



***Welcome to***  
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"In Nomine Iesu"

## ***Last Sunday of the Church Year***

### ***Christ the King Sunday***

November 26, 2023

**WELCOME** to all who share in our worship. As we come together, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship in a place and with a people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and a sign on our lives in every act of service and ministry. We give thanks to God for the freedom we have to worship him and declare his glory before everyone, openly and without fear.

A special welcome is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Everyone** is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance and hand it to the usher as you leave

We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and you will visit with us again very soon.

**Prelude “Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ”** Mark Sedio  
**Welcome, and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ *Ringings of the Bells***

### **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

## Hymn of Invocation

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

LSB #516

### Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon  
Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our  
unworthiness and confess before God and one another  
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that  
we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.  
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite  
mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for  
the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a  
sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our  
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you  
and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and  
ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of  
the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Ps. 39:4-5; 7-8, 12a; 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward  
to a new heaven and a new earth,

C **the home of righteousness.**

P O LORD, make me know my end and  
what is the measure of my days;  
C **let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
C **and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
C **My hope is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
C **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;  
hold not your peace at my tears!  
C **For I am a sojourner with you, a guest,  
like all my fathers.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen.**

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to a new heaven and a new earth,  
C **the home of righteousness.**

### Kyrie

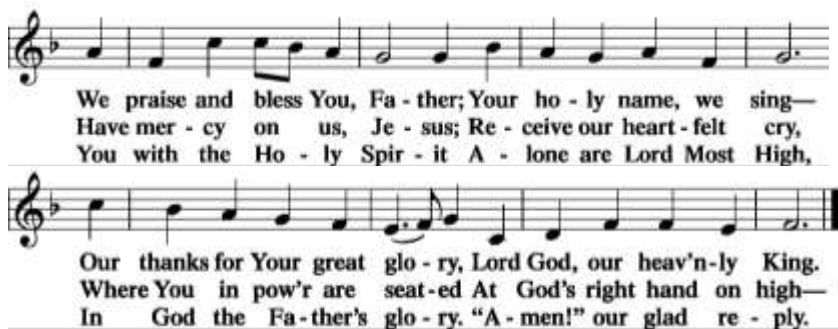


### Gloria in Excelsis

Musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis, featuring two staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staves, the lyrics are:

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

*(be seated)*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I

myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And 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 am the Lord; I have spoken.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (*please stand*)



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31-46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who 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 drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying,

‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**All** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(be seated)*

### **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*

LSB #348

### **Sermon**

### **Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"* Marcel Dupre



## Our Catechism Moment ~ The Lord's Prayer

### The Third Petition

*P Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*P What does this mean?*

**C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*P How is God's will done?*

**C God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

### Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers:)

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

**P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:**

**P Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**All 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.**

**Benedicamus** (*please stand*)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and (+) give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**      *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*      LSB #710

**Silent Prayer**

(*be seated*)

**Postlude** *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”* M. Searle Wright

*“Soli Deo Gloria”*

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