

# Christ The King Sunday November 23, 2025

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# **Our Mission**

To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for all.

Pastor: Rev. John "Ben" Mandrick
Secretary: Terry Smith

**WELCOME!** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We are glad you have joined us in worship today as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death.

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Faith, Worship, Fellowship

Everything you need to participate in worship is printed in this worship booklet.

# **Bold print = Congregational Responses**

**Holy Communion** is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

# Introduction to the day

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

A Time for Meditation & Prayer

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE**

(We stand as we are able)

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We take a moment of silence for self reflection.

Assembly kneels or stands for confession as they are able.

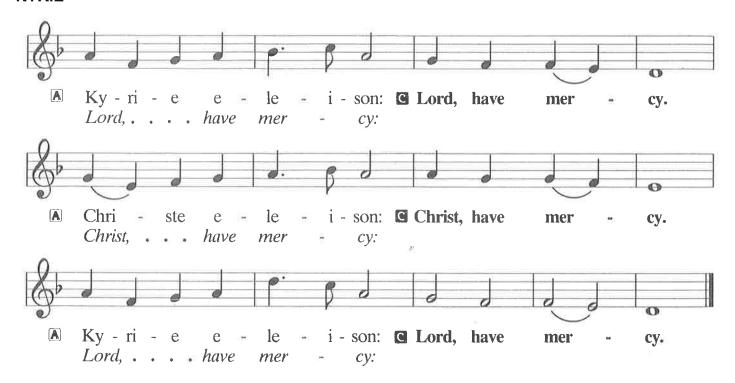
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

# **KYRIE**





# **GREETING**

P: 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.

# GATHERING HYMN ELW 855

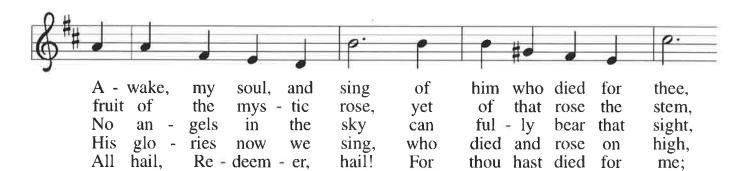
# Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 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,



an - them drowns all hark, how the heav'n-ly mu - sic but those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn: whose arm vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty rich wounds, yet glo - ri - fied. vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly cre - a tor sub - lime.





and hail him thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. as 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, to bring, and e - ter - nal life lives that death may die. shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty. thy praise and glo - ry

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: 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.

Amen.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN**

(Children will receive a small pack of fruit snack gummies. If allergy sensitive please let Pastor Ben know to substitute another treat)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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# PSALM: 46

- God is our ref- uge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters <sup>1</sup> rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble <sup>1</sup> at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD of <sup>|</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob <sup>|</sup> is our stronghold.
- <sup>5</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- <sup>1</sup> y of God, the holy habitation of <sup>1</sup> the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be <sup>1</sup> overthrown; God shall help her at the <sup>1</sup> break of day.
- <sup>7</sup> The nations make much ado, and the king- <sup>1</sup> doms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall <sup>1</sup> melt away.
- The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>9</sup> Come now and look upon the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, what awesome things he has <sup>1</sup> done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup> It is he who makes war to cease in <sup>|</sup> all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the <sup>|</sup> shields with fire.
- <sup>11</sup> "Be still, then, and know that <sup>1</sup> I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted <sup>1</sup> in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

R: A reading from Colossians.

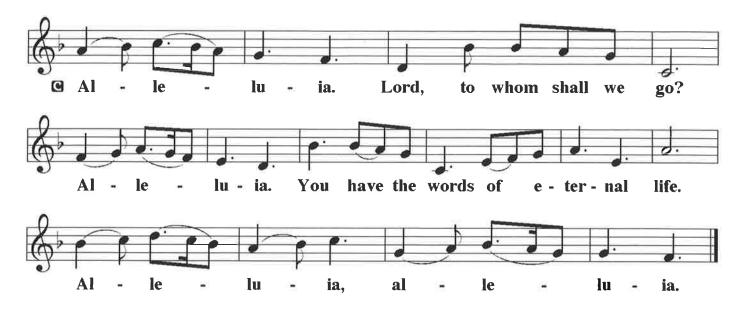
<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(We stand as we are able)



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43** 

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor John "Ben" Mandrick

(We stand as we are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 838

# Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## **APOSTLES CREED**

A: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us. O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders in government, civic life, and public safety. Support Hope across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth.

Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit. Comfort all in need of your tender care, help us to love the least of these.

Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Lord God, be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. Empower all people who wait for change especially pray for those from our prayer list and these we say silently or aloud. (*PAUSE*) Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together.

Hear us. O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise.

Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you are our sure foundation and rock of salvation. Draw near to all those who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others, especially our military personnel, first responders, and those in the medical field.

Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Amen.

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace)

# **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ-

**OFFERING** (Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)

# **MUSICAL OFFERING**

(We stand as sing as the gifts are brought forward)

## **OFFERTORY**



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

# **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

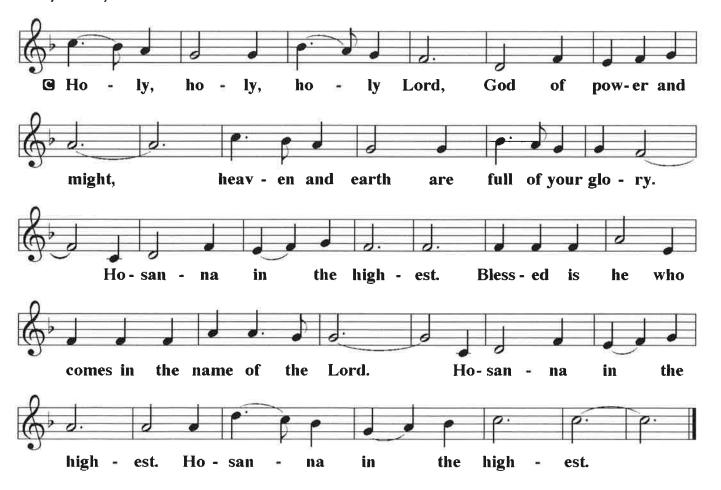
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

# LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

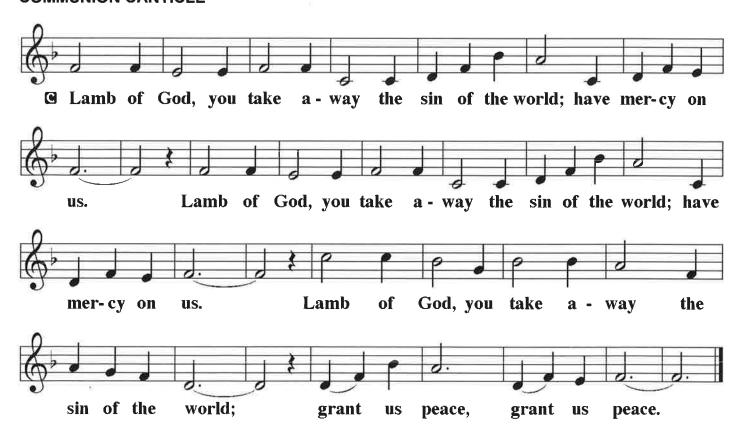
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** (Holy communion is a gift of God's grace and is open to all. Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers to receive the host from the pastor. Gluten free hosts are available. Receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Grape juice is available in the center ring. Return to your seats by the side aisle placing empty cups in receptacle.)

#### **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



# God Is Here!



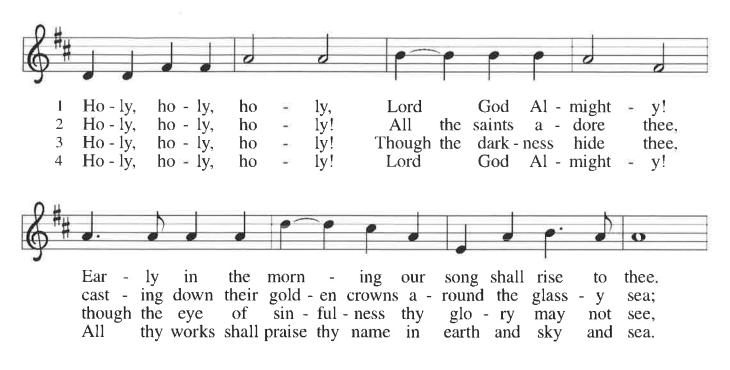
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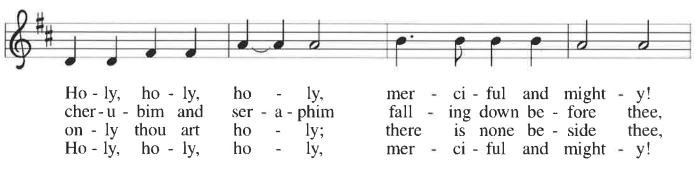
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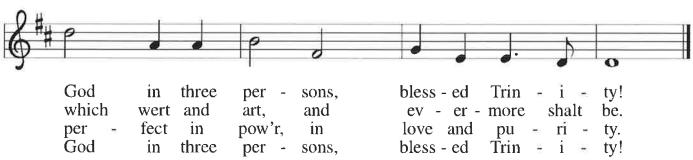
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# Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!







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# COMMUNION SONG ELW 484

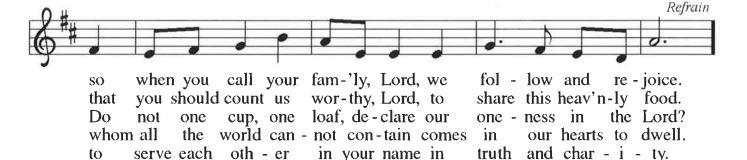
# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Gift of Finest Wheat







- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat i tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



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(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)

# **TABLE BLESSING**

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

Amen.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### BLESSING

P: Please receive this blessing. May God be with you all, above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, within you to bring you to eternal life. May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.

Amen.

# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# SENDING SONG ELW 537

# On Our Way Rejoicing



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

DISMISSAL
Go share the good news!
With Gods help!

POSTLUDE

Please inform Pastor Ben in writing or by phone of any

- 1) Upcoming medical interventions in which you desire pastoral prayers and/or visitation,
- 2) Changes to the prayer list,
- 3) Announcements for the bulletin.

Pastor Ben can be reached by cell at 904-556-6687

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