

Christ the King



**Messiah Lutheran Church
November 25, 2018**

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know



- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 25, 8:30 & 11 AM

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

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

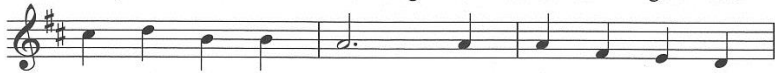
Opening Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



All 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His
Women 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate
Choir 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and
Men 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
All 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them__drowns All
born, Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies__won Which
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the__strife For
bove, Crown Him the king to whom is__giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
now His brow a - dorn: Fruit of the mys - tic
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gels in the
those He came to save. His glo - ries now we
won - drous name of Love. Crown Him with man - y



sing Of Him who died for thee, And
rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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.

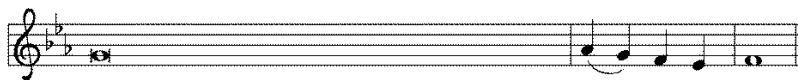
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



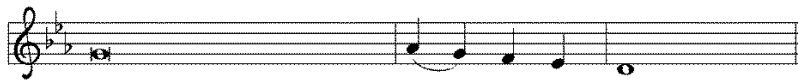
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



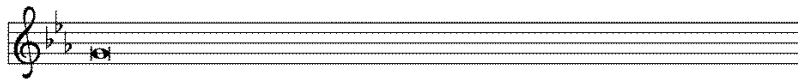
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise



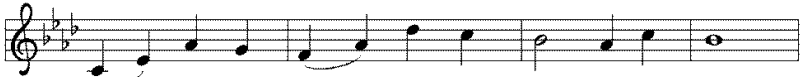
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



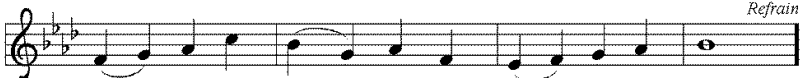
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



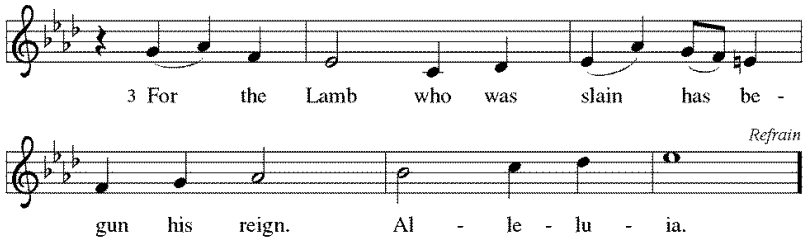
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen

Sit

Reflection: Homeless Jesus

David Hessler

From the Old Testament

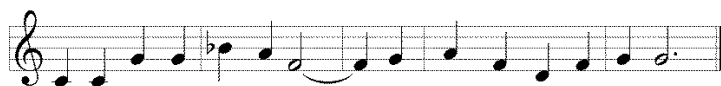
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

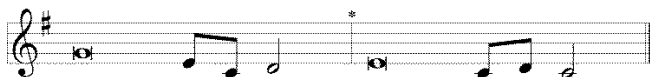
Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



Ev-er since the world be-gan, your throne has been es-tab-lished.

Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print



¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting. Refrain**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,**

mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore. **Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

From one of the four Gospels

John 18:33-37

Gospel Acclamation

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,”

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

When the Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord**

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ ³⁴Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ ³⁵Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ ³⁶Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ ³⁷Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God’s Word for Today

Pr. Bridger

Stand

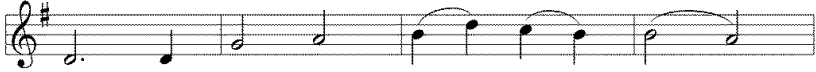
Hymn for Today

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,”

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,
once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Confessing our Faith

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and

glorified. He 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.

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

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

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

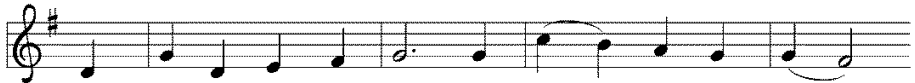
Greet those around you with these or similar words

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Gathering Gifts

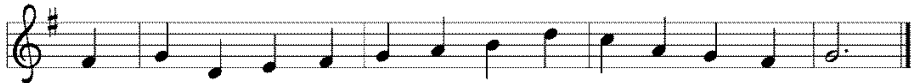
Stand

The Gifts are Presented

“We Give Thee but Thine Own, #686
stanzas 1, 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

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.

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

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . now and forever. **Amen**

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

Sit.
Come forward as the ushers invite you. For those wishing to commune, there are two cups; a silver one to drink from and a ceramic one to dip the host in. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the pastor. If you choose not to commune but would like a blessing, approach the pastor with arms crossed.

Communion Songs

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.

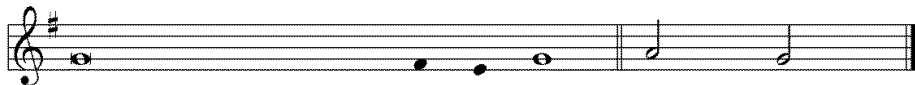
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **#490**

“Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand” **#441**

Stand

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Let us pray. For the gift of Christ’s body and blood, given and shed for us,
We thank you, gracious Lord.
That we leave encouraged to trust you; eager to serve you in our neighbors,
and awakened to the presence of your saints in unexpected places,
Hear us, gracious Lord.



Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. A - men

ON OUR WAY

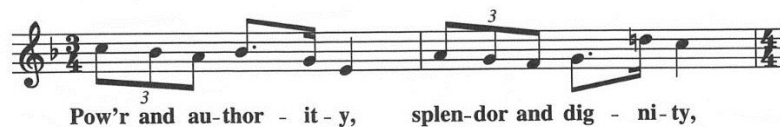
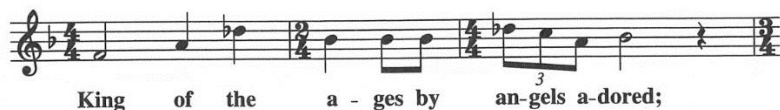
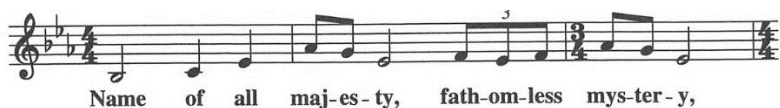
A Song

"The Head that Once Was Crowned" (8:30)

#432, stanzas 1, 2, 6

"Name of All Majesty" (11:00)

Choir sings refrain first; All sing refrain after stanzas



Choir: Child of our destiny, God from eternity,
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One - Jesus is Lord! **Refrain:**

Choir: Savior of Calvary, costliest victory,
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie - Jesus is Lord! **Refrain:**

Choir: Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality;
life everlasting and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty - Jesus is Lord! **Refrain:**

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pr. Burce

Assisting Ministers – Kathy Neumann (8:30); Peggy Schauer (11:00)

Lectors – Christa Turnbull (8:30); Dana Quayle (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Kate Durban, Kent Skurkey, Lee Vysoky(8:30);
James Quayle, Bob Stoddard, Linda Stoddard (11:00)

Acolytes – De'Ante Furry, Bryce Neumann (8:30);
Jason Epperson, Eleanor Schauer (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Messiah Choir (11:00) – Directed by Connie Triplett

Joy Ringers – Directed by Ruth King

Brass Ensemble – Directed by Adonai Henderson

Deacons – Ray Durban, Steve Turnbull (8:30);

Mark Schauer, Bob Trapp (11:00)

Greeters—Brenda Carpenter (8:30); Pat & Kathy Gallagher (11:00)

Ushers – Craig Jernigan, Steve Swanson (8:30);
Grace Hessler, Sam Hessler, Ariana Laurie, Ken Pillivant (11:00)

Trustee – Greg Prohaska

Altar Guild – Tiffany Advani, Bonnie Price

Nursery – Nadia Kauntz, Tanya Kauntz (11:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ Those who have lost property, livelihoods and above all, loved ones in the California fires
- ✦ Those traveling this Thanksgiving
- ✦ The ill: Emerson Buskirk (granddaughter of Dave and Darlene Waugh), Eleanor Huetter, Jim Huetter, Dorothy Juergens, Edith Kundtz, Dorothy Lewis, Marti Metevelis
- ✦ The veterans among us and those presently serving in the armed forces
- ✦ All who visit cemeteries today to remember the dead

THE PRESENCE CANDLE IS GIVEN

In memory of Eric Gustke by his family

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

in memory of Gordon Helm by his wife Phyllis

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Nov. 30—ST. ANDREW. The brother of St. Peter and one of the twelve apostles, Andrew was the first person to be called as one of Jesus' disciples (John 1:35-40). The ancient church remembered him as having died on an X-shaped cross, which is therefore his symbol.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

First Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36
We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Interim Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.

To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.