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

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 45
A: Great are the works of the Lord.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Great are the works of the Lord.
L: My heart is stirred by a noble theme
G: as I recite my verses for the King.
L: You are the most excellent of men,
G: and your lips have been anointed with grace.
L: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;
G: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
L: In your majesty ride forth victoriously;
G: let your right hand display awesome deeds.
L: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
G: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
L: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
G: therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.
L: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
G: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.
A: Great are the works of the Lord.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Great are the works of the Lord.

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
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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

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READING AND MEDITATION:

Last Sunday of End Time—Christ the King:
Never could there be a king like Christ, our king. Beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and in eternity. Incomparably great therefore is also our joy in worshiping him even now as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.

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: JOHN 18:33-37
As the king is like none other, so his kingdom is also like none other. Ruled over by a king who even now appears so lowly and powerless, the kingdom is concerned with what is important to the king. And what is that? The truth! For it is by truth of the gospel, not the power of this world and its rulers, that he saves. Unconcerned with his appearance of impotence and unconcerned as well with our own appearance in weakness, we press forward to hear the truth, to hold to it, to share it and to die in its possession for life eternal.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 1:4B-8
Of all the magnificent ways in which Christ could have shown his glory, he picked this one: to redeem us by his suffering and death that we should live with him for all eternity! All by itself that defines the nature of grace. How we long to see him as he is, to perfectly worship him whose greatest triumph was the cross for us and for our salvation! Some day we shall; for he has promised it, he who is our King, the center of all that can be spoken that is true and good, the ruler of time and eternity.

My takeaways:

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