Reading:** Psalm 93

The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed in strength. **The Lord has made the world so sure that it can not be moved.**

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; **you are from everlasting.**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; **the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, **mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, **and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.**

**Reading:** Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming in the clouds; every eye will see him, even though who pierced him; and on this account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

*(response after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

<sup>33</sup>Then 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 Jews. 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."

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

## Message

### Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" #434

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Text: Isaac Watts. Music: John Hatton. Public Domain*

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Stewardship Talk

**Offering** *Offerings and Promise Cards will be walked up to the front and distributed in the globes and baskets in the front, and you may return to your seats.*

## **Offertory** *“Take My Life, That I May Be” #685*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine,  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

*Text: Frances R. Havergal, Music: William H. Havergal. Public Domain*

## Prayers

**Sharing the Peace** *Please share a sign of peace with one another*

## Confession & Forgiveness

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.*

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.*

# Meal

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

# Sending

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

*Text: Henry van Dyke. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven. Public Domain.*

*Go in peace, serve the Lord!* **Thanks be to God!**



Poinsettia Plant (\$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_ (Quantity)

In loving memory of:

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Or... In honor of:

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Given by:

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Once again we will be having a Poinsettia Garden around our altar to decorate for Christmas. If you would like to order a plant to contribute to this garden, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 20th**. Your poinsettia may be in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season and may be picked up after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service.

*Please note: if you wish to keep your poinsettia plant, it can be picked up after the 9pm Christmas Eve Services. Any plants left at the church after January 3rd will be disposed of.*