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**Christ the Rock's Mission:**

*To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen to all people of the Four Corners.*

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!

We are glad you are here today.

- Youngsters are encouraged to sit with the congregation in the main worship area. However, if your child becomes restless, feel free to use our **family quiet room** at the rear of the sanctuary.
- A **nursery** with a television displaying today's service is also available.
- **Restrooms** are located through the double doors and to the left.
- Out of consideration for others, **please silence all electronic devices.**

You've heard the fairy tales and the myths of heroes. Stories of worlds overrun with evil and danger where the only hope is a rescuer who can right the wrong and make sure the characters live happily ever after. The Bible is kind of like a fairy tale, epic in scope, featuring a victorious hero, miraculous, at times almost unbelievable, yet completely different from a myth or a tall tale, because by faith we know it's all true! This season of "End Times" we invite you to flip to the end of the story, see how the King returns to rescue his people from unspeakable evil, judges the world from his throne, wakes the sleeping, and promises to rule us graciously now and forever after. Spoiler alert – Through faith in the King, we live happily ever after. The End!



## OPENING HYMN

## “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Christian Worship #240*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 All life you en - gen - der in great and in small,  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Not want - ing nor wast - ing, you rule in your might,  
Of all life Be - friend - er, the true Life of all.  
Your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,  
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;  
Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see



Al - mighty - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!  
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
We with - er and per - ish, but you nev - er change.  
The light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**P:** Come near to God and he will come near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. *James 4:8,10*

**All:** **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9**

**P:** The end of all things is at hand. King Jesus is coming with the clouds.

*Quiet moment for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Seeking kingdoms of our own, kingdoms of this world, we fail to acknowledge the rule of Jesus Christ, and so we deny the truth. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow you and give glory to your name.**

P: Christ is the King, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. He rules the universe in truth and love. By his authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Before the Lord, all the rulers of the earth bow on bended knee.

**All: He is King of kings! He is Lord of lords!**

♪ **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heavenly 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.**

P: Before the Lord, all the nations raise their voices and proclaim him the Prince of peace.

**All: Praise him, praise him! Glory and honor belong to him!**

P: Bathed in light and glowing with holiness our Lord reigns forever.

**All: He is the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End!**

♪ **Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, incomparably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

P: Heaven and earth are spread before the Lord. All people are protected by him.

**All: He is the Lord, strong and mighty! He is the Lord, mighty in battle!**

♪ **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.**

# THE WORD



## FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. <sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 45 – “For the Honor of Our King



1. For the hon - or of our King  
2. When he speaks the truth is heard,  
3. Right - eous - ness and joy are found,  
4. Now, and to e - ter - nal days,

ev' - ry skill we have, we bring: No one stirs the  
grace and pow'r in ev - 'ry word: false - hood trem - bles  
last - ing jus - tice will a - bound, all be - cause the  
all God's peo - ple join to raise one un - end - ing

heart to sing like our roy - al Sav - ior King!  
at the sword of our roy - al Sav - ior King!  
Heir is crowned as our roy - al Sav - ior King!  
song of praise to our roy - al Sav - ior King!

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is, who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, 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 own blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look, he is coming with clouds,  
and every eye will see him,  
including those who pierced him.  
And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him.  
Yes. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

## ALLELUIA! Praise the Lord!

Al-le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

John 18:33-37 (NIV)

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

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

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

<sup>36</sup> 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.”

<sup>37</sup> “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.”

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Glory Be to God the Father”**

*Christian Worship #239*

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
 Church’s King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow’r, do - min - ion!—

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav’n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

## MESSAGE:



## 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 fully 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 with 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.**

## THANK OFFERING

*The members of Christ the Rock give an offering in honor of all God has done for us, and to support God's mission within our congregation and beyond. If you have an offering, you can drop it in the plate on the table in the back of church as you leave. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to support this ministry. You are our guest. Welcome!*

*We would love to make a meaningful connection with you. Please take one of the connection cards and fill it out. You can drop the card in the offering plate on the way out. Thank you!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS & 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.**

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: The love of the Father calls us to his table, where we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, who gave his own life that we may have the full assurance of God's love and mercy forever. As we receive Christ in this meal, the bread--his body, the wine--his blood, we remember and we thank him for his love.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*miserere nobis – “have mercy on us” dona nobis pacem – “grant us your peace”*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, mi-se-re-re  
no - bis. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, mi-se-re-re no - bis.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, do-na no-bis  
pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## THE DISTRIBUTION



## WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

When we eat this bread and drink this  
cup, we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you  
come a - gain, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, O  
Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

## THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**All: Amen!**

## CLOSING HYMN

## “Beautiful Savior”

Christian Worship #369



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

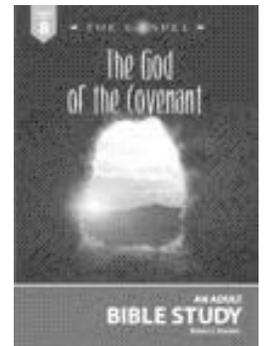
- **Starr Heyden**, prayers of thanks for being cancer free, prayers that she recovers from COVID.
- **Carol Tookey**, is home at her apartment and looking for a ground floor place to live.
- **Dre Herrera**, prayers for health and thanks that she has her truck back.
- **Ginny & John Theisen**, WI friends of Marianne Jensen, John has bone cancer.
- **Gwen and Chuck Johnson**, Gwen is a friend of Myra Kinsel and Aaron Newman. Her husband Chuck is at home on hospice care in the advanced stages of lung cancer.
- **Joan Brendle**, struggling with addiction.
- **Leslie Morgan Rodrigue**, hospitalized for high blood pressure

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving service
Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	WORSHIP
	12 pm	Christmas Decorating & Chili Cookoff

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**God of the Covenant** The more we understand key words from the Old Testament, the more we grow in our love for the Lord. In this 6-week Bible study we’re covering God's Covenant in Christ; The Lord; The Glory of the Lord; The Righteousness of the Lord; The Holiness of the Lord; The Justice of the Lord. Everyone is welcome to join us starting at 9:15 on Sunday morning to get to know the Lord and each other better!



**God’s People Respond to God’s Grace**

**Worship Attendance:** November 14: 36 (96 on-line views). **Education Hour:** 19  
**Offering:** November 14: \$925 **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10  
**November Ushers:** Norbert Benally & Sankey Johnson  
**November Cleaning:** Hayes, Brohn, Donohue, James  
**December Ushers:** Robert Kinsel, Aaron Newman  
**December Cleaning:** Kinsel, Newman

# Christmas Time at Christ the Rock

## November 28th at 10:30 am

- When the Lord Comes Near--He Humbles Himself

## December 5th at 10:30 am

- When the Lord Comes Near—He Humbles His People

## December 5th at 5 pm

- Advent by Candlelight

## December 11th from 9 - 11:30 am

- Christmas for Kids
- Families come for lunch at 11:30!

## December 12th at 10:30 am

- When the Lord Comes Near--He Humbles His Enemies

## December 19th at 10:30 am

- When the Lord Comes Near--He Lifts Up the Humbled

## December 19th at 4 pm

- Blue Christmas
- Stay for light refreshments afterward



## Christmas Eve: December 24th at 6:30 pm

- What Child Is This? Our Savior! – Candlelight Service

## Christmas Day: December 25th at 10:30 am

- What Child Is This? Our God! – Service of Lessons and Carols

## December 26th at 10:30 am

- What Child Is This? Our Substitute and Sacrifice!

## New Year's Eve: December 31st at 6:30 pm