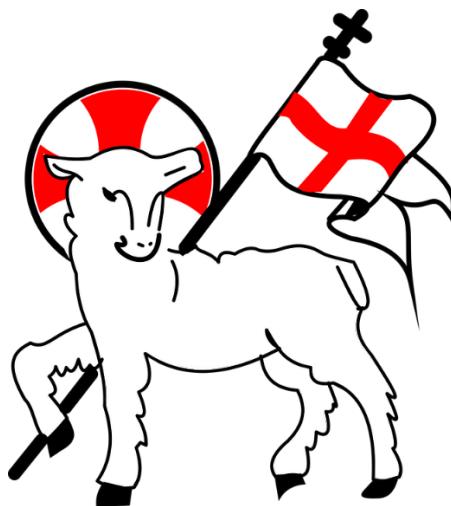


November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday



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SERVICE of WORSHIP
Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE: *O Worship the King*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR 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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And



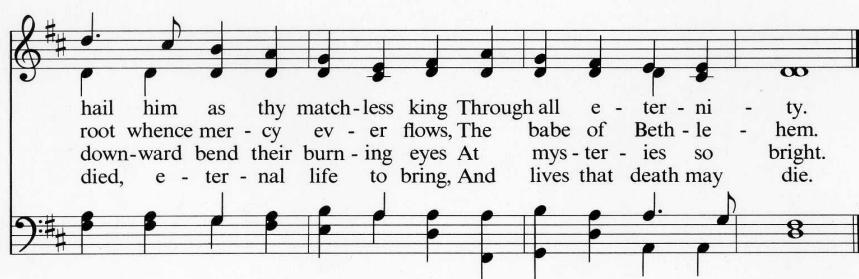
how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His



wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

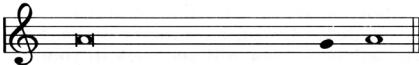


THE GREETING

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.

THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



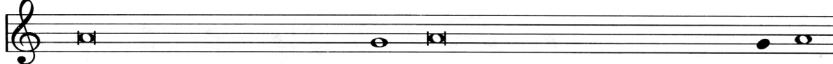
C Lord, have mer - cy.



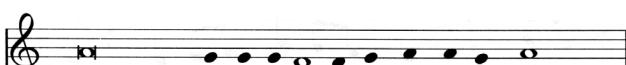
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



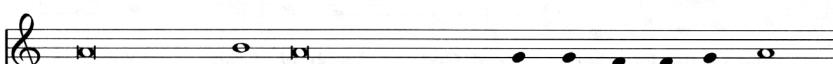
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



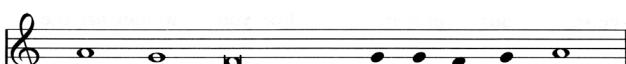
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

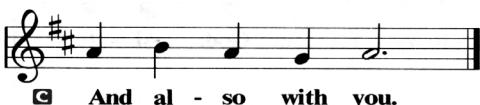
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

THE SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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.

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

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

THE PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy
to the rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout
to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth.
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

“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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 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, 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.’ 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.’ 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?’ 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran-somed from the fall,
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
 The God In - car-nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.

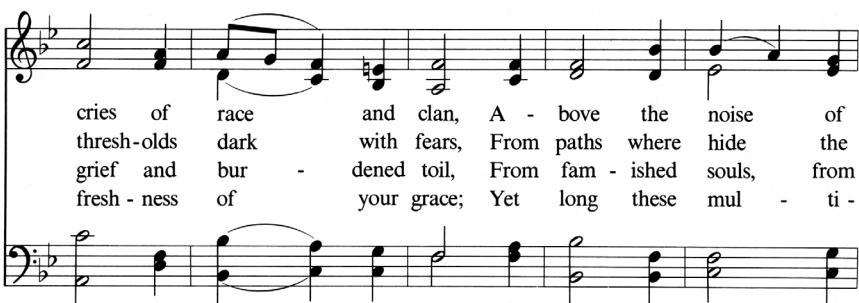
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THE SERMON

429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the



cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 Among these restless throngs abide;
 Oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 And follow where your feet have trod;
 Till glorious from your heav'n above,
 Shall come the city of our God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BENEDICTION

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -
 near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
 giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our
 cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -
 heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.
 dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er-more.

THE DISMISSAL**THE POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God***