***Introit (Psalm 39)***

P: We look-forward to a new heaven and a new earth.

C: That will be the home of righteousness.

P: Lord, show me the end of my life. Teach me to count my days.

C: Then I will know my life is short.

P: You made my days very few.

C: You see all my years are short.

P: Lord, what do I look-for?

C: My hope is in You.

P: Save me from all my sins.

C: Don’t let foolish people mock me.

P: O Lord, attend my prayer. Answer my cry for help.

C: Don’t ignore my crying.

**All: Glory give to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the same as it was in the beginning, is now, and will continue forever. Amen.**

***Prayer for God’s Word***

P: Lord Jesus Christ, make Your Holy Spirit reign our hearts and minds. Then we will always remember You will come again in glory, and we will continue strong in faith and holy life. Jesus, You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (copy) Amen.

*There are two sets of lessons for today. The first set can be used for the Last Sunday of the Church Year. The second set can be used for Christ the King Sunday.*

*Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year*

The Old Testament lesson is from Isaiah chapter 51.

 My people, attend to Me. My nation, listen to Me. I make the Laws, and My judgment is same-as a light for the nations. My righteousness comes near you. My salvation goes-out to all people. I will judge the nations. The far-away countries have hope in Me and they wait for Me to save them.

 Watch the sky and watch the earth. The sky will disappear the same-as smoke, and the earth will become old and dissolve. The people on earth will become old and die. But My salvation will never change and My righteousness will never stop.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Jude verses 20-25.

 But dear friends, make yourselves strong in faith. Pray with the Holy Spirit. Stay in God’s love. Wait for the Lord Jesus Christ with His mercy to give you life forever. For people doubting, show mercy to them. Save other people from the fire. Show mercy to people, but also be-careful. Be afraid of their sins and also hate their clothes dirty with sin.

 God is strong and He can protect you from falling. He can bring you to heaven, forgiving all your sins, and give you great happiness. The Lord is the only God. He is our Savior. Give Him glory, honor, power, and all authority through Jesus Christ our Lord for all time in the past, now and forever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from Mark chapter 13.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 During the days after that terrible trouble, the sun will become dark, and the moon will stop shining. The stars will fall from the sky and the things in the sky will shake. Then people will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And He will send angels to get His people from the North, South, East, and West from all over the world.

 Learn this lesson from the FIG tree. When the branches become green and begin growing leaves, then you know summer is soon. The same, when you see those things happen, then you know He will come very soon.

 I tell you the truth. This generation will not all die until all these things happen. The skies and earth will dissolve-away, but My words will never dissolve-away.

 No person knows the day or time He will come. The angels in heaven don’t-know, the Son of God doesn’t-know. Only the Father knows.

 Be-careful! Always be-ready! You don’t-know when that time will happen. That is same-as a man going on a trip and leaving his house. He tells the servants to take-care of the house. The man gives each servant work to do. One servant guards the door. The man tells the servant to always be-ready and watch.

 You must always be-ready and watch. You don’t-know the time the house owner (Jesus) will come again. Maybe He will come in the afternoon, or midnight, at sunrise, or in the morning. Maybe He will come quickly. Stay awake and ready, or He will find you sleeping. I tell you and I tell every person: “Be-ready and watch!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.

*Readings for Christ the King Sunday*

The Old Testament lesson is from Daniel chapter 7.

 While I watched, thrones were set-up. The eternal God sat on His throne. His clothing was white the same-as snow. His hair was white the same-as wool. His throne was fire, and the wheels on His throne were fire. His throne shined powerful fire all-around.

 Millions and millions of people served Him. Many millions of people stood in-front-of Him. The judgment began and books were opened.

 In my visions at night, I saw this. Look, a Son of Man came with the clouds in heaven. The Son of Man went to the eternal God and stood in-front-of God. God gave the Son of Man reigning and glory and a kingdom. Then all people, nations, languages should serve Him. The Son of Man will reign forever. His reign will never end. No one can destroy His kingdom.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The New Testament lesson is from Revelation chapter 1.

 John wrote to the seven churches in ASIA.

 Grace and peace to you, from God who lives past, now, and coming in the future. And from the seven spirits in-front-of His throne. And from Jesus Christ. Jesus is the faithful witness, the first person to rise alive from the dead, and He reigns over all kings on earth.

 Jesus loves us and His blood made us free from sin, and He made us a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father. To Jesus give all glory and reigning forever. Amen.

 Look, Jesus is coming on the clouds. Everyone will see Him. Also the people who crucified Jesus, they will see Him. All people on earth will cry because of Jesus. That will happen. Amen.

 The Lord God says, “I am the A and the Z. I am now, I was eternal past, and I will come. I am the Almighty God.”

This is the word of the Lord.

C: (copy) Thanks give to God.

The Gospel lesson is from John chapter 18.

C: (copy) Glory to You, O Lord.

 PONTIUS PILATE went into his headquarters again and he told the soldiers to bring Jesus. PILATE asked Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

 Jesus said, “You want to know that? Or you ask because other people told you I am King?”

 PILATE said, “I am not a Jew! Your own people and the chief priests brought You here. What did You do?”

 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not from this world. If My kingdom belonged to this world, then My servants will fight to protect Me from the Jews. But My kingdom is not from this world.”

 PILATE asked, “Then You are a king?”

 Jesus answered, “Yes, you say I am King. This is why I was born. This is why I came into the world, to witness about the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth will attend to what I say.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (copy) Praise to You, O Christ.