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**CHRIST**  
**THE KING**  
**SUNDAY**

**November 26, 2017**

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*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 awaiting 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.*

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE . . .** *Michael Keating*

**WELCOME**

Please Stand

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

**All: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!**  
 L: Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.  
**All: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.**  
 L: You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!  
**All: You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.**  
 L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.  
**All: O God, we are your children, created by and with your love. Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

Silence is kept for reflection

*P: Source of all life,*

**All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

*P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven,*

**All: God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN . . . "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 1, 4, 5**

Text: Matthew Bridges - Tune: George J. Elvey - ELW #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 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.  
 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,  
 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.  
 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.

**GREETING**

*P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**



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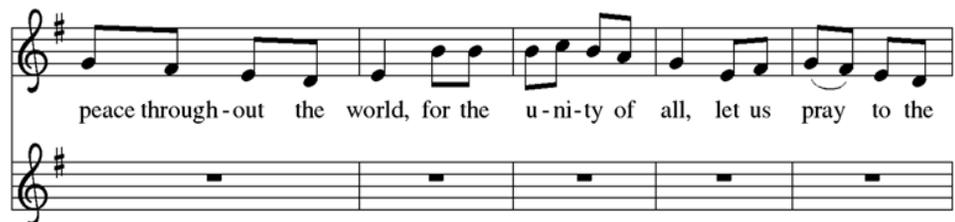
L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

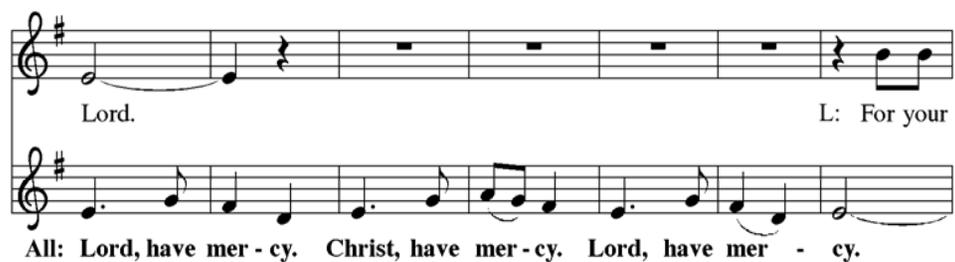


L: For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

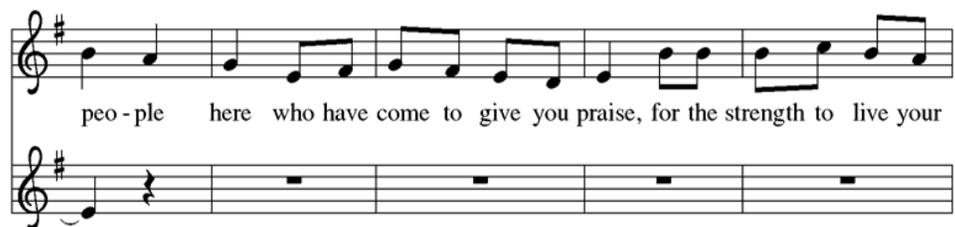


peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. L: For your

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



L: Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. All: A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



*Refrain*

All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

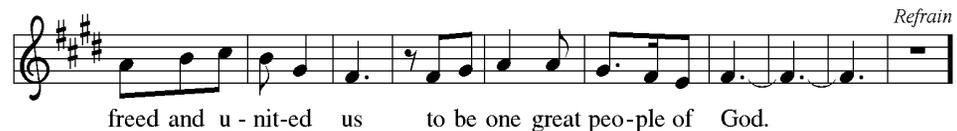


sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.

**All:** 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.

Be Seated

### CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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#### WE LISTEN AND THINK

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

*Since 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.*

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

*Alleluia!*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.*

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL . . . Matthew 25:31-46

*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.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to Christ.**

Be Seated

**CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim**



Please Stand

**HYMN . . . "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!" vs. 1, 2**

Text: Charles Wesley - Tune: William E. Fischer - ELW #430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:

*Refrain*



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Be Seated

**MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim**

Please Stand

**A CREED FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**L:** Let us confess our faith with a creed for Christ the King Sunday.

**All:** We affirm and celebrate Christ the King and Christ's kingdom. Christ is a different kind of king and his is a different kind of kingdom. Christ the King shows power through suffering love rather than overwhelming might. Christ the King draws to his side the least, the lowly, the outcast and the vulnerable rather than those who have wealth and

status. Christ the King calls for peace in place of violence, generosity instead of "getting ahead," compassion rather than selfish ambition. In his topsy-turvy kingdom, the last are first, the least are greatest and enemies are loved. One day every knee will bow before this king and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Let our knees be the first to bend and our voices first to proclaim that Christ the King is worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise, forevermore. Amen.

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### WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

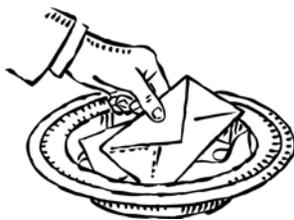
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#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: **In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, "Thank you." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.**

#### THANKFUL OFFERING



Please Stand

#### OFFERTORY



All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

All: **As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**



## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place. Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. As we gather for worship in safety, we pray for places where the church is persecuted. Watch over your people as they witness to your good news. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for international organizations that shine your light in places of strife. Lead relief and aid workers, leaders and volunteers to seek the lost and provide safety. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, abused, or ill. Give wisdom to counselors, doctors, nurses, and all in professions that provide healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Shepherd your churches to welcome the stranger and immigrant in our midst. Call all your people to welcome, clothe, feed, and visit those in need just as you have provided for the lost and despairing throughout the ages. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: L: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*P: 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." With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love,*

*that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.*

**All: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Risen Savior gave us:*

**All: 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.**

### FRACTION RITE

*P: For food and drink.*

**All: We give thanks!**

*P: For the bread and the cup.*

**All: We give thanks!**

*P: For being together in the ways of Jesus.*

**All: We give thanks!**

*P: For living in the ways of peace and community.*

**All: We give thanks!**

Be Seated



### LAMB OF GOD



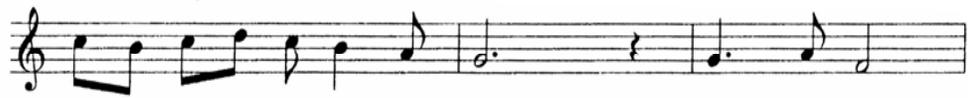
All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



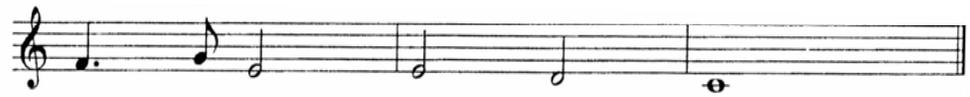
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.  
Grape juice white, wine is red.  
If you desire communion brought to you,  
please let an usher know.



## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “As We Gather at Your Table”

Text: Carl P. Daw - Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en  
 Contradansen – ELW #522



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.



## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Text: Edward Perronet - Tune: Oliver Holden - ELW #634



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

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

**All:** Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.  
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.  
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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## WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

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### BENEDICTION

*P:* As you go forth from this place, may the words of praise you have been singing resound in your hearts and echo in your lives so that each person you meet will know of Christ our King!

**All: Amen.**

### SENDING OUT . . . "Jesus Shall Reign" vs. 1, 5

Text: Isaac Watts – Tune: attr. John Hatton – ELW #434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar  
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with  
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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