

**Sunday, November 26, 2023 - Christ the King Sunday**

*Enter to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.*

PRELUDE      Andante in D - Felix Mendelssohn  
Crown Him with Many Crowns - Sondra Tucker (2013 Concordia Publishing House)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Assembly responses are in **bold** print)

*The assembly stands*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

**HYMN 855      Crown Him with Many Crowns**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



# GLORY TO GOD

CHOIR



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: 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*

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

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P: The Word of the Lord      **C: Thanks be to God**

CHOIR      King of Glory      Elmer Iseler (1993 Gordon V Thompson Music)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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P: The Word of the Lord      **C: Thanks be to God**

*The assembly stands.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL : Matthew 25:31-46

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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

*The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

**HYMN 712      Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Carole Bergner, Wally Brandt, Julie Carlson, Sharon Cobb, Gary Doudna, Susan Fischer Raddatz, Mike Glowacki, Don Howard, Carl Jackson, Connie Kretzmann, Lisa Munao, Carena Reisen, Sandy Weckler**, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you ... (*silence for reflection*) Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation (especially). We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us (especially). Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - Jacob B. Weber (2014 Concordia Publishing House)







*The assembly stands.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

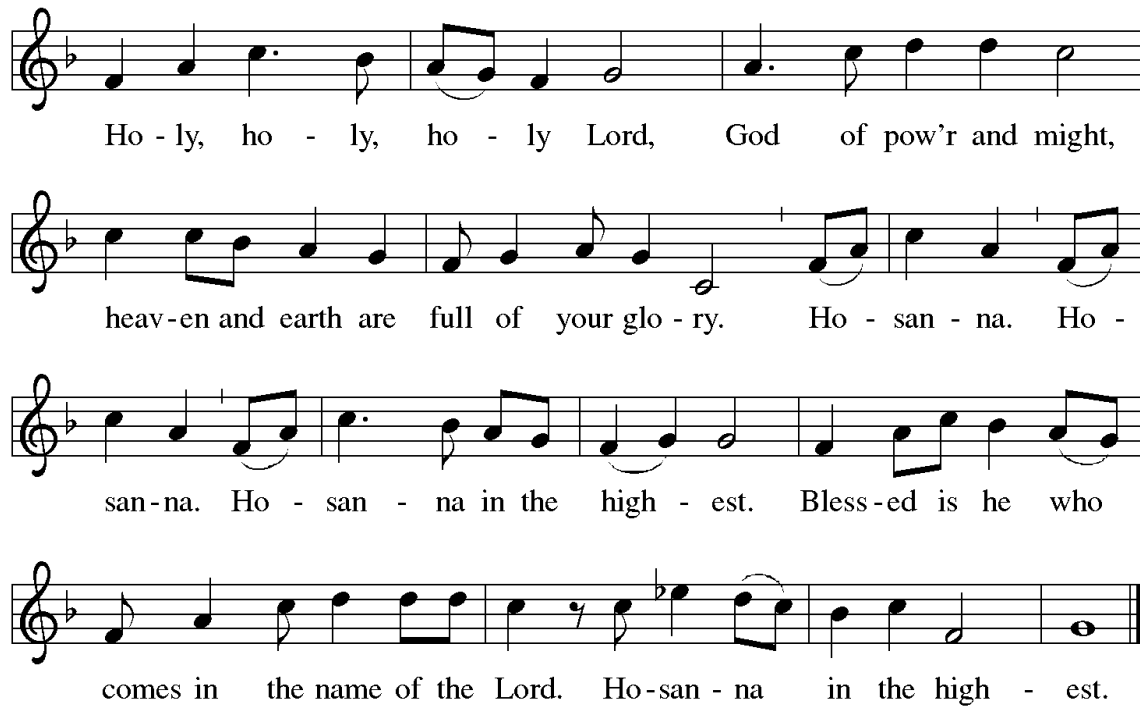
**Amen.**

COMMUNION DIALOG

PASTOR	ALL
	
	
	
	

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion  
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*About Communion: This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray. If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing.*



## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*The assembly is seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

### HYMN 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*The assembly stands.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the God of all creation,

in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved,

who strengthens us for service,

give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,

Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

**HYMN 883 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *Festival Voluntary* - Flor Peeters  
(1958 Oxford University Press)

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