



**HOLY COMMUNION
NOVEMBER 26, 2023
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

The Lord Jesus was not wealthy or famous. He did not promise his followers that they would possess riches, power, or prestige. He was named a king only in his death. He reigned from the cross, leaving his disciples the treasure of his body and blood. Today we gather at the table of Christ, our merciful and loving ruler. We wear the crown of baptism and trace his royal sign--the holy cross--over our brows and bodies. We leave here strengthened to serve those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, and imprisoned. We look for the day when all earth's people will see him coming with the scepter of peace and the crown of justice.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 100 (congregation: *indented*)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He Who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Please rise.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "We Have Come into This House"

(Maj # 64 favorite - Bruce Ballinger)



1 We have come in - to this house and gath - ered in his name to
2 So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on him and
3 Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy his name and



wor - ship him. We have come in - to this house and
wor - ship him. So for - get a - bout your - self and
wor - ship him. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and



gath - ered in his name to wor - ship him. We have
con - cen - trate on him and wor - ship him. So for -
mag - ni - fy his name and wor - ship him. Let us



come in - to this house and gath - ered in his name to
get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on him and
lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy his name and



wor - ship Christ, the Lord; wor - ship him, Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: AMEN.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS SBH pages 15-16

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is for the Minister and Congregation. The lyrics are: "Our help is in the Name of the Lord. R/. Who made heaven and earth." The second system is also for the Minister and Congregation. The lyrics are: "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. R/. And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He gives power to become the sons of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: AMEN.

SMALL CATECHISM READING *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part V. Confession:*

L: What is the Office of the Keys?*

C: The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

L: Where is this written?*

C: This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

L: What do you believe according to these words?*

C: I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

**This question may not have been composed by Luther himself but reflects his teaching and was included in editions of the catechism during his lifetime.*

THE GREETING page 252

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.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE "The King Shall Come"

(SBH #10 - Text: John Brownlie; Tune: Richard Farrant)

In moderate time

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks;
 2. Not as of old, a lit - tle child, To bear, and fight, and die;
 When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy, a - wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. A-men.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns, 4 And let the endless bliss begin,
 And earth's dark night is past; By weary saints foretold,
 O haste the rising of that morn, When right shall triumph over wrong,
 The day that aye shall last; And truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns,
 And light and beauty brings:
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
 Come quickly, King of kings. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(Please sit.)

CHILDREN'S CHAT Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGEzekiel 34:11-24.....Pg. 1341

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Ephesians 1:15-23.....Pg. 1818

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“All Hail King Jesus!” (FC - favorite - Dave Moody)

All hail King Je - sus! All hail Em - man - u - el,
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morn - ing Star.
Through out all e - ter - ni - ty, I'm going to pra - ise him.
And for - ev - er - more I will reign with him.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 25:31-46.....Pg. 1542

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

SERMON *(Please sit.)* “The King is Coming”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)* “The King is Coming”

(Maj # 280 - favorite - William & Gloria Gaither, Charles Millhuff)

1 The mar - ket place is emp - ty, No more traf - fic in the streets, All the
2 Hap - py fac - es line the hall - ways, Those whose lives have been redeemed, Broken
3 I can hear the char - iots rum - ble, I can see the march - ing throng, The
1 build - ers' tools are si - lent, No more time to har - vest wheat; Bus - y
2 homes that He has mend - ed, Those from pris - on He has freed; Lit - tle
3 flur - ry of God's trum - pets Spells the end of sin and wrong; Re - gal

1 house - wives cease their la - bors, In the court-room no de - bate, Work on
2 chil - dren and the a - ged Hand in hand stand all a - glow, Who were
3 robes are now un - fold - ing, Heav - en's grand - stand's all in place, Heav - en's

1 earth is all sus - pend - ed As the King comes thro' the gate.
2 crip - pled, bro - ken, ru - ined, Clad in gar - ments white as snow.
3 choir now as - sem - bled, Start to sing "A - maz - ing Grace!"

O the King is com - ing, the King is

com - ing! I just heard the trum - pets sound - ing, And

now His face I see; O the King is com - ing, the

King is com - ing! Praise God, He's com - ing for me!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy; C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

THE THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*pages 29-31

Organ *Minister* *Congregation.*



The Lord be with you. R̄. And with thy spir - it.

Minister




Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



R̄. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Minister



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.

Congregation



R̄. It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

COMMUNION HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
(ELW # 855, different verses - favorite)

DIADEMATA SMD

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 3 Crown him the Lord of Heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove,
 hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
 A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 Crown Him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore Him fall;
 and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 Crown Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for He is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1, Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 2, 3 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTIONpage 34

P: Holy art Thou, almighty and merciful God. Holy art Thou, and great is the majesty of Thy glory. Thou didst so love the world as to give thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life; Who, having come into the world to fulfill for us Thy holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Remembering, therefore, His salutary precept, His life-giving Passion and Death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of His coming again, we give thanks to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with Thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, Thy servants, and these Thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all Thy saints. And unto Thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Thy holy church, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(sung to the Albert Hay Malotte tune)*

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. AMEN.

THE PEACEpage 35

The peace of the Lord be with you al - way.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Unison

And with thy spir - it.

THE AGNUS DEIpage 37

Unison

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin
of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer -
cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est
a - way the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. A - men.

THE COMMUNION *(Please sit.)*

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We kneel or stand for communion by “tables.” People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. The blue-green wafers are gluten-free. Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. “O Savior, Precious Savior” (ELW # 820 - favorite)



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

2. “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

(ELW # 826 - Text: Herbert F. Brokering; Tune: Carl Schalk)



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

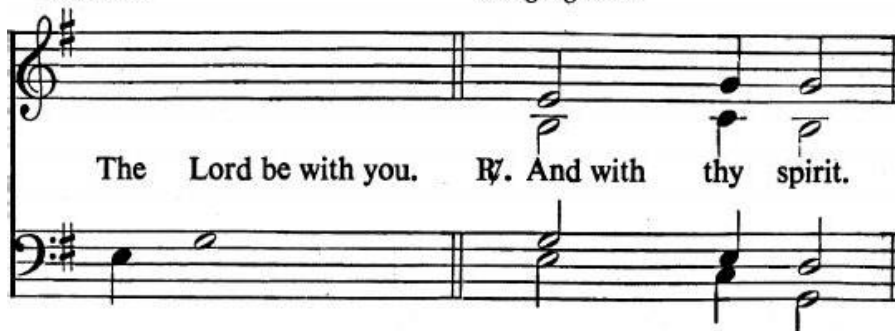
WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

PRAYER AND SALUTATION (*Please rise.*)pages 38-40

<i>Minister</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
<p>O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. R/. And his mercy endureth for ev - er.</p>	

L: Let us pray together: **C:** Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Your love, that by Your mercy You may make of one will those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

Minister *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. R/. And with thy spirit.

Minister *Congregation*

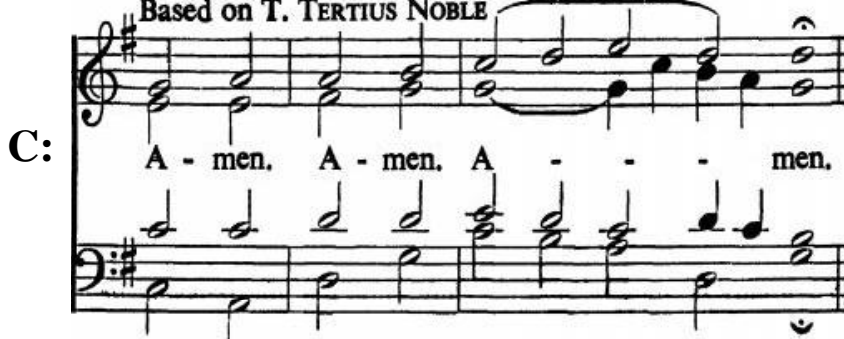


Bless we the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION AND THREE-FOLD AMEN page 40

P: The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Based on T. TERTIUS NOBLE



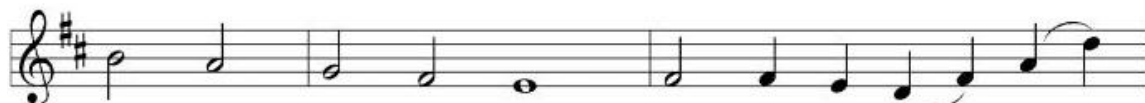
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

(ELW # 434 - favorite - Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: John Hatten)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (12:00 Noon)

If at all possible, please remain seated so the meeting can start as soon as possible. Copies of the agenda and budget will be distributed. Pastor David will quietly greet those who need to leave. Everyone is welcome to remain for the Potluck Luncheon following the meeting.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE (8:30)

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS (8:30)

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner
LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski
CRUCIFER: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer*
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
CHILDRENS CHAT: Ruthann Kistler
LECTOR: 8:30-Alyce Stein / 10:45-Jim Femister
USHER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
COMMUNION: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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