



The King Shall Come

He Is Coming to Save Us

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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the restrooms should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. In addition, activity sheets for young children are available on the bulletin table and small bags with quiet activity items are located just outside the chapel doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERIES: THE KING SHALL COME

The new church year begins with the season of Advent, which means “coming.” Imagine the governor is coming over for an evening to give you some sort of citizen’s award. That’s a big deal. There is work to be done: deep cleaning, planning a menu, getting the yard looking its best, etc.

In this worship series, our focus is that *The King Shall Come*. We see why Jesus came on that first Christmas and why he will come again on Judgment Day. We also cherish the way our King comes to us today in Word and sacrament, establishing his reign in our hearts.

TODAY'S THEME: HE IS COMING TO SAVE US

Rulers plan and administrate and govern. They typically do not save. If your house is on fire, it will not be the mayor who shows up to save you from the flames. If America were attacked, the President’s leadership style would not include picking up a weapon, going to the front lines, and fighting to save you from the enemy.

Jesus is different. He is both infinitely greater than all other rulers, yet also infinitely humbler. He does not consider it beneath his rank as King to risk his life for his subjects. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. For King Jesus came into our world for one reason—to save us.

I pray before I worship:

Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Lord, abide.

O enter with your grace divine and cause your face on us to shine. Amen. (CW 305)

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Stand before stanza three.



1 Je - sus came, the heav'n's a - dor - ing, came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy when our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant when the heav'n's shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
to an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
ev - er sing - ing till the dawn of end - less day.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

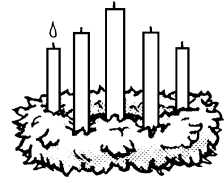
We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

We hear his call to watch.

We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.



One Advent candle is lit.

Be Seated

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

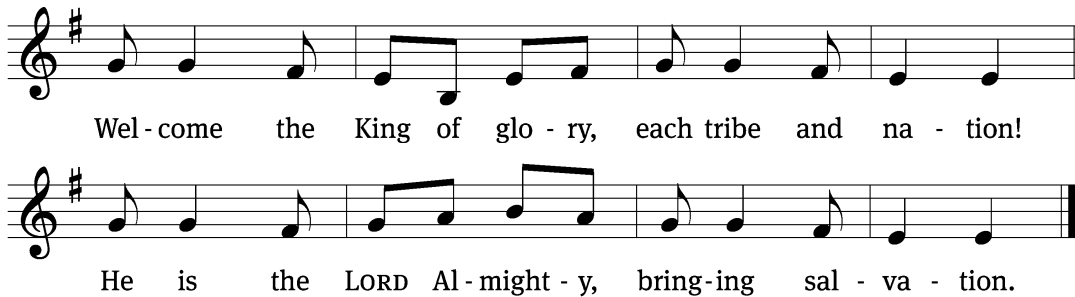
Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24—Welcome the King

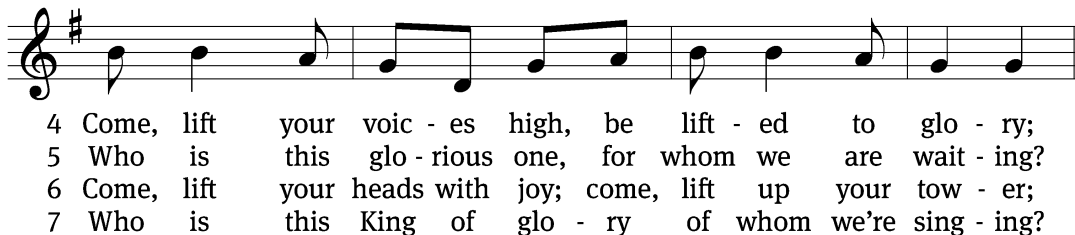
Refrain



Wel - come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!

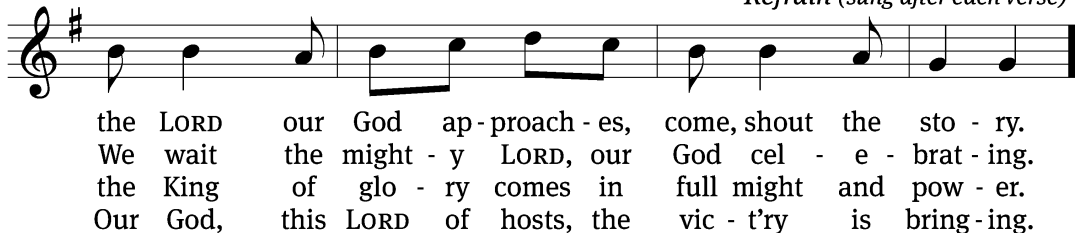
He is the LORD Al - might - y, bring - ing sal - va - tion.

Verses



4 Come, lift your voic - es high, be lift - ed to glo - ry;
5 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
6 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
7 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

Refrain (sung after each verse)



the LORD our God ap - proach - es, come, shout the sto - ry.
We wait the might - y LORD, our God cel - e - brat - ing.
the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vic - t'ry is bring - ing.

The first reading for today will be read as part of today's sermon.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

God enriches us with gifts as we eagerly wait for our King to come.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

⁴I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, ⁶because the testimony about Christ was established in you. ⁷As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

*On Palm Sunday Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a king.
The crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us!"*

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.' "

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread

branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Young children are invited to the front for a brief devotion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

* Psalm 118:25-26

Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down.

Mountains then would quake because of your presence.

²As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil,

make your name known to your adversaries.

Then nations would quake in your presence.

³You did amazing things that we did not expect.

You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence.

⁴From ancient times no one has heard.

No ear has understood.

No eye has seen any god except you,

who goes into action for the one who waits for him.

⁵You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness,

who remembers you by walking in your ways!

But you were angry because we sinned.

We have remained in our sins for a long time.

Can we still be saved?

⁶All of us have become like something unclean,

and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.

All of us have withered like a leaf,

and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you.

So you hid your face from us.

You made us melt by the power of our guilt.

⁸But now, LORD, you are our father.

We are the clay, and you are our potter.

All of us are the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry, LORD, without limit.

Do not remember our guilt forever.

Please look closely.

All of us are your people.

Why *Mercy* Belongs in Our Prayer Language

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

OFFERING SONG

God So Loved

*Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more*

*Well, come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

*Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms
Can you see His open arms? Here we go*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world*

*Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
His amazing love*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
Oh, the power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
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JOHN 3:16
NIV

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Holy Father, you have made us and shaped us. As you prepared the hearts of your people for the coming of your Son by the preaching of the prophets, make our hearts ready for his second coming as we listen to your Word.

We lift up our heads to you.

Come to us, King of Glory.

Lift up our heads and prepare our hearts as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, our heavenly King.

We lift up our heads to you.

Come to us, King of Glory.

All around us we see people walking in darkness, unaware of sin in the world or of your Son's coming, which is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Make us shine like lights in this dark world as we live by faith, empowered by your Spirit as he works in us with the Word.

We lift up our heads to you.

Come to us, King of Glory.

We thank you for those authorities, parents in the home, pastors, teachers, and elders in the church who watch over our souls, and those in the government who have the responsibility of watching over the safety of our bodies. Keep them faithful in their tasks, bless them, and make them a blessing to us.

We lift up our heads to you.

Come to us, King of Glory.

We pray for those who wait for relief of sicknesses of body or mind. Give them patience as they hear the Word of promise about your good purpose even in suffering. Heal, restore, and relieve all pain and sorrow as it fits your gracious will and plan.

We lift up our heads to you.

Come to us, King of Glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

O Lord, purify our consciences by your daily presence, that when your Son, our Lord comes, he may find in us a place prepared for himself; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

For our guests: Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We welcome congregational members and those in fellowship with our national church body to receive the sacrament with us today. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe or about holy communion, please speak with our pastor.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
 6 My soul is bur - dened; Lord, re - lieve me, by all this
 8 By faith I call your ho - ly ta - ble the tes - ta -
 9 This meal with bless - ing is a - bound-ing: to poor ones
 10 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
 weight of sin op - pressed! Though sin - ful, yet, in
 ment of your deep love, for by your gift I
 wealth, to weak ones pow'r, to an - gels joy, to
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 grace re - ceive me and feed me as your grate - ful guest.
 now am a - ble to know the heart of God a - bove.
 hell con - found-ing, and life for me in death's dark hour.
 prais - es tell - ing, shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his

in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.

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