God's Abundance Abundant Community

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY November 23, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.**

Please note that this service is livestreamed and you may be recorded on video

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Minor, Op. 5, No. 2 J. STANLEY (1712-1786)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

*WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

*CALL TO WORSHIP

CORONATION

As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rulers in our world rely on power and military might.

But you, O God, are a different kind of king.

Kingdoms of our world control people through fear.

But yours is a different kind of kingdom.

Kings demand blind obedience,

You ask us to faithfully follow you.

Christ, you are our different kind of King, enabling us to say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

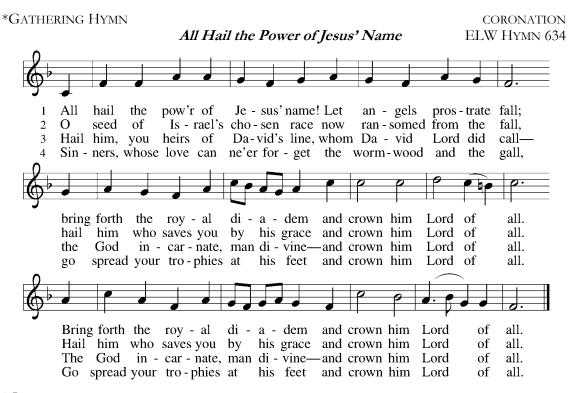
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

^{*} You are invited to stand.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



*Greeting

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

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our true life,

to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 97

The Lord Is King

R. COONEY

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses Let earth rejoice, the Lord God reigns. Exult, you shores; be glad, you plains. Justice serves as God's high throne, alleluia! **Refrain**

The skies proclaim that God is just. God's glory plain to all of us. Unseen spirits, join our song, alleluia! *Refrain*

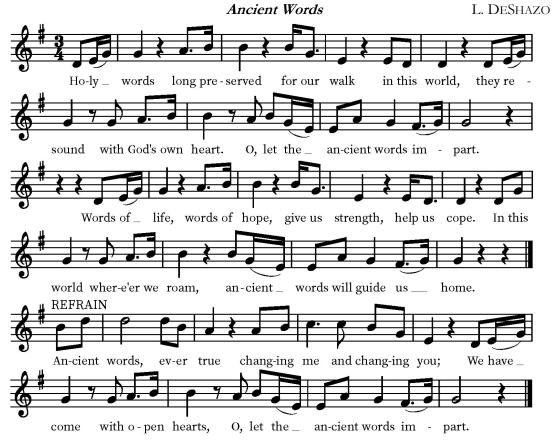
You alone bring hope to birth: greater you than all the earth. Far beyond all other gods, alleluia! *Refrain*

LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Ancient Words

See previous, refrain only

FIRST GLANCE Jeremy Kaetzel

SERMON Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth

and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Assisting Minister Allen Siverson

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to scan the QR codes located in the pews in front of you and leave an online offering or you can leave any tithe, offering or connection cards in the collection plates as they are passed around or any located near the exits.

ST. JOHN'S YEAR IN PICTURES & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Holy Ground

G. DAVIS

First time sung by Cantor. Congregation will stand and sing when cued.



*Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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:

*SANCTUS

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Blessing and Honor



- Bless ing and hon - or and glo ry and pow'r, wis dom and
- heav ens sound forth Je-sus' name; all the let all the Let
- Ev er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev er de -Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, he to the Lamb who our earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O cean and moun - tain, stream. _ scend-ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon or and robe and the harp and the palm; we the the sing song of



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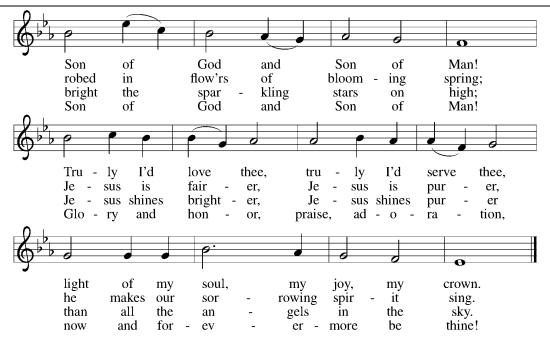
raise.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Beautiful Savior



- Beau ti ful Say - ior, King of cre tion,
- the mead - ows, Fair are fair the wood lands, are 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon light,
- 4 Beau ti ful Sav - ior, Lord of the tions, na



SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING

SUNG BENEDICTION

Praise God From Whom

L. MASON S. STANLEY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Paise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen.



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,

and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Grand Plein Jeu Continu

J. BOYVIN (1649-1706)

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Pastor Paul Baglyos

Preacher Pastor Jon Haug

Assisting Minister Allen Siverson

First Glance Jeremy Kaetzel

LectorMary RobinsonOrganDan Nguyen

Piano Steven Johnson

Cantors in Rotation Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer,

Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua

Choirs of St. John's

Altar Guild Anne Smith

Eucharistic Servers Lester Chew, Terry Battenberg

Greeters Mark Carlson, Ingrid Garland

Ushers Frank & Gail Graff-Blaha, David Byrd

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Thanksgiving Meal
 Wednesday, November 26th | 12-3 p.m. | The Gathering Place
 Prayers abound for the many hands and hearts who will bring the 28th annual free
 Community Thanksgiving Meal to life this week! Volunteer slots are full, but all are
 welcome to come enjoy a sit-down or to-go Thanksgiving meal.
- Advent Festival
 Sunday, November 30th | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place

 Advent is just around the corner to welcome in the season, we're hosting our annual Advent Festival! Come make your seasonal Yule Log, shop the Christmas market, make seasonal crafts, and welcome the Advent season!
- What Is Blue Christmas? Adult Education Class Sunday, December 7th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

dancing, Scandinavian cookies, and joy-filled festivities!

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All are invited to an Adult Education Class centered around Blue Christmas - a Sunday in part focused on grief and loss, with parts that are contemplative for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. This class will be led by Parish Nurse Suzi Taylor.

Santa Lucia Service & Festival
Sunday, December 14th | 4 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
The annual and beloved Santa Lucia Worship Service and Festival is just around the corner!
Following a breath-taking service featuring this year's High School Santa Lucia and her court, all are invited to walk to The Gathering Place for the Festival - complete with

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Stories of Abundant Community 10:15 a.m. Oehler Hall
 Concluding today, the adult education class will center around stories of abundant
 community welcoming a few St. John's congregants to share a story of God's abundance
 and abundant community in their lives. After listening to stories, folks will be invited to
 share their own in small groups!
- Grapeful Jelly for Sale | Sundays in November-December | 10:15 a.m. | Courtyard Grapeful Jelly is for sale! Sales will happen Sundays at 10:15am in the Courtyard from tomorrow through December 21st, \$5 a jar. Proceeds from jelly sales will directly benefit the St. John's Snack Stop! Not a jelly person? This year, there's an opportunity to purchase jelly for an individual in need. Purchase a jar of jelly and we'll pass it along to our partners at the Central Downtown Food Basket who give food to people in need throughout Sacramento.