Christ the King Sunday

November 22nd, 2026

Service Music: ELW, Setting 8 (ELW, page 184)
Year A, Christ the King Sunday (ELW, page 52)



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – 8:55 a.m.

PRELUDE

The assembly stands at the invitation of the presiding minister and faces the processional cross.

Christ the King Litany

P: In this time and in this place, we declare in the presence of God and one another!

C: Christ is King and there is no other!

P: Above all rulers and governments in every land, we declare with the whole Church!

C: Christ is King and there is no other!

P: We praise the One whose reign is eternal, we declare for all who will hear!

C: Christ is King and there is no other!

P: We honor the One who loves us and freed us and now sits at the right hand of the Father!

C: Christ is King and there is no other!

P: We listen to the voice of the One who came into the world to testify to the truth. We declare with all people in every time and place!

C: Christ is King and there is no other!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 434 *Jesus Shall Reign*



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

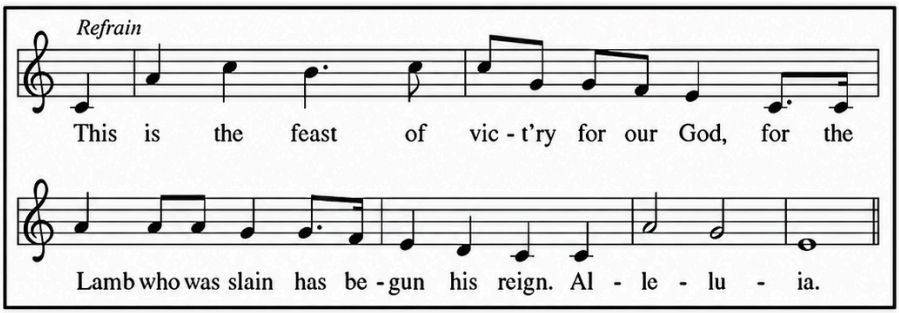
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. **C: We give you thanks, O God.**

P: By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. **C: We praise you, O God.**

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Setting 8, Page 187 (not hymn number)





GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all
the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed
them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I
will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with
flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they
shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he
shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

[24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.
A: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 95:1-7a *(read responsively)*



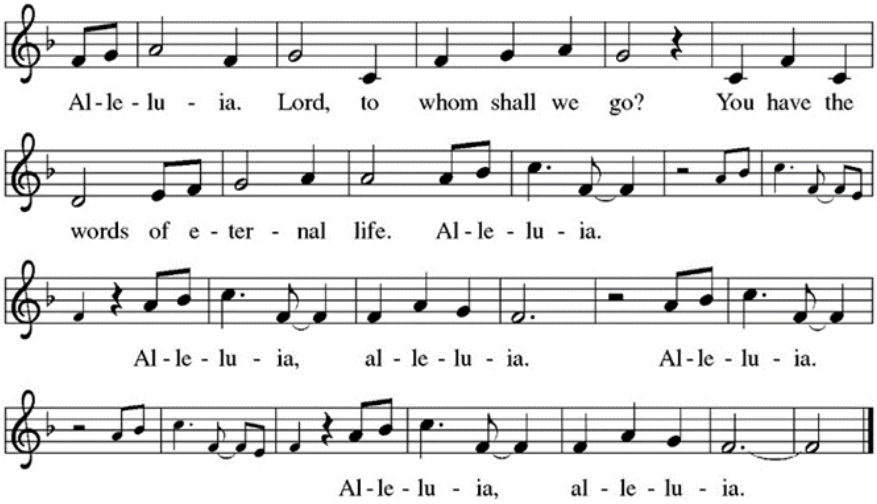
[1] Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours. [R]
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **[R]**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
A: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Matthew 25:31-46**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate

people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

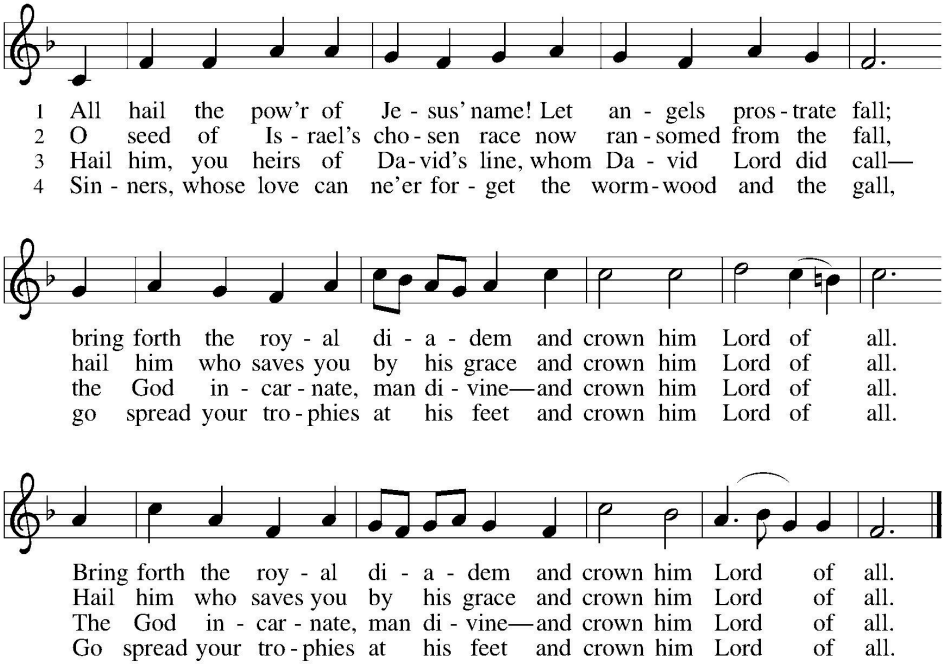
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

NICENE CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose
Again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
Dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

TEMPLE TALK

Maddie Schmidt

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. Keep safe those whose duty it is to protect others, especially, **Anthony, Chris, Eli, Nathan, and Tyler.**
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need in our congregation. We also pray for friends and family of our congregation.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

**See page 27 for members of our congregation and friends and family of our congregation.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.

Special Music: Choir

Peace be to this House
Carl Strommen

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

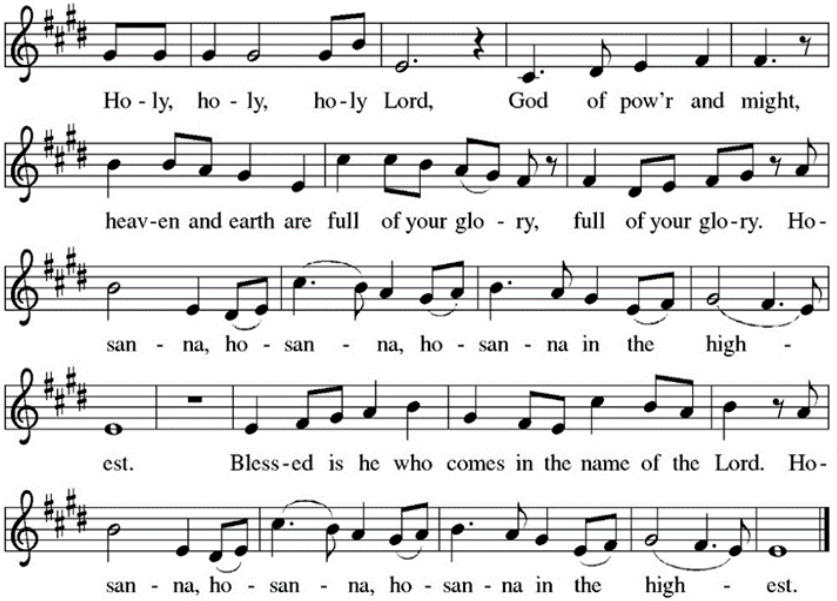
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 465 As the Grains of Wheat



GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our King who entered death, rose victoriously, and, having completed his work, is now seated at Your right hand. And so, with Clement and Miguel, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C: Amen.

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

P: O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

P: O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

P: O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

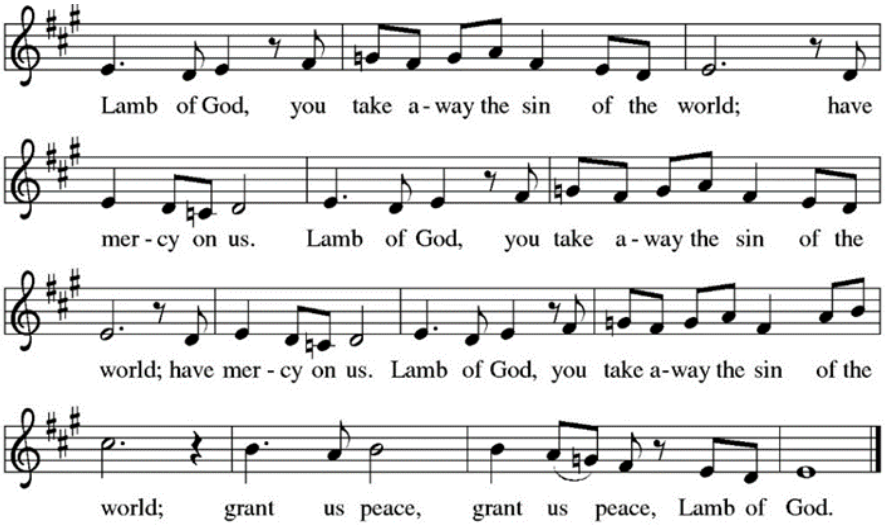
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

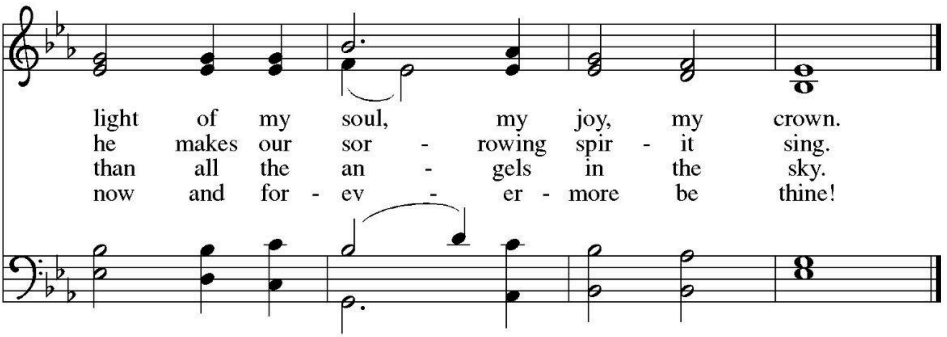
Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God

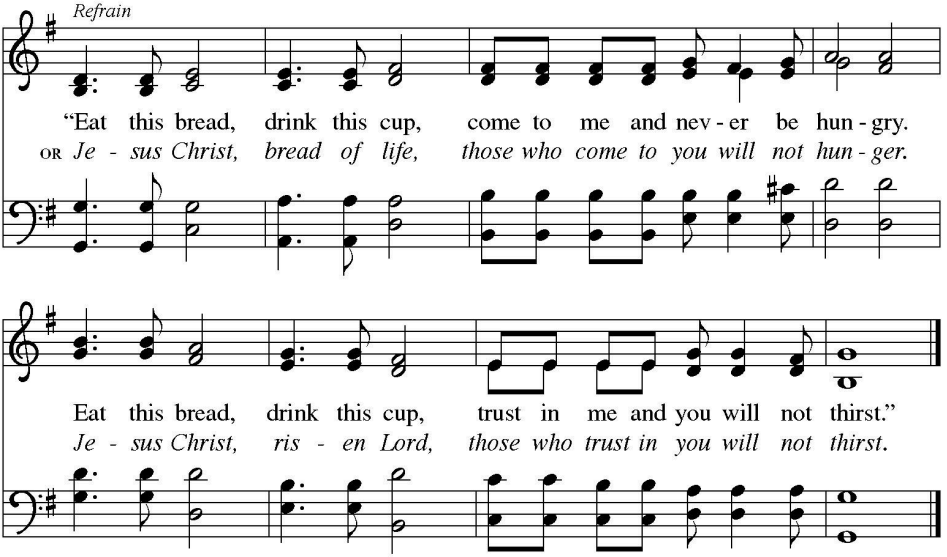


COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 838 *Beautiful Savior*





COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 472 *Eat this Bread* *(sing 3 times)*



The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen

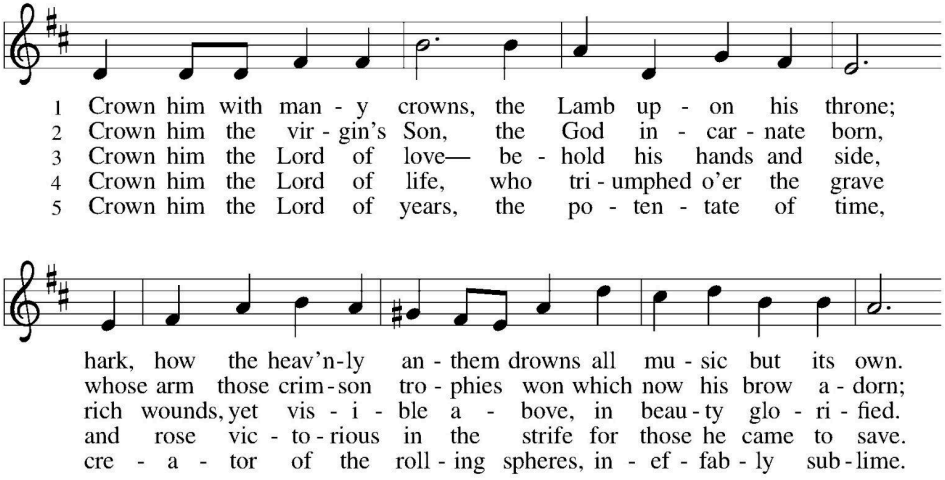
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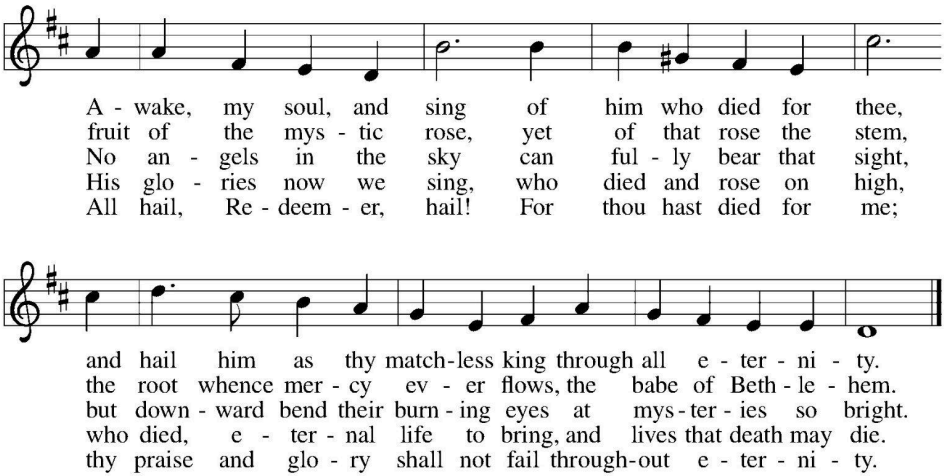
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: **ELW 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns***





P: Go in peace. Encourage one another!
C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/24 6:00 p.m. Pie Fest & Thanksgiving Service! Sign-up sheet and additional information located in the Connections Corner of the Narthex.

11/28 9:00-11:00 a.m. Women's Retreat: Preparing for Advent - Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Kim Hewlett by text or email at (856) 296-1023; kimhewlett18@gmail.com for questions or more info!

12/9 Bonfire Church - For anyone in the 2nd Quarter of life. Meet at Devils Glenn Park, Bettendorf. Contact the church office for details at (563) 355-4161.

12/12 Annual Nativity: A Night in Bethlehem - There is a pink binder in the Narthex to sign up to volunteer for our annual Nativity. We are also looking for some cardboard boxes to use for decorations - if you have any, please drop them off to the church office!

Christmas Eve Worship Assistants: There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wanting to serve at our Christmas Eve services. There will be a 4PM family service and an 11PM traditional service and all spots are currently available.

Christmas Poinsettias - Poinsettias are available to order today through Sunday, November 29th! See insert for more details.

Attendance last week:
Saturday: 18 Sunday: 63 YouTube: 9 Total: 90

Year to Date Financial Summary:
Contributions: $174,940.94 Spending: $173,977.34 Balance: $963.60

Birthdays this week: 11/23 Yvonne Nichols 11/27 Heather Malli

Anniversaries this week: 11/22 Zach & Kathy Melby

Flowers this week: The flowers today are given by Shirley Richlen for her birthday.

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!
YouTube Link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjnqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

Worship Assistants

November 22	**9:00 AM Worship (*Christ the King*)**
Presider	Vicar Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Assisting Minister	Shirley Richlen
Reader	Judie Brooks
Acolyte	Jude Hewlett
Organist	Linda Gross
Ushers	Fritz Voss & Judy Larson
Altar Guild	Pat Larson

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, **Bev** Chappen, **Sandy** Henry,
Frieda Houldsworth, **Jeryl** Krumbholz,
LaVonne Mienke, **Shirley** Niewald, **Kaylee** Pessein

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), **Annette & Rick** (Steve & Sue Miller & Pat Sorenson's sister & brother-in-law), **Brenda** (Friend of Janene Anderson), **Carol** (friend of Joleen Bakken), **Darryl** (friend of Deb Crooks), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Elliot** (Gary and Eunice Grell's great grandson), **Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister), **Heather** (Jason Forari's Sister-in-Law), **Jack** (family of Martens/Schmidts), **Jane** (friend of Deb Crooks), **Jason** (Sherry Germanio's son), **Jim** (Pat Larson's nephew), **John** (Pat Larson's brother), **Karen** (Shirley's Aunt), **Larry** (family of Doug Larson), **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari), **Pat** (Judy Larson's Sister-in-Law), **Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), **Stacy** (Fritz' son's cousin), **Steve** (friend of Sue Miller),
Wally (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
LCDR Chris Tribble USN (Erik & Joleen Bakken's friend).
CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

November / December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM Worship 11AM Dixon service *Christ the King Sunday*		6PM Pie Fest 7PM Thanksgiving Service *No Quilting*	6-8PM Food Pantry	Food Pantry Closed *Office Closed Thanksgiving*		9-11AM Women's Retreat at St. James 5PM Worship
29	30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5
9AM Worship			6-8PM Food Pantry 6PM Choir Practice	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Worship
12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12
9AM Worship 12PM Confirmation at Zion Lutheran	.	4:30PM Property Mtg.	6PM Bonfire Church 6-8PM Food Pantry	9AM Finance Mtg. 9-11AM Food Pantry		8AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:30PM Annual Nativity
12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19
9AM Worship 10AM Coffee & Convo		1PM Sarah Circle	6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry		