



## *Pastor Hanke's Blog*

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### A King for All People

Bible Reference: Matthew 25:31-46

Friday night we had one of our weekend family movie nights. These include a snack of popcorn and M&Ms, a secret passed down from my father, and one that holds great memories of him & I going to the movies. I used to be more of a movie guy, but these days I do a better job of keeping up with kids movies. Disney has remade some of their animated classics into live productions. It has been impressive to see the similarities and the differences between the two. Getting animals to talk had to be really tough. The Lion King was a cool film and it got me thinking about kings. It portrays the typical “good king/bad king” concept that we are all familiar with, but begs the question, Can there truly be a king for all people?

These days kings are not a part of our reality, but leadership is, as the impeachment hearings happening now bring out many different feelings about our country’s current leadership. I also saw on Facebook someone concerned about businesses leaving Brentwood. They are afraid that Brentwood Bound and the tax increase is limiting which business can stay. I will admit, Sonic’s happy hour was a fun random afternoon activity for our family, but I don’t know that taxes are why they left. Honestly, I knew the leadership of Brentwood and trusted those that put Brentwood Bound in place, and I wanted to run to their defense. Yet, I must consider this truth—no human king/leader can truly meet the needs of all people. This is a harsh reality for any leader, but especially pastors.

This coming Sunday is special because it is Christ the King Sunday. On Christ the King Sunday we celebrate the one King who was man and God who *could* meet the needs of all people. The reading in Matthew speaks to the truth of how Jesus sends His people out to share that message with the world, and some hear it, but others reject it. It will be a great worship as we close down the church year and celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the one King truly there for all people! Hope you will join us!

*God's Peace,*

*Pastor Will*