

11.23.2025

10:00 am



Christ the King Sunday

*Sharing God's love so that all
are served and supported.*

"The Reign of Christ in All Seasons"



Today's Worship Theme

Our service today is a special treat. Today is Christ the King, or Reign of Christ, Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the church year. In celebration of our whole liturgical calendar, we will take a few moments to recall each season in a "lessons and carols" format. Each season of the church year will provide a lesson, reflection and hymn: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The service will end with a triumphant note of celebration as we point toward a day when Jesus' reign on earth will fully merge the heaven plus earth reality that was God's intention from creation.

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*Greeter: Kristie Evans
Ushers: Roger Bodo and Morgan Wright
Altar Guild: Amy Atkins
Coffee Host: Charlene Sox*

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

A special note about today: As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we look to the banners which hang in our worship space throughout the year. To the right of the lectern is the Season of Advent banner which begins our liturgical church year. Turning to the right, the Advent banner is followed by the Season of Christmas and the Season of Epiphany banners. In the rear of the nave and hanging on the balcony wall are those representing the Seasons of Lent and Easter. Also on the balcony wall are the Day of Pentecost and Holy Trinity. Turning to the right once again are Reformation and the All Saints banners, not as seasons of the church year, but as significant celebrations in our worship cycle. As we arrive at the banner hanging to the left of the pulpit, we find the banner of the day, Christ the King, completing the cycle of our liturgical year. Please note the two banners on either side of the chancel wall. They are the “Wheat and Wine” banners, representing Christ’s presence promised through the bread and wine we receive during Holy Communion.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

“He Is King”

Robert J. Powell



Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GATHERING HYMN *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6) ELW 634*

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY *Assisting Minister: Jesse Lutabingwa*

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.**

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.**

Please be seated.

✠ **WORD** ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then are invited upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and will return before Communion.



ADVENT READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5

Lector: Duane Daggett

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway" (vs. 1 & 4)

ELW 264

PRAYER

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By His coming, strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHRISTMAS READING: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Lector: Bob Edsell

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 289

PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

EPIPHANY READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Lector: JoAnn Wright

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

ELW 302

PRAYER

Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

LENTEN READING: Mark 1: 12-15

Lector: Kelly Rucker

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

HYMN

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

ELW 319

PRAYER

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

EASTER READING: Matthew 28: 1-10

Lector: Kelly Rucker

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW 365

PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PENTECOST READING: Acts 2: 1-8, 14-21

Lector: JoAnn Wright

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHRIST THE KING READING: Colossians 1: 13-20 *Lector: Pastor Steve Troisi*

¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

REFLECTION**ANTHEM***“In Christ Alone”**Lloyd Larson*

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

*What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.

‘Till on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. (CONT.)

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand,
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

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

Please stand as you are able.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

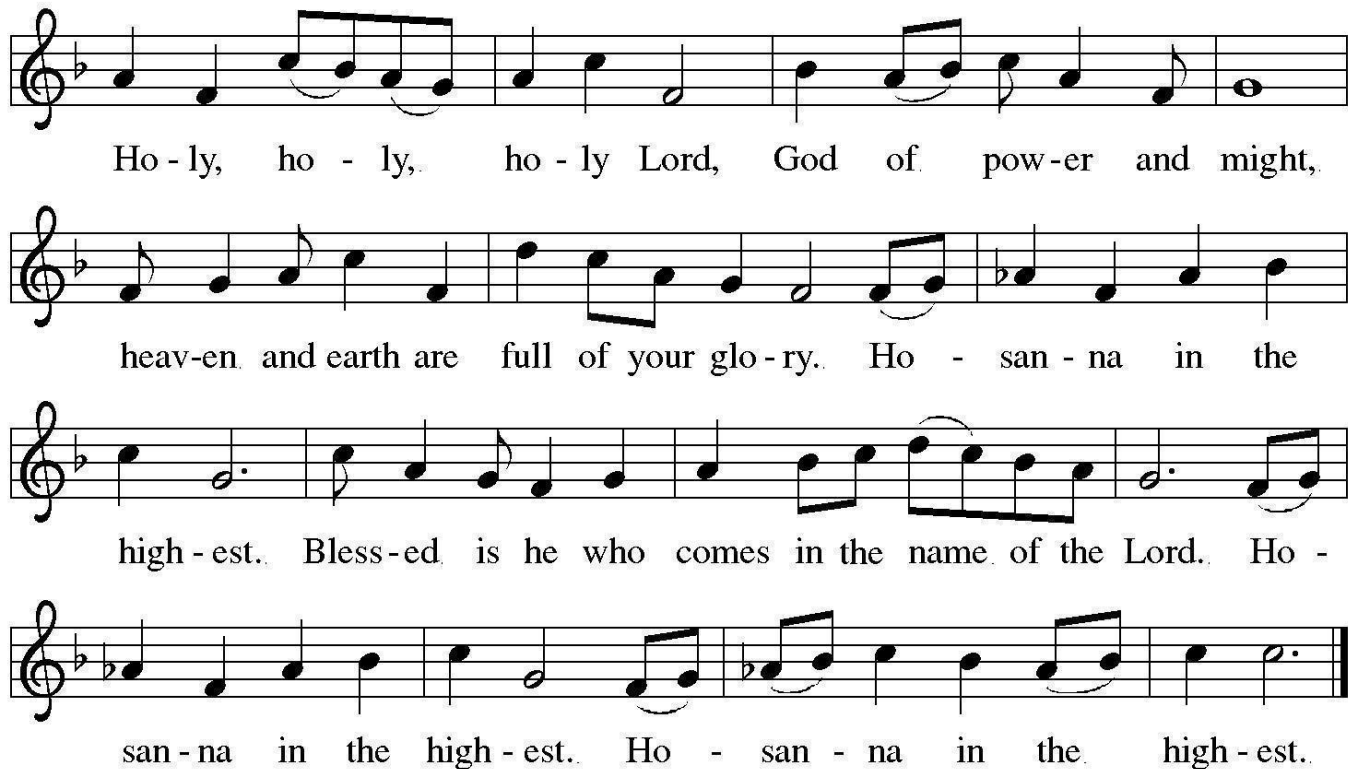
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Communion Assistant: Amy Atkins

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you.

Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)

COMMUNION SONG & HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p. 135 of ELW

"O Christ the Same"

ELW 760

"O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

ELW 431

✠ SENDING ✠

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW 855

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Lancashire (Lead on, O King Eternal)"

Charles Callahan

Special Thanks

The Reign of Christ the King hymnfest was adapted with permission from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC (Eric Childress, Senior Pastor) and St. Michael Lutheran Church, Greenville, SC (Pastors Andrea & Kyle Bates).

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birthday of
our children, Marie and Adam,
by Scott and Elaine Kallestad.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God.
And remember "You can do all
things through Christ who
strengthens You." Philippians 4:13
Just Believe!
by Peter Ejidike.

READINGS FOR November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122 | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:36-44

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025

October Giving	October Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$20,571.00	\$33,333.33	\$55,993.63	\$66,666.66