

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
As you enter, you are invited into a time
to silently reflect and center for worship
Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook
each week. Welcome to all to view.

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 836** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

GREETING
P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R/ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

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.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

PSALM

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

Psalm 95:1-7a

[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.

[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

SECOND READING
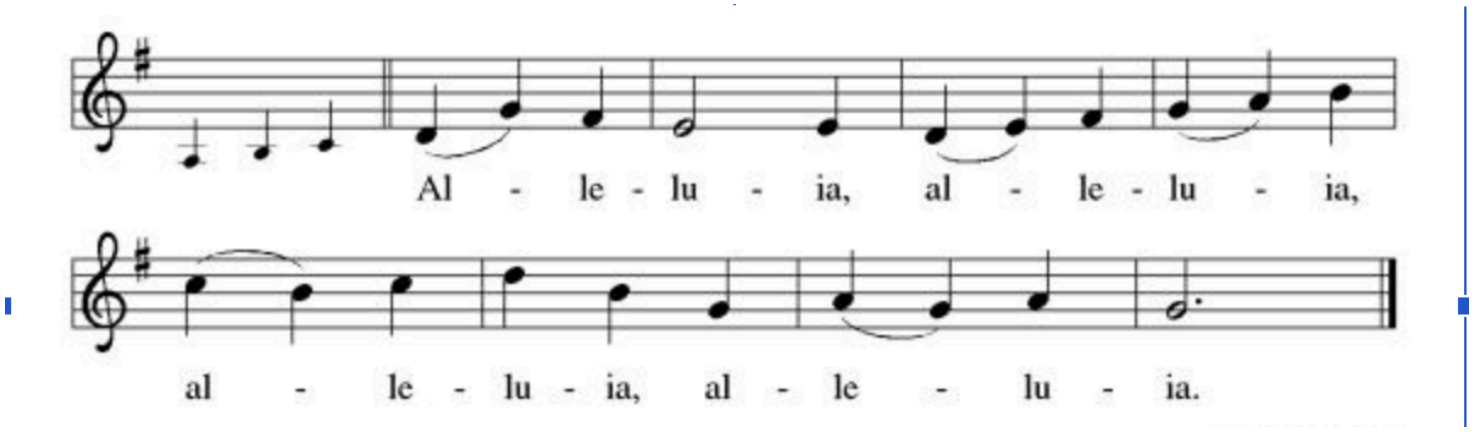
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102



GOSPEL

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Matthew 25:31-46

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter. **R/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 **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 834 "***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 736** *"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you; guide our minds; fill our imaginations and control our wills so that we may be wholly yours. Use us and all we possess for your good purposes, always to your glory and for the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

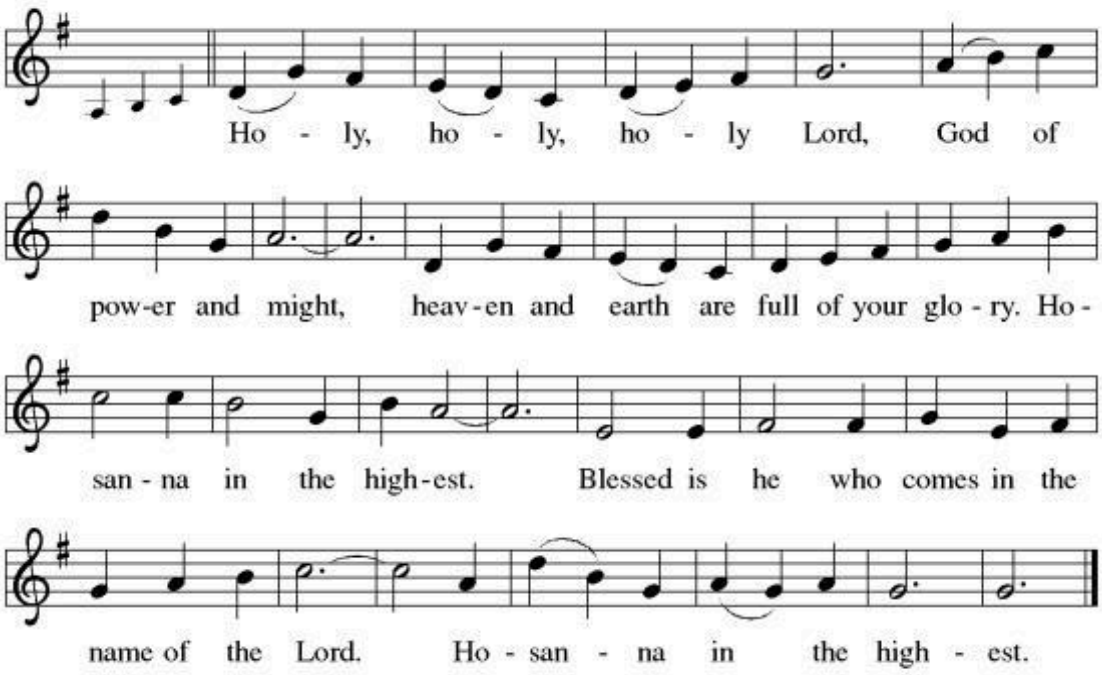
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/…… we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

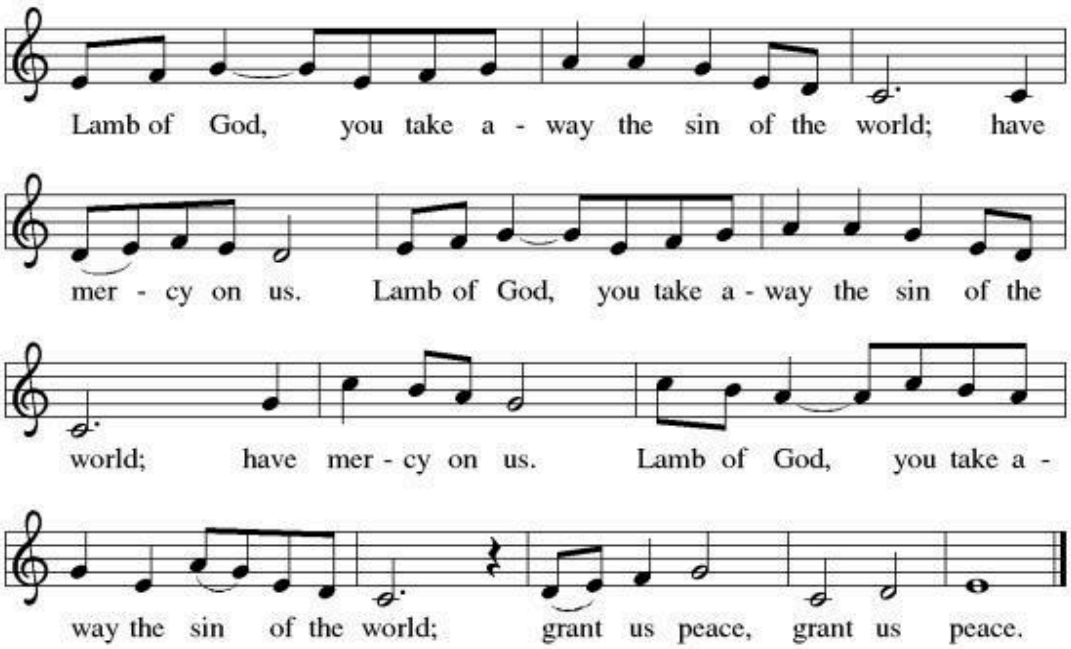
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 112-11



DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 837** *"Many and Great, O God"*
ELW 838 *"Beautiful Savior"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 550** *"On What Has Now Been Sown"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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