

# Christ the King



Messiah Lutheran Church  
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# To our Guests: Welcome!

## Worship Patterns in Pandemic Days

God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are with us in spirit as they watch and pray at home. God strengthen us all through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The continued threat of coronavirus infection requires us to change our habits during the time we spend together. Please follow these rules to keep each other safe:

### **On entering—**

- Masks are required. Please be sure to wear one.
- Sit only in pews marked with a bow.
- Keep the spacing rod between you and your family and the person or family at the other end.
- Greet each from a distance.

### **During the service—**

- Refrain from singing. Instead, listen to the singers in the balcony and follow the words in the bulletin.
- When we share the Peace, do not hug or shake hands except with members of your own family. Wave or bow to the people around you.
- Offering plates will not be passed. If you missed the basket on your way in, place it there when you leave.

### **During communion—**

- Keep a safe distance from the person in front of you as you approach.
- Hold out your cupped hands for the host. The pastor will not place this in your mouth or extended fingers.
- For the wine, take a cup from the basket, remove it from its bag, and hold it steady as the pastor fills it. Deposit the cup and bag in the receptacle as you return to your place.

### **As you leave—**

- Unless you need the elevator, exit through front doors only.
- Feel free to gather on the front lawn for conversation, keeping safe distances.

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November 22, 8:30 & 10 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude                    “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” Healey Willan

## Confession and Forgiveness

*Remain seated*

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Hear the testimony of John, our Lord’s apostle: “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.”

A Let us pray. 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.

P Is this also your prayer? If so, say “Amen.”

**C Amen.**

P Then, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I 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.

**C Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

# Gathering Hymn

# “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” #435

*stanzas 1, 3*



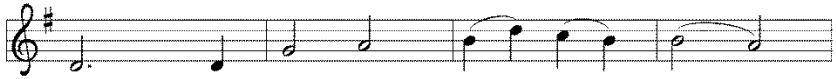
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
all the saints this world re - ject - ed  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

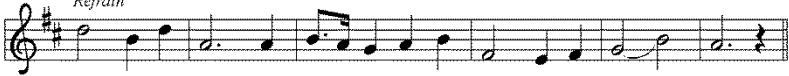


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P 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

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

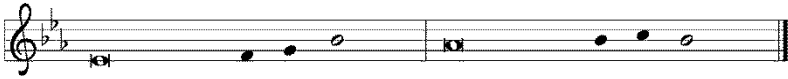
<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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.

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7a</sup>For the LORD | is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep | of God's hand.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” #435

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.

## Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

### **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.’ <sup>37</sup>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?’ <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’ <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>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.’ <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>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.’ <sup>44</sup>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?’ <sup>45</sup>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.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

*You may be seated*



Hymn of the Day

“The Head That Once Was Crowned,” #432



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,  
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Offering of Commitments

*We continue with our annual offering of giving estimates for the coming year.*

*To do this online go to: [tinyurl.com/estimate2021](http://tinyurl.com/estimate2021)*

Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words, after which you may be seated in prayerful silence as the altar is prepared. Stand again as you are able at the pastor's invitation*

Presentation of the Offering

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near,”

Jeffrey Blersch

**A** Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, you adorn our lives with neighbors to love, bread to share, and good news to tell. Help us embrace our work with joy, and use what we have gathered to glorify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

# The Lord's Supper

## Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

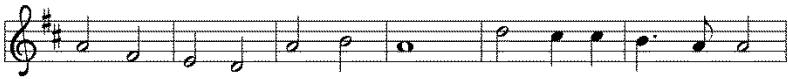
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*By the singers—*



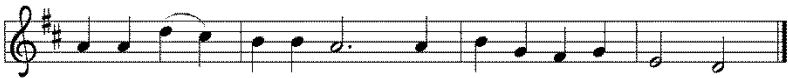
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

P It is certainly right to thank and praise you ... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

P Gracious Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit ... now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**C 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.**

*You may be seated*

# Communion

*By the singers—*



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.

*When all have communed, stand as you are able*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**A** Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

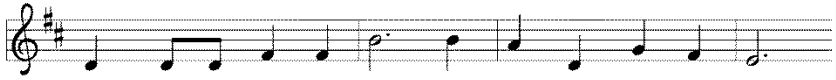
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

# “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” #855

stanzas 1, 3, 4



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.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” John Behnke

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## Serving Today

*Preaching & Presiding Minister* -- Pastor Burce

*Assisting Minister/Lector* – Nancy Richter (8:30); Mike Allan (10)

*Acolytes* – Gavin Waugaman (8:30); Kaitlyn Carlin (10)

*Singers* – Nigel Copeland, Dale Mortensen (8:30);  
Jim Edwards, Trudy Gustke (10)

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Deacons* – Bob Trapp (8:30);  
Amy & Mark Hunger (10)

*Welcoming Team* – Debbie & Steve Schneider

*Sound Technician* – Jared Waugaman

*Altar Guild* – Debbie Luekens, Diane Paton

## **Altar Flowers Are Given**

In Memory of Loved ones by Marilyn and Jim Edwards.

## **The Presence Candle Is Given**

In Memory of Eric Gustke by his family.

## **This Week's Commemorations**

*Nov. 23*—CLEMENT, Bishop of Rome around 100 A.D. and author, like St. Paul, of several letters to Christian congregations. ISAAC WATTS, d. 1748, a great and influential hymnwriter who helped to establish the habit of hymn singing in the English church. Thirteen of his texts can be found in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

## **God's Word for Next Week**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37  
*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*



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