

NOVEMBER 21, 2021
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



Christ rules with a power unlike any other.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the king of truth
Monday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	The time of judgment
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
Wednesday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Thursday	1 Corinthians 4:14-21	Paul's concern for Corinthians
Friday	Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus brings God's message
Saturday	Psalms 93	The majesty of God's rule
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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."

John 18:36 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you who are the author and creator of all that is, help us to see in you the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this meal remind us of the feast that you promise for all those you have freed to live as children of grace and truth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty, bless you with peace.
(Revelation 1:8)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

The King of Glory Comes



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How can power be used for good? How can it be used for bad?
- If you had unlimited power, how would you use it to change the world?
- How do you think Christ's power and rule look different than the power seen in earthly governments?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 18:33-38a.

The good news of Jesus Christ is not about escapism as some kind of running away from the world that God created. We are reminded of this from the opening chapter of John: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14a). The living Word reveals the power and glory of God that is filled with "grace and truth" (John 1:14b). In chapter 18 Jesus distinguishes between God's grace and truth that lead with love and mercy and the rule of bullies who demean and control others with violence. That is the Roman "peace" that occupied territories like Judea through governors like Pilate who served under Emperor Tiberius. No, Jesus' reign "is not from this world" (v. 36). As followers of Jesus, we engage with creation and our neighbor with a power of a different kind. It is a power that blesses, heals, and makes new through the cross of Christ. It is a power that through a death perpetrated at the hands of the powers from "this world" put Jesus to death and shows itself to be powerless through the humility and weakness of the Son of God. This is the one who came to serve and give us the everlasting power of divine love. Where do you see the good news of Christ's reign happening in the world today?

Pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your reign that is filled with divine power as it is filled with grace and truth through Jesus Christ, the one who came to set us free. Amen.**

SERVICE

Service to others is filled with humility and love; it is people helping one another. The new church year begins next Sunday. As this church year ends, think of the ministries that have taken place over the past year and who has been responsible for them: worship, music, Sunday school, youth group, Bible studies and more. How can you show appreciation and thanks for those who have served over the past church year?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. Think or talk about the traditions you have established in your home over the years. One common Advent tradition is having an Advent calendar. Another is the Advent wreath. If you have not had a tradition in the past, consider beginning one this year as part of your faith journey in your home.



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