

*Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die;
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you Who dies in faith dies well!*

V. Easter

“Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave.” 1 Corinthians 15:17-25

Hymn #157: “Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today”

*Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!*

VI. Pentecost

“Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above.” Acts 16:23-35

Hymn #727: “Speak O Lord” (Supplement)

Offering - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register.
The members of Grace have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Prayer of the Church
Lord’s Prayer—traditional

VII. End Times

“Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.” Revelation 21:1-5

Closing Hymn #727: “There Is a Higher Throne” (Supplement)

Thank you to our Sunday pianist, Amibeth Olderman & Monday organist, Jennifer Knutson.

Pastor’s ‘God’s Word’ message will be broadcast on the radio (WCUB) next week Sunday, December 2 at 9:00am. Would you like to sponsor an upcoming broadcasts (Cost is \$107)? Your sponsorship can be announced during this broadcast as well as listed in the bulletin. If interested, please call Ann in the church office at 682-7377.



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**A Celebration of Christ’s Reign in the Seasons of the Church Year
November 25 & 26, 2018**

THE CHURCH YEAR

For centuries, the Christian Church has worshiped according to the Church Year. The Church Year begins in December with the season of Advent. The first six months of the church year (December through May) follow the life of Christ from his birth until his suffering, death, and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The second six months of the church year (June - November) follow the teachings of Christ. We now close one Church Year and begin another. To mark the end of this year, the Church celebrates the Season of Endtimes which concludes with Christ the King Sunday. Today we remember that the entire Church Year celebrates the rule of Christ over our hearts now and forever.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word.

For our Guests: Restrooms are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary. A Parent’s Room with audio & visual is located on the left as you walk out of worship.

**Large Print Service Binders & Listening Assist Aids are available.
Please speak to an usher to get either of these.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn #341: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (verses 1-3)

**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 they 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 angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his won’dring eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er 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.**

RESPONSORY

M: 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.

M: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Hymn #341: “Crown Him with Many Crowns: (verse 4)

**Crown him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S DEVOTION

I. Advent

“Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.” Luke 1:26-35

Hymn #23: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1 & 4)

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lowly exile here Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.**

**Oh, come, O key of David, come, and open wide our heav’nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.**

II. Christmas

“Crown him the virgin’s son, the God incarnate born.” Isaiah 9:6-7

Hymn #62: “Joy to the World” (verses 1 & 4)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

III. Epiphany

“Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways.” Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

Hymn #83: “As With Gladness Men of Old” (verses 1 & 3)

**As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore your foll’wers be.**

**As they offered gifts most rare At your cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav’nly King.**

IV. Lent

“Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and sides.” John 18:33-37; 19:14-16

Hymn #105: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (verses 1 & 7)

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

VII. End Times

“Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns for he is King of all.”
Revelation 21:1-5

² Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

I. Advent

“Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.”
Luke 1:26-35

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called ^[a] the Son of God.

II. Christmas

“Crown him the virgin’s son, the God incarnate born.”
Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

III. Epiphany

“Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways.”
Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him...”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

IV. Lent

“Crown him the Lord of love - behold his hands and sides.”
John 18:33-37; 19:14-16

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...”

¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵ But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

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V. Easter

“Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave.”
1 Corinthians 15:17-25

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

VI. Pentecost

“Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above.”
Acts 16:23-35

²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: “Release those men.”

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This week's schedule, God willing....

TODAY:Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am
Adult Bible Class 6:30pm
Mon: Worship 6:30pm
Tue: Women's Bible Study - offsite at home of Ann Hornes 6:30pm
Wed: Staff Mtng 8:30am / Pastor @ Harborview 10:30am / Bible Class @1:30pm only
Catechism Class 5:30pm / "Seekers" Young Adult Bible Class @ Jen's Java 7pm
Sat: Live Nativity @ St. John's - Two Rivers 4:40 - 7:30pm (see poster for more info)
Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Pastor's message on WCUB 9:15am
Sunday School, Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am
Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Upcoming Meetings, Activities & Concerts in December:

- **Advent Midweek Services:** Wed, Dec 5, 12 & 19 @ 4:15 & 6:30pm - w/ meal between
- **Men's Breakfast Bible Class:** Saturday, Dec 8, 8:00 - 9:15am
- **Decorate Church:** Saturday, Dec 8 at 10:00am
- **JLOG Christmas Program "Still, Still, Still":** Fri, Dec 14, 10:30am - lunch to follow
- **Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale Concerts:** Saturday, Dec 15 @ St. John/St. James, Reedsville, 3:00pm & Sunday, Dec 16th @ Grace, 3:00pm
- **Open Forums:** Sunday, Dec 16 between services & Mon, Dec 17 following worship
- **Voter's Meeting:** Tuesday, Dec 18 6:30pm
- **MLHS Christmas Concerts:** Friday, Dec 21 @ Capital Civic Center 4:30 & 7:30pm
- **Grace Children's Christmas Program "Were You There?":** Sunday, Dec 23, 10:45am
Kids will practice during Sunday School Dec 2, 9, & 16, with one additional practice TBA.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #86, 10:45 - #59, Monday - #52 = Total - #197



**Midweek Advent Services
Wednesday, Dec 5, 12 & 19
at 4:15 & 6:30pm.**

A Meal will be served between services. Please join us!

Poinsettia donations - \$5 per plant.

Sign up sheets and a canister to place your payment into are located on the red display table. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Dec 10th.



Announcements

Mark your calendars for the following:



Open Forums:
+ **Sunday, December 16** between services
+ **Monday, December 17** following worship



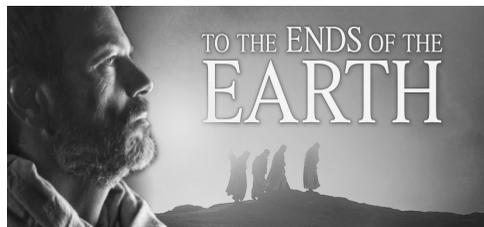
Voter's Meeting:
Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30pm



Have you started your Christmas Shopping? Don't forget about the MLHS SCRIP Tuition Assistance Program. You can purchase SCRIP certificates & gift cards from MLHS in advance to pay for your purchases at many local stores. These also

make great gifts for that person on your list that is so hard to buy presents for! Using SCRIP can benefit both MLHS and families sending their children to MLHS. Extra brochures explaining how this program works and order forms are available on the Information table. You can also go to the MLHS website and find out how you can order SCRIP and even pay online.

Volunteers needed: We are participating in the synod wide effort (C-18) to invite people to join us for our Christmas Eve worship services. As a follow up to this effort we are planning on making visits to those guests that joined us. These would be short, informal visits to thank them for coming and give them a packet of information about Grace Church. If you would like to be help, please contact Darrell Schramm by phone at: 920-683-7819 (work), 920-901-7346 (personal cell) or by email to darrell.schramm@gmail.com.



DVD's of the movie "To the Ends of the Earth" are available for \$2. If you would like to purchase one or would simply like to watch the movie, please see the sign-up sheet that is located on the information table and indicate if you want to borrow or buy one (\$2).

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