



**Stay
awake.**

MARK 13:37

**November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday
9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(The last Sunday of the year is Christ the King Sunday, the time to celebrate the kingship of Jesus, a king like no other king! He gave his life as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of all people and someday soon, he will return to take each believer to their heavenly home. Welcome to God’s house!)

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

OPENING SENTENCES

Left Side: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Right Side: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Left Side: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Right Side: In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

Left Side: The sea is His, for He made it,

Right Side: and His hands formed the dry land.

Left Side: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Right Side: for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

BELLS “Give Thanks”

**HYMN LBW #522
“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

Come, Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy name to
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness
 4 To thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es

sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy
 bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, Now rule in
 be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess, And let thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

*Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
 Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796*

ITALIAN HYMN
 664 6664

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

P: Dear friends in Christ, as we enter the presence of our Lord and King, let us humble ourselves, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all of our sins.

All: Gracious Lord, with a contrite heart I approach Your throne, seeking and imploring Your grace. Look mercifully upon me, eternal Son of God, not because of any merit or worthiness of my own, but for the sake of Your life, passion, death and resurrection. By the power of Your most holy name, forgive my sins. By

the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew me and lead me into paths of faithful service. For Your name's sake. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: In the heart of our King is steadfast love and compassion. Christ knows your needs and loves you. He gave His very life for you upon the cross to forgive your sins. In the place of, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now praise Him, serve Him, love and obey Him.

C: So shall it be! Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:4-6
(Isaiah calls us to lift up our hearts and take hope in the righteous salvation of our God.)

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

PSALM (Read responsively) Psalm 93
(The Lord is enthroned in the heavens with majesty and glory. He is mightier than all that would assail us. His words are trustworthy and true.)

¹The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

4Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

CHOIR “Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving”

SECOND READINGRevelation 1:4b-8
(St. John writes of the coming day when our Lord Jesus returns, and the hope that Christ’s return gives each believer.)

^{4b}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, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ALLELUIAp. 62

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGMark 13:24-37

(No one knows the day of our Lord's return, yet our King is coming soon. We wait with hope and anticipation for God's word and promise to us never will pass away.)

²⁴{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But 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 rooster 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Paul Krueger

“Get Ready! The King is Coming” – Mark 13:24-37

APOSTLES' CREED.....p. 65

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN LBW #170

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 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 burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

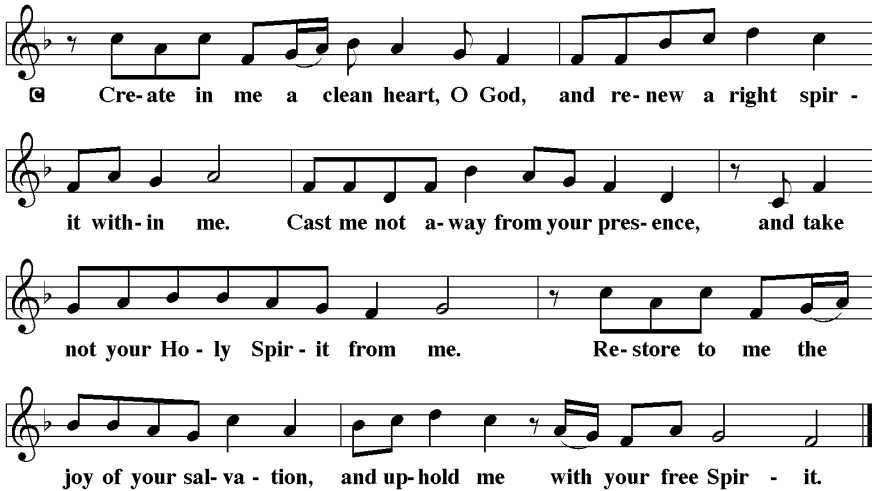
6 Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DIADEMATATA
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OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORYp. 75



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Teach us to number our days,

C: So that we might gain a heart of wisdom.

P: Heavenly Father, strengthen us Your people to be continually watchful as we await the coming of our King. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your word tells us that a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. We thank You that in Your patience and mercy You continue to give us time to prepare for Your coming.

C: Remind us to number our days.

P: Enable us to use the time and opportunities available to grow in our faith and love for our King. *(We pray silently)* Give us wisdom to use the time for opportunities to worship and praise You. *(We pray silently)*

Grant us grace that we may use the time for opportunities for repentance and a changed lifestyle, reflecting Your love. *(We pray silently)*

We pray for faithfulness that we may use the time for opportunities for service to our neighbor and those in need. *(Silence)*

P: Lord, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth.

C: Help us to celebrate Your presence and rejoice in Your mercy as we wait for our coming King.

(Special Prayers...)

P: Into Your hands, our King and Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our King.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYERp. 76

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: And now, may Christ himself strengthen and preserve us in the one true faith, that we may indeed be counted worthy of our calling!

C: And through the power of God at work in us by His Holy Spirit, may we fulfill every good purpose that He has given us.

P: May the name of our Lord Jesus be glorified in us and in the whole church on earth, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who by love and grace, have given us the Kingdom now and forever, Amen and Amen!

HYMN LBW #530

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ners

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
 Honors peculiar to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for fellowship/coffee hour following worship.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Paul Krueger
USHERS/GREETERS Mike & Sharon Nelson
ACOLYTES Jaxon Solomonson & Bodie Winter
READER Adley Sheldon
ORGANIST LeAnn Richard
ALTAR GUILD..... Theresa Petersen
FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR Wes & Pat Sick
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Randy & Gwen Hall
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OFFICE HOURS: T-T-F 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 - 3:30

W – 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

ORGANISTS: Theresa Petersen and LeAnn Richard

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Randy Hall

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gwen Hall

CUSTODIAN: Jeff Schmidt

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Today we celebrate Christ the King, who declared to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world” (john 18:36). May we be open to his countercultural rule. Welcome to worship.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, November 17th, Attendance – 146

Online Viewing – Not available at this time

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,821.00

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests:

Prayers of Christian Sympathy:

Long Term prayer requests:

Members: Alton Krebsbach, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

This month we pray for:

Members: Bob Weisgarber, Joan Zimmerman, Emily Scheresky

Friends & Family:

This Quarter we pray for:

Members and Nonmembers: Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson), Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**
SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed
SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard
SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**
SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
Emily Johnson – Air Force
Bryar Anderson – Marines
1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard
Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force
Hunter Feigum – National Guard
Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard
Adam Walsvik – National Guard
SGT Tom Heidelberg – Army
2LT Tony Heidelberg – Air Force

Notice of Prayer List Policy

We have a monthly/quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

Large Print Bulletins

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Claudette Ness in memory of Clark Ness.

Jean Sunday

Today is Jean Sunday. If you wore jeans to church today, consider donating \$1 or more to FLY to help with expenses for activities throughout the year. Even if you didn't wear jeans, you are still welcome to donate. A jean's can is on the bulletin table for your donation.

Architectural Expansion Committee

The Architectural Expansion Committee will be meeting today following the worship service.

Office Hours

Jeannette will be in the office this week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She will be out on Thursday and Friday.

Super Sunday Supper Thanksgiving Meal

Super Sunday Supper will be serving a Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings this Thursday, November 28th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm here at First Lutheran Church. ***Call Judy at 701-220-4410 no later than Monday, November 25th, for: Meal Delivery or takeout (ready by noon) and In-House Reservations - Required (1-3 pm).*** A signup sheet is also in the narthex.

Choir

Choir will practice this Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us this Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve worship.

Education Committee

The Education Committee will meet next Sunday, December 1st, after Sunday School.

Raising Hope Ministry

Raising Hope Ministry will meet on Sunday, December 1st, at 2:00 pm. Please join Kellie for a time of serving families who have experienced infant and pregnancy loss. When parents lose a child/baby, their arms are empty, and Kellie would like to provide a little extra comfort for them. It is open for anyone who is looking to volunteer their time and hands. It is the goal to make 3 to 4 blankets to have on hand for local families. Thank you for your loving support and prayers.

FLCW Advent Breakfast

Join us for the FLCW Advent Breakfast titled "The Twelve Days of Christmas" on Saturday, December 7th, at 9:30 am. Women of all ages are welcome. Bring a friend.

Confirmation Meals

We are still looking for people to serve confirmation meals on **December 11th, January 8th and 22nd, and February 12th and 19th. Contact the church office at flc@westriv.com or **Melissa Rothe at fly@westriv.com to sign up for one of the meals!** The kids (and adults) enjoy the meals and talking with the various servers! Thank you to everyone who has already served this year!**

Poinsettias

It's that time of year again to decorate the church with Poinsettias. First Lutheran has purchased 30 poinsettias from Frontier Floral to decorate our poinsettia tree at a cost of \$18.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out a form that is in the narthex or your December newsletter. Bring the form and \$18.00 for each to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, December 19th. You are also welcome to purchase your own some other place, fill out a form and bring it to the church office by December 19th.

Connections Magazine

The November/December issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy today to read updates on LCMC, NALC and other interesting articles.

Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer

The December/January/February issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the October - December 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Washburn School is looking for families that would like to host students on storm days when they can't make it home from school. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact Megan Leingang at the school 701-462-3221.
- ⇒ Washburn Baptist Church invites you to their **Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea** on December 8th at 5:00 pm. Title is "Fill My Cup, Lord". Music by Brittany Lasher Price from Center. A light meal will be served. There is no cost, tickets or fees. Just come and enjoy the music and decorations of the season. A freewill offering will be taken and regifted to programs in our community.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Fireside Bible Study
		Architectural Expansion Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting
MON.		Deadline for Thanksgiving Meal Reservations
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	7:00 PM	Choir
WED.	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
THURS.		Have a Blessed Thanksgiving
	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Thanksgiving Meal served by Super Sunday Supper
SUN.	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Holy Baptism
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Fireside Bible Study
	11:45 AM	Education committee Meeting
	2:00 PM	Raising Hope Ministry
7:00 PM	AA Meeting	
	Al-Anon Meeting	

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Christ the King (Proper 29) – November 24, 2024

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come...”

–Revelation 1:4a–

When Luther writes his first introduction to the book of Revelation in 1522, he is apprehensive to consider it among as an apostolic book. Indeed, most Christians who read the book approach it with trepidation and regularly come away from it perplexed. However, several years later (1530), his tune had changed and with a lengthier preface asserts that Christians can profit from it in terms of comfort and warning, law and gospel (Luther’s Works 35, 407). In Revelation we are shown how, in the midst of monstrous attacks of the evil one in the world, Christ is not only with us in the battle against the tyrants of sin, death, the devil, wrath, and the law, but that he has the final victory. The author seems to want, from the outset of the greeting of his letter, to demonstrate that this is ultimately a book about Christ and his cross. Specifically, in what way a crucified God does what no temporary earthly ruler ever has: he establishes a new kingdom of grace and peace. Christ establishes this new kingdom, not through earthly politics, a voting populous, military might, or even the spread of democracy in the world. Rather Christ establishes his kingdom, the new Jerusalem, heaven itself, in that he has “freed us from our sins by his blood” (verse 5). While earthly freedom paves the way for human progress, leading more and more into the arena where we engage in activities our hearts desire, Christ arrives to snatch us out of our idolatry and bring us into true freedom: freedom from sin and death that follows.

“Grace to you and peace,” is a new, apostolic greeting among the New Testament letters. Grace and peace are like Siamese twins: grace is the forgiveness of sins on account of Christ’s blood and peace is the joy of the quieted conscience that follows. There is no forgiveness apart from grace and without grace there is no peace for the troubled conscience. Because Christ alone issues this grace that brings the peace which passes understanding, he is the ruler over all kings of earth.

From time to time, the world can bring peace in a limited fashion: peace to property and community, to lands, and to the body. In this way there is an outward appearance of peace. But when terror strikes the depths of the soul and we forget or even despair of the promises of God to us, the limited peace the world brings is not enough. The peace of the land still does not forgive and release us from our sins. Only the blood of Christ can accomplish that sort of peace. When the word of grace comes to you, “I love you. You are forgiven on account of Christ’s cross,” then we are at peace, faith is strong, and we shall bear both suffering and the cross for Christ has overcome them for your sake.