



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
CHRIST THE KING — YEAR C**

INVOCATION

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

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 98

**A: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**

L: The LORD has made his salvation known

**G: and revealed his righteousness to the
nations.**

L: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;

**G: all the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.**

L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

G: burst into jubilant song with music;

L: make music to the LORD with the harp,

G: with the harp and the sound of singing.

L: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**G: He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

**A: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and
the Last, the Beginning and the End.
(Revelation 22:13)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Last Sunday of End Time—Christ the King:

The Church Year ends with the lasting song of triumph for Christ our King. The promise is sure: We will live with him in his kingdom, rejoicing in his goodness and resting in his eternal peace.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

Hardly a vision of triumph as the King of the Jews hangs from the cross. Taunted, jeered, and battered, the King of kings offers his life for the very ones that have so abused him and made such sacrifice necessary. Even in the midst of suffering for the sins of the world, the promise comes to the repentant heart that longs to be remembered in his kingdom: "...you will be with me in paradise." See our king: suffering, dying, forgiving, redeeming.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:2-6

Imagine a king who cares about a sheep. A king may care about vast herds of sheep, shorn for the purpose of raising wealth. But this, our Shepherd-King, loves each of his sheep to the point of calling us by name. This Shepherd-King will come to bring us to safe pastures. There we will live with him in his kingdom of peace and righteousness.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

Our Savior-King has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into his kingdom of light. John clarifies this in the opening chapter of his gospel. Even as the first rays of light burst forth in the opening moments of creation, so the light of Christ has dissipated the darkness of sin that enveloped his perfect world. The darkness neither understood what happened nor could it overpower the light. But those on whom that light shined stand "redeemed, restored, forgiven." (CW 388) Our Light, Our King reigns supreme.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 49:8-12

Could Jacob have known the full weight of his words? Did Judah see beyond himself and the generations of royalty who would come from him to the Lion of Judah? The royal line to follow would be scarred by idolatry and weakness. The throne of Judah would be toppled and its kings punished at the hands of Judah's enemies. But the rule of great David's greater Son will be marked by vengeance on his enemies, the eternal establishment of his rule, and unending prosperity. This is Jesus – our Lord, our Savior, our King.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?