Sunday, November 22, 2026
10:00am

Christ the King



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

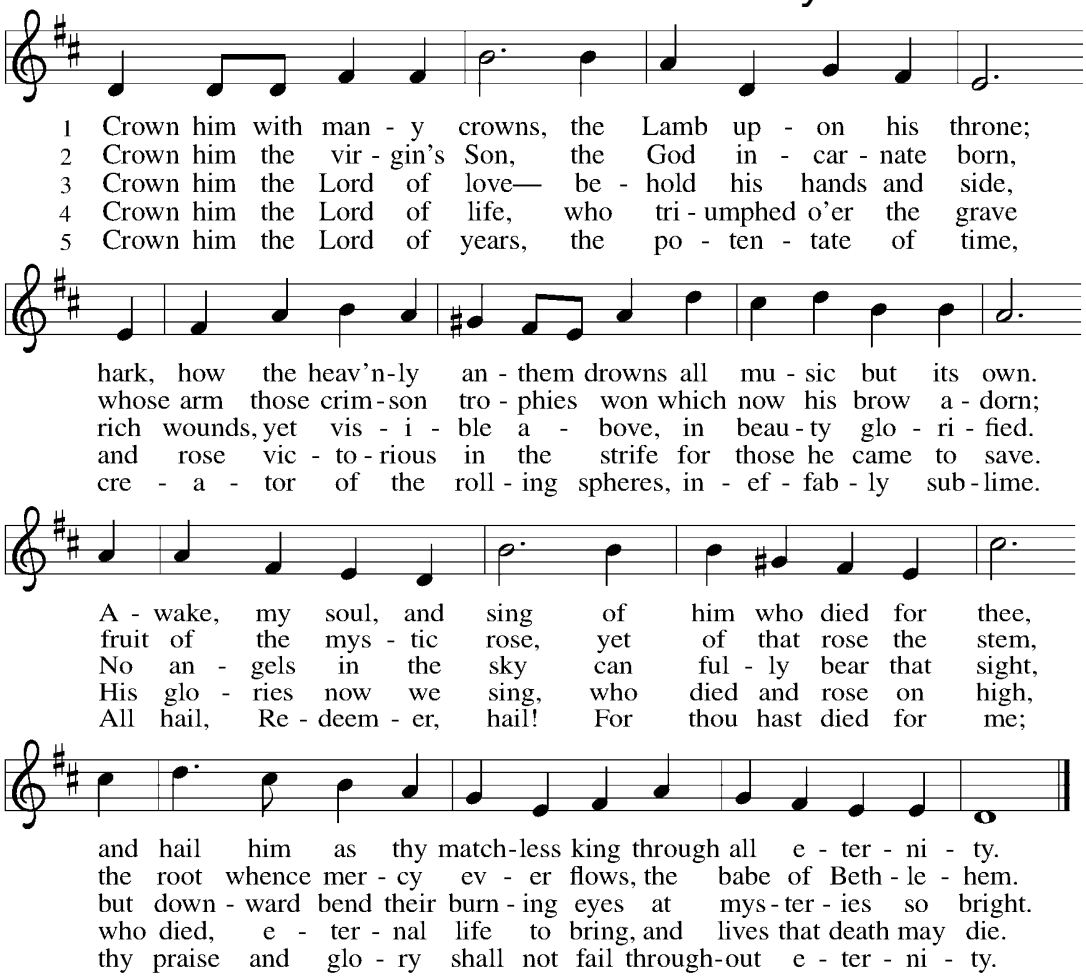
Justified by God's grace through faith,
let us acknowledge our sin.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness ☩ and the promise of eternal life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855

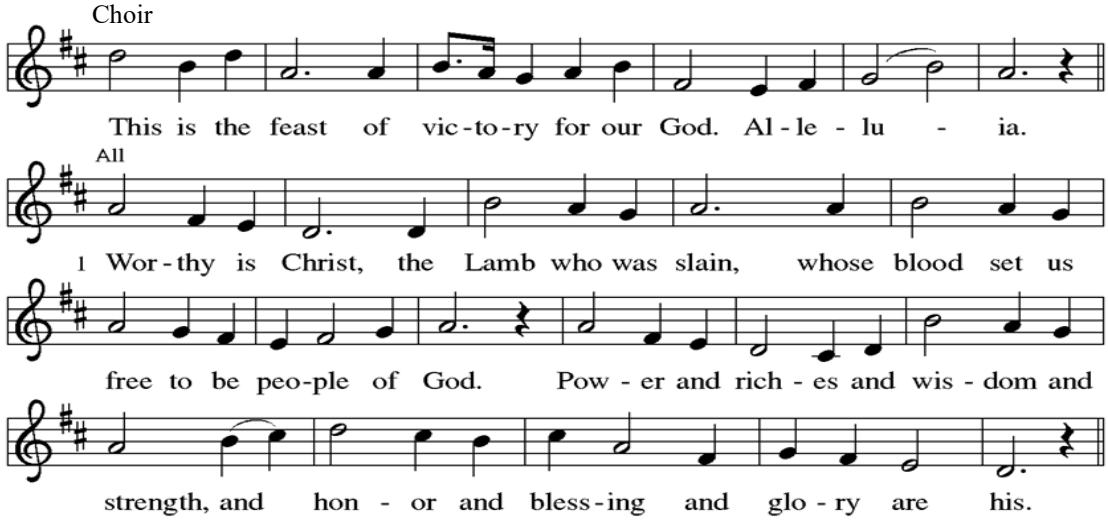


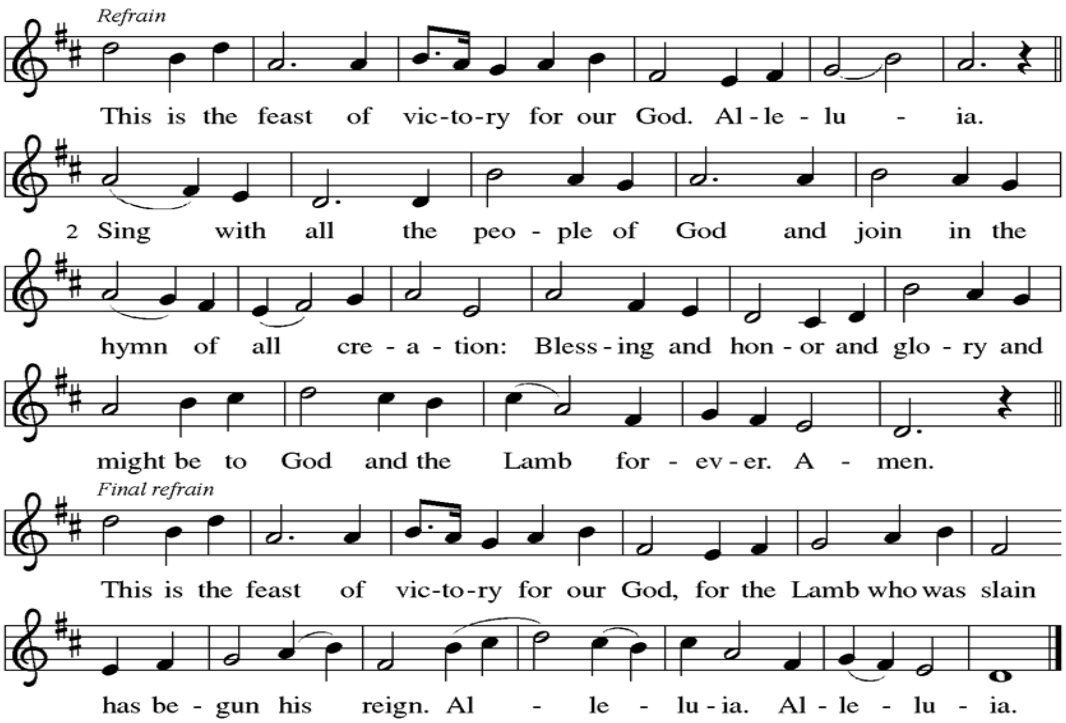
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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.**

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

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

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.

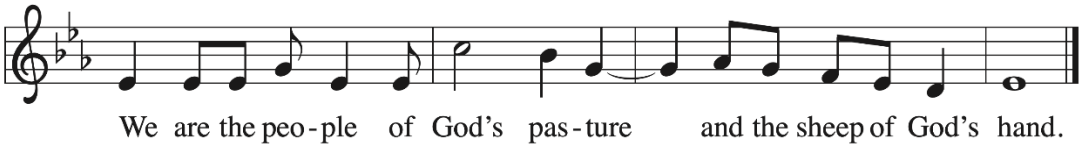
11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep,
so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they
have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

*The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "***R***"*



[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. **R**

[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. **R**

[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. **R**

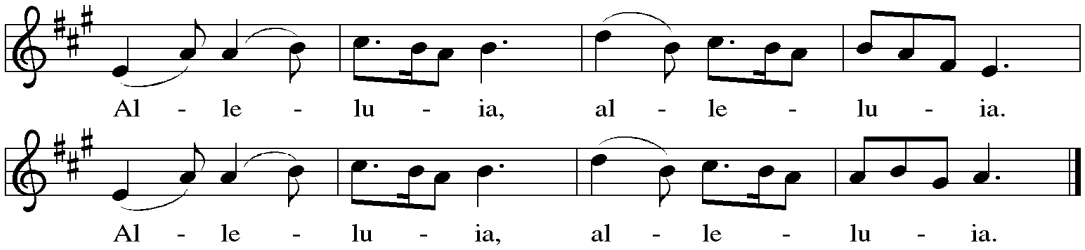
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

[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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.
Congregation repeats “Alleluia”

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.

The good news of God’s love according to Matthew.

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.”

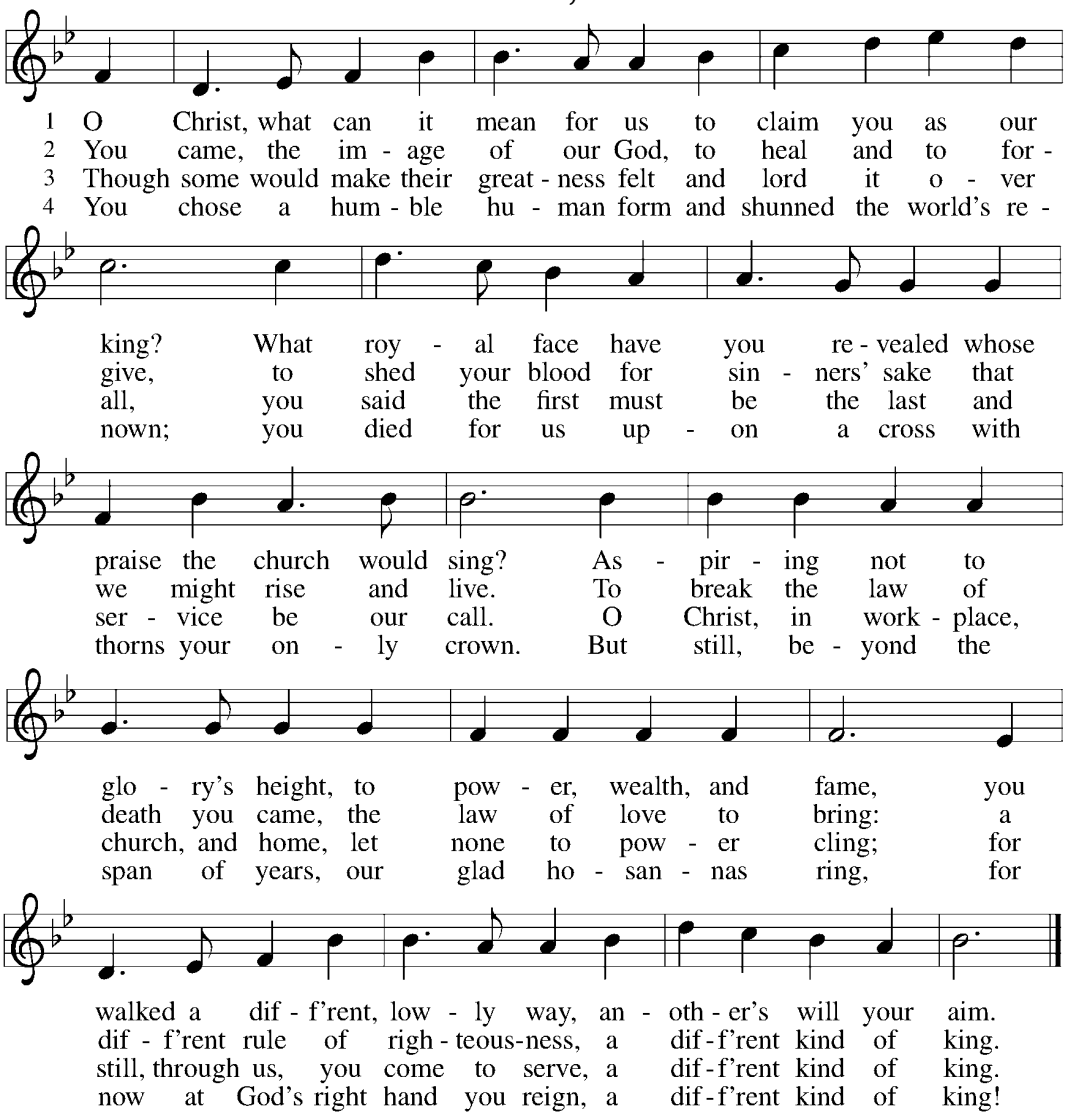
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* ELW 431



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

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

At the conclusion of the prayers:

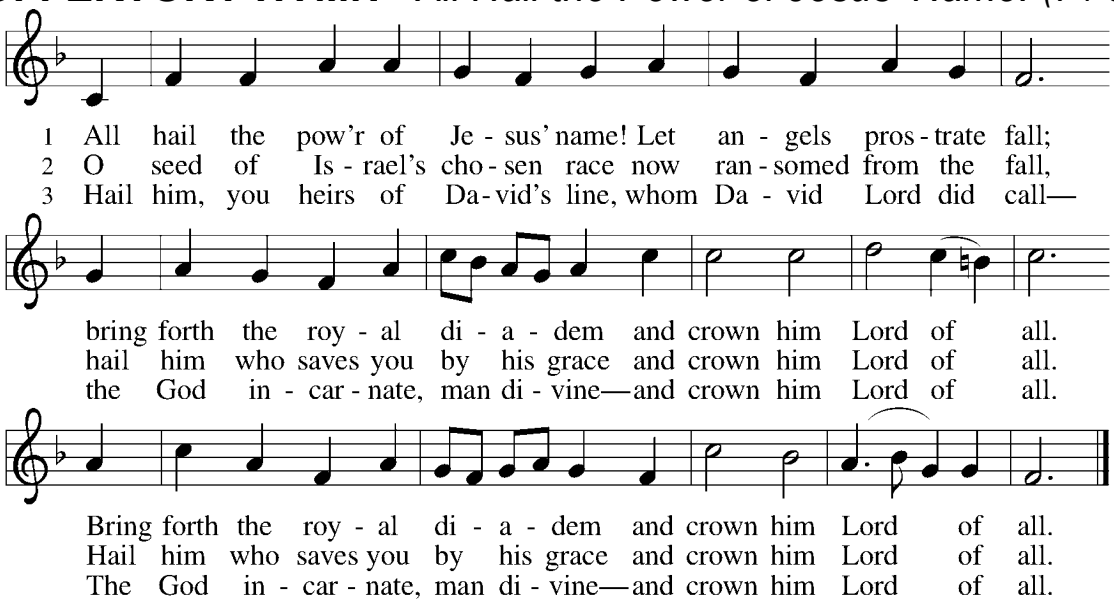
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust our prayers, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

eGiving

THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (v 1-3)* ELW 634

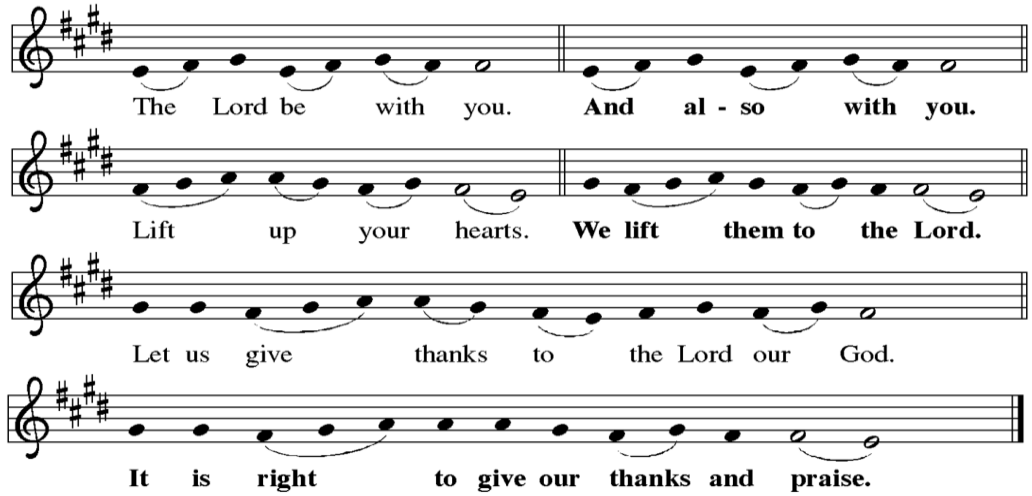


Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

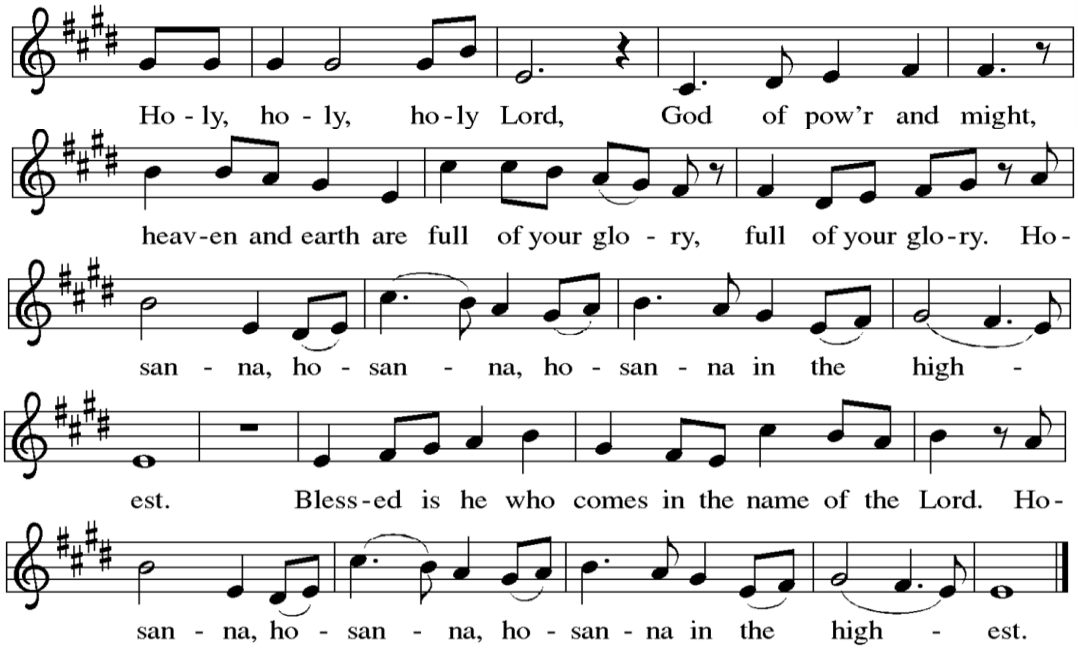
OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
all blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service for you and in love to our neighbors. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

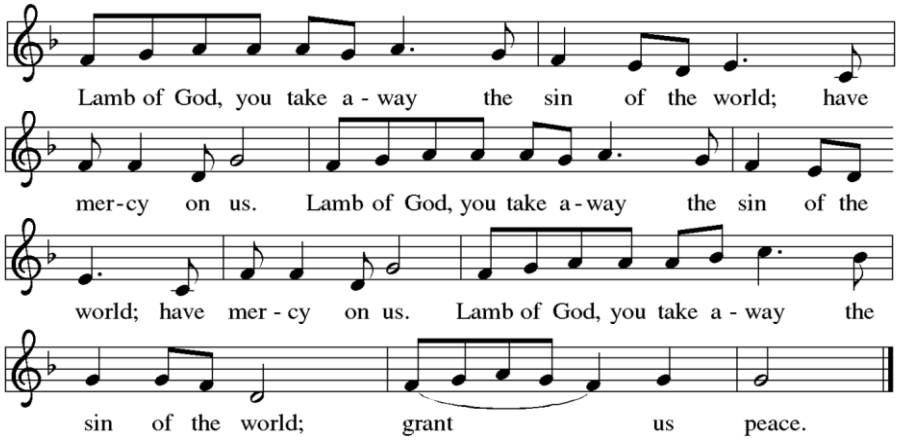
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

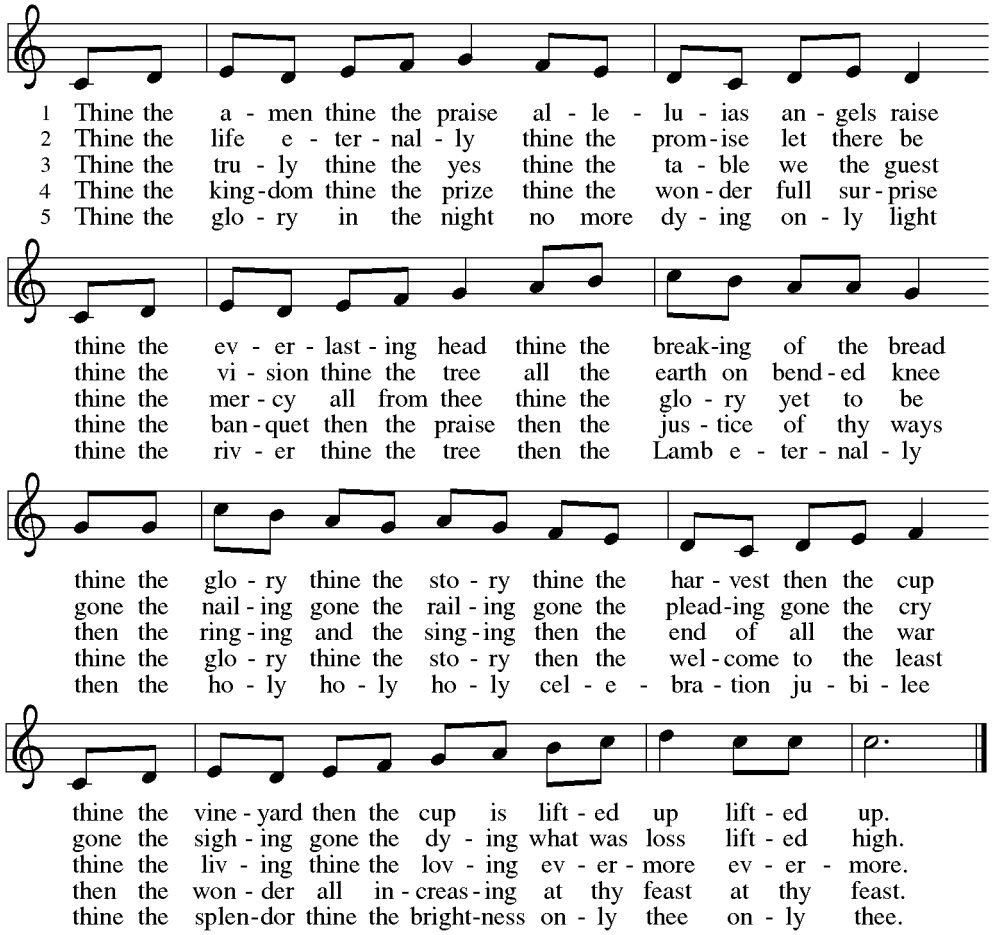
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to his table.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN *Thine the Amen* ELW 826



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

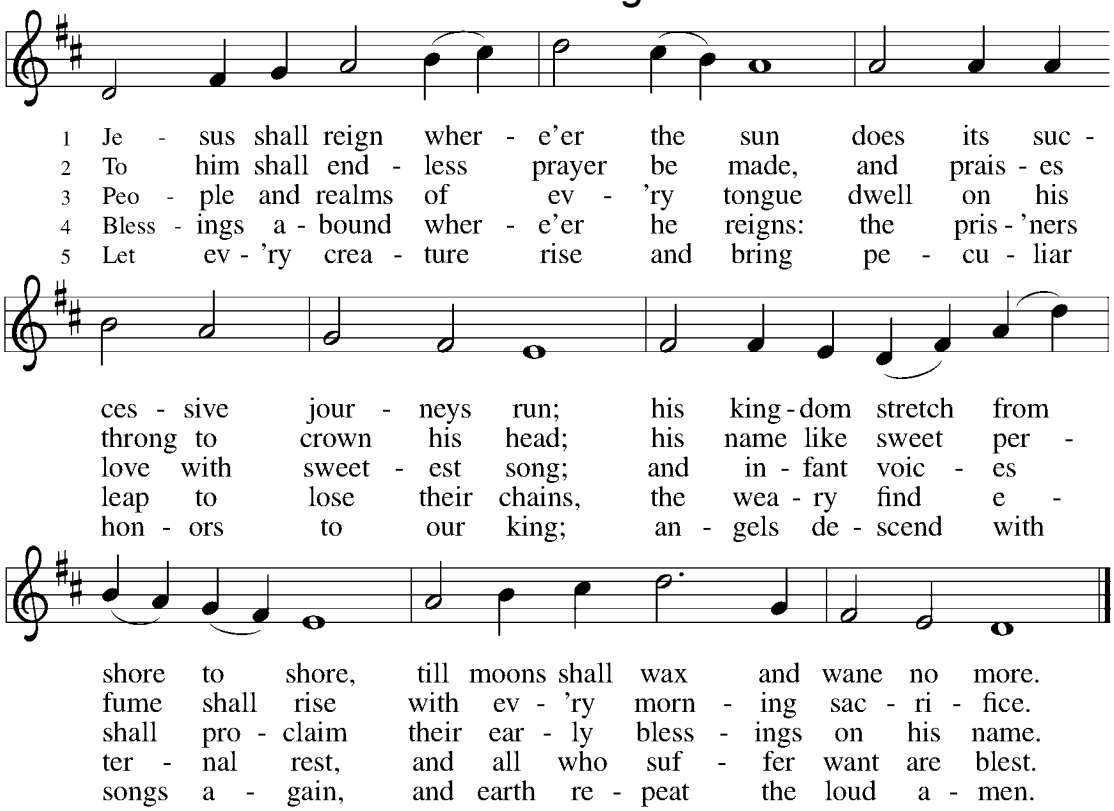
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us to serve a needy world.
Make us signs of liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace draw you closer together in the body of Christ, grant you strength and joy through the Holy Spirit, and bless you ☩ now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* ELW 434



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love.
Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]

Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: *(**MLC**) = Meadowlawn Campus (**DTC**) = Downtown Campus*

Date	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
11/01/26	10 AM	Aimée Fox	Phil Rearick, Aimée Fox		
11/08/26	10 AM	Violet Prepost	Gary Bartelt, Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt	In honor of Veterans Day
11/15/26	10 AM	Gary Bartelt	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
11/22/26	10 AM	Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	Carla Sajda	IHO Sheryl Mayle's birthday
11/29/26	10 AM	Terri Craig	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	F. Guido	For the Glory of God

Birthdays this week:
11/26 – Tom Herzhauser (70 yrs)

Anniversaries this week:
11/23 – Joann & Rod Hagberg (69 yrs)

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (11/22)
9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
11:00am – Fellowship Hour (MLC Community Rm)
11:30am – Education Hour (MLC Community Rm)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (11/23)
Bulletin Items Due
7:30pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Tuesday (11/24)
1:00pm – Staff Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (11/25)
10:00am – Bible Study (MLC Lounge)
11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
6:00pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service (MLC Sanctuary)

Thursday (11/26)
Thanksgiving Day – Church office closed
12:00pm – Thanksgiving Dinner (DTC 2nd Floor)

Friday (11/27)
9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
Dolores Food Pantry (Closed)

Saturday (11/28)
9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:
Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider
Frances Guido
Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:
Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:
Rodger Nelson
Jennifer Rhoads
Jerry Barnard
Linda Barnard
Bob Gascon
Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Guy Smith
Joyce Dare
Phil Rearick
Stephan Shipley
Melody Cather
Juniper Mae Cather
Terri Craig
Ray Whynott
Karen Osborne
Mike Lederhouse

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:
The family and Friends of Duane Bork
The Family and Friends of Brenda Heinicke
The Family and Friends of Edna Jaime

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Today's Date:
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Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

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☐ I just moved here
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☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.
☐ Prayer Chain

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