



November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday
[Online Guest Form](#)



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Bread of Life from **With One Voice** with the Lord's Supper*

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "Beautiful Savior" (arr. Dale Wood)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: "Come Thou Almighty King"

*THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using
your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your
beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your
beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to
see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are
called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation
of the world.

Amen.

With One Voice

A Lutheran Resource for Worship

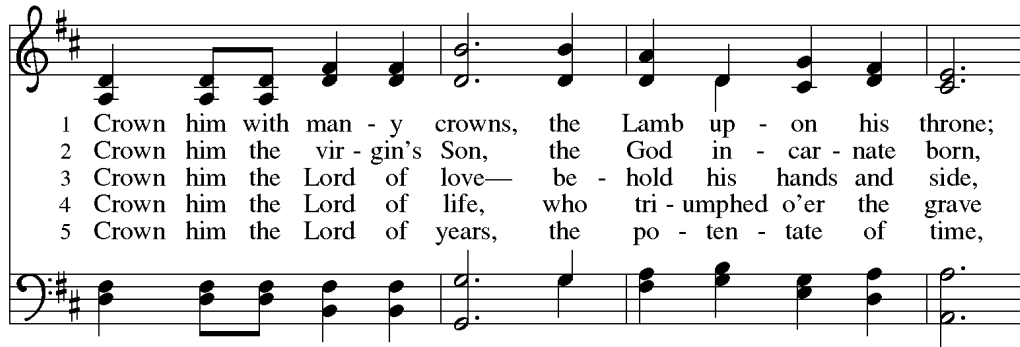
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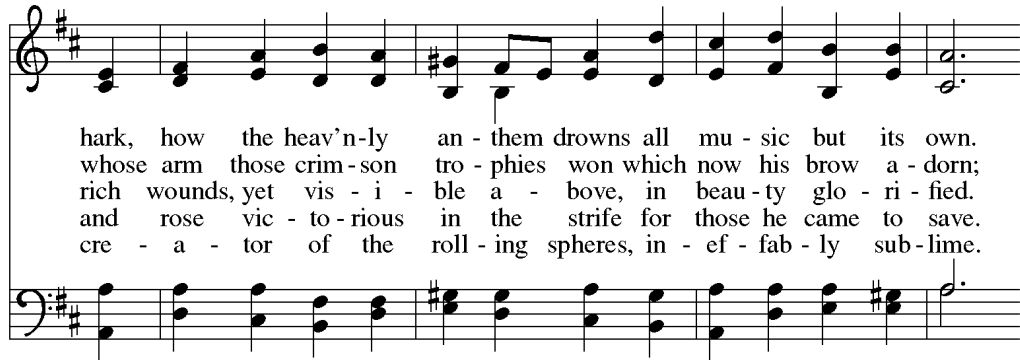
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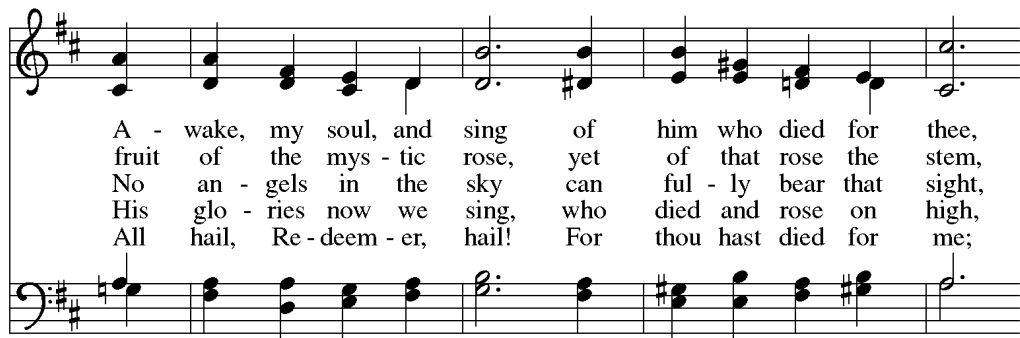
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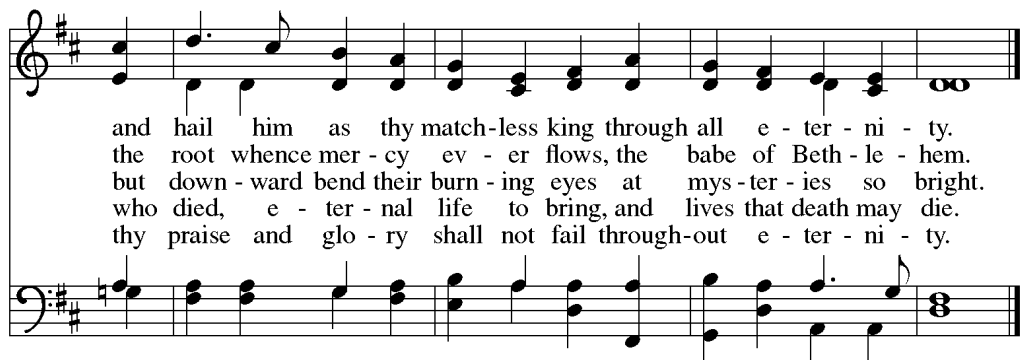
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*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

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ⓑ 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.

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ⓑ 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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I
II 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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK

Jack Hausen, *Shepherd's Fold*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³I 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I 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.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

THE PSALM

Psalms 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 God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For 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.**

⁵The 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

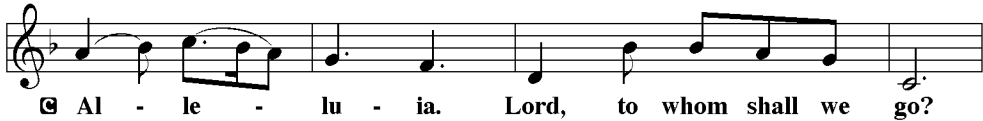
¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Olivia Sullivan & Matthew Kokan

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

[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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And 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.' ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*HYMN: “Thine the Amen”

WOV 801/ELW 826



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.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

... Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): "Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen" (arr. Charles Callahan)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name (T. Fettke)

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY 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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE**

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 our thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

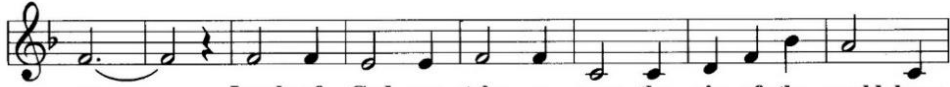
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

THE AGNUS DEI



☐ 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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502/LBW 456



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

HYMN: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679/WOV 760



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional
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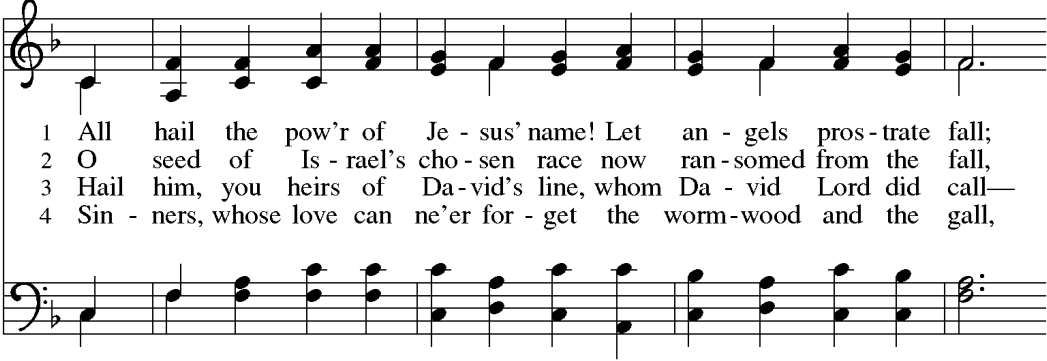
*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thankful Hearts"

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

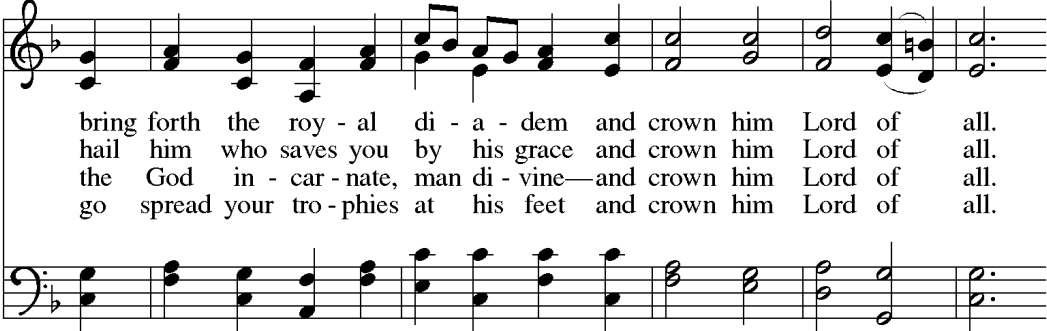
The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

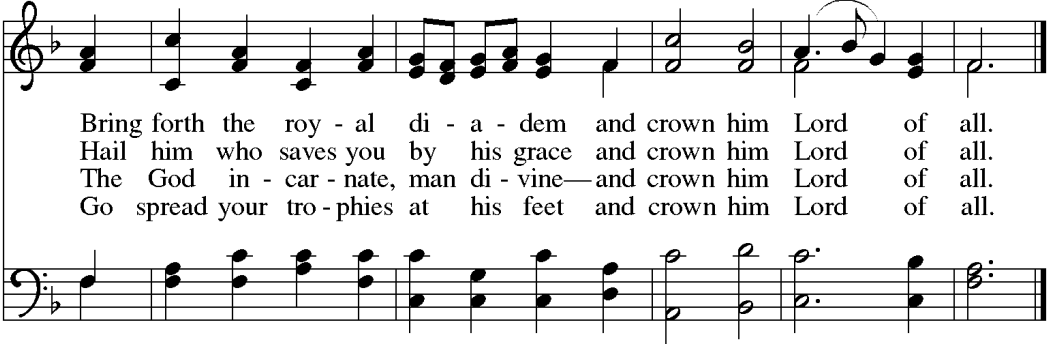
*THE BLESSING



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem 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.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem 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.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: "In Celebration: The Solid Rock" (Gayden Sikes)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names lifted up during
the Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of our Gracious God by Art Rockett.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome. *New! The nursery is now equipped with a flatscreen TV showing the service in progress.*

THERE ARE "WELL LOVED" (GREEN) LBW HYMNALS in the Narthex for anyone who would like one. All-Saints Lutheran Church graciously gifted their (RED) *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnals to MLC as part of their closure. The (RED) ELW hymnals are now in the pews for use during worship.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION ends this Wed., Nov 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. For more information visit: lwr.org/quilts

10 ANGELS FROM THE SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM are ready to be adopted at the Welcome Center. Many members find it is helpful to co-adopt an angel with another household. Be sure to sign your name on the list when you choose your angel and when you return your gifts. Gifts should be unwrapped and returned to MLC next Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023.

"GOING THROUGH GRIEF: A Guide to Understanding, Surviving and Supporting the Grief Process" will be presented by the Rev. Carl Malm of the Center for Loss, Grief and Change at Latham Church, 109 Weatherly Rd, Mondays, Nov. 20 through Dec. 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Welcome Center (enter on the north and go straight). Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information: 256 883-6539 or 256 881-4069.

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS / POINSETTIA FORM is up and running online. Scan the QR code on the next page or visit <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/2023-Christmas-Flowers>. Paper forms are also available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please return by December 11.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap

FOOD PANTRY Honey Buns/ Snack Cakes

Pastor Kristine Schroeder
Music & Choir Director Randall Fields
Organist/Accompanist Melanie Payne
Director of Outreach Ministries Claire Strand
Communication & Tech Director Meredith Kilby
Office Managers Bobbey Huwaldt
Meredith Kilby
Nursery Attendant Katrina Strand

Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer (8:30)
TBD, Greyson Pitchko, Leonardo Diaz
Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer (11:00)
Kinsely Dorminey, TBD, TBD
Greeters (8:30)
(11:00)
Lectors Jacquie Fry (8:30)
Laura Peterson (11:00)
Ushers Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30)
Jacob Dorminey, Tom McNamara (11:00)
Cantor Mike Mabry
Altar Guild LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
Karen Knox (11:00)
Stream Desk Danny Hopkin, Stephen Strand (11:00)
Flower Guild Beverly Berry

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

Pastor will be out of the office, Sunday,
November 19–Sunday, November 26 for vacation. In the
event emergent pastoral care is needed in my absence,
please contact the church office at 256- 721-0041.

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, November 26

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Instrumental Ensemble
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth - 4th Sunday Dinner

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, November 29 Last Day of Quilt Auction

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Dorothy Seitz - TBA
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 30

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday In Advent

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Welcome reception for Melanie Payne
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *LBW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 3 - Angel Tree Donations Due
- December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin
- December 10 - 25th Annual Ring & Sing Concert, "Warm & Woolly" Pop Up Handmade Market
- December 17 - Children's Program (during Services of Worship)

Attendance:

November 12 Online: - 92 November 19 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 92, 11:00 a.m. - 50

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Christmas Flowers Form

