

# November 21, 2021 – Christ the King Sunday



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have.

The altar flowers are given by Rick & Carolyn Schroeder in loving memory of Jack & Audrey Rheiner.

### 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister – David Blackwood

Acolyte – Jade DiCriscio

Greeters – Jeff & Helen Livingston

Ushers – Harold & Martha Wrede

### 11:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister – Brian Reilly

Acolyte – Maisie Ronaldo

Greeter – Joanne Rupp

Ushers – Dan Matyola and David Wintemute

This morning's hymns:

### 8:30 a.m.

Entrance Hymn                      *"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"*      ELW 531

Hymn of the Day                      *"Beautiful Savior"*    ELW 838

### 11:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn                      *"At the Name of Jesus"*    ELW 416

Hymn of the Day                      *"Beautiful Savior"*    ELW 838

Closing Hymn                      *"Lift High the Cross"*    ELW 660



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Zion's Christian Education & Youth committee is offering an opportunity for members of the congregation to connect directly with our 7th-8th grade youth in a new way – becoming a Youth Mentor!

Adult volunteers will be matched with a member of the Confirmation Class for the purpose of building a relationship, facilitated by special programs and suggested activities.

Our hope is that this relationship will be an ongoing connection for you and the young person as they finish high school. Please contact Rhonda Rossi for more information.



This wonderful tradition has to look a little different again this year. Please plan to come by the CEB between 6:30 and 8:30 pm on Sunday, December 5th to enjoy

the bonfire, roast some marshmallows, and create your Gnome Family with us (socially-distanced and with masks like last year), or pick up your craft supplies to assemble and decorate your Gnome Family at home. Either way, please share photos on Zion's Friends and Family Facebook page afterward.



Zion's Social Ministry committee is continuing our tradition of the Giving Tree to benefit the children of Family Promise of Hunterdon County. This year, we have added their parents to our list of gift recipients. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag (**please do not wrap them**) and delivered to the CEB by December 5th. If you prefer to order a gift online and have it shipped directly to Zion, please have it delivered to 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick, NJ 08858, and the Social Ministry committee will provide the gift bag. Please send us an email to let us know your gift is on its way so we can be on the lookout for it. Gift selections can be made by clicking the link that was emailed from the Parish Office.



Alternative Giving is a way you can "gift" a friend or loved one and also do some good in the world. With each donation, you will get a card with the organization's information and a small ornament/gift that represents the charity, which you can give to that special person on your list. Alternative Gifts can be purchased by visiting the CEB to make your selections, or by signing up using the link emailed from the Parish Office. Gifts are available for purchase until December 5th.

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

### **First 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.

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

<sup>4b</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

<sup>33</sup>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."