



**NO ONE
KNOWS
THE DAY
OR
THE HOUR**

- MATTHEW 24:36

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

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TO OUR GUESTS: We offer you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Please sign the Friendship Register during the offering. If you do not have a church home, we would be delighted to have you become a part of our church family. Please feel free to speak with the Pastor about membership in our congregation. If you do have a church home, we pray that God will bless you as you continue your growth in faith and love.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Christian education classes are offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.



CHILDREN’S CHURCH and NURSERY Following the Children’s Message, all children ages 3-7 are invited to Children’s Church downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering. A nursery attendant is provided for children ages birth to 3 years during our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.



COMMUNION We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in both individual cups and the chalice. If you wish to receive it from an individual cup, please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who should not drink wine. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come to the Communion rail, fold their hands and receive a blessing.

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB #525 (v. 1-4)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ACCLAMATION OF THE KING

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB #821 (v. 1)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:9-10

(Ancient of Days Reigns)

⁹As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30)*"The Light of Glory"*

Martin/Angerman

*You are the Light of Glory, You are the wondrous story, You are the Author of our faith.
You are the Life eternal, You are the Word supernal, You are the Lamb, the Giver of grace.
You are the mighty warrior, You are the great Redeemer, You are the Chief and Cornerstone.
You are the Sure Foundation You are the Hope of nations, You are our God and God alone.
You are the Light of Glory, You are the wondrous story, You are the Maker of all things.
You are the great Creator, You are the Lord and Savior, You are the One, the King, the King of kings!
You are patient and kind, You are Love divine, a treasure of priceless worth.
Your kingdom endures forever. Your mercy faileth never.
You are the joy of salvation, the Light of the World!
You are the Light of Glory, You are the wondrous story, You are the Author of our faith.
You are the Life eternal, You are the Word supernal, You are the Lamb, the Giver of grace.
You are the mighty warrior, You are the great Redeemer, You are the Chief and Cornerstone.
You are the Sure Foundation, You are the Hope of nations, You are our God and God alone.
You are the Light of Glory, You are the wondrous story, You are the Maker of all things.
You are the great Creator, You are the Lord and Savior, You are the One, the King of kings!
You are the One, the King of kings!
You are the Lord! You are the King! You are the Light of Glory!*

EPISTLE READING

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

(Be Alert, Looking Forward to the Lord's Coming)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether

we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB #821 (v. 5)

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:32-37

(No One Knows That Day or Hour)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB #905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

SERMON

"If the Last Day is Today?"

Mark 13:32-37

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

VOLUNTARY

OFFERING *(please register your attendance in the pads located near the center aisle)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *(inside back LSB cover)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

(Please be seated for the Distribution.)

DISTRIBUTION

"O Worship the King"	LSB #804 (v. 1-4)
"Jesus Is Our King"	Choir (10:30)
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	LSB #790
"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"	LSB #813

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB #549 (v. 1-3,7)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.