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**Worship & Holy Communion**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
Sunday, November 20, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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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.

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***In God's Service***

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ken Jensen
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Joe Chodur
Reader:	Deb Stockberger

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## PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

**ELW 855**

**vs 1-3**



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.

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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,

**O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Coming of the shepherd and righteous  
Branch who will execute justice

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

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of  
peace through his blood

### **Psalms 46**

I will be exalted among  
the nations.

### **Luke 23:33-43**

Jesus is crucified  
between two thieves:  
you will be with me in  
Paradise

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 not fear any longer, 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.**

**PSALM: (PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY.)**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge 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 shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
**and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
**God shall help it at the break of day.**

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
**God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
**what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
**who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

A reading from Colossians:

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while 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.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL**

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 into 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.**  
*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**HONK OR NOT TO HONK**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Beautiful Savior**

**ELW 838**



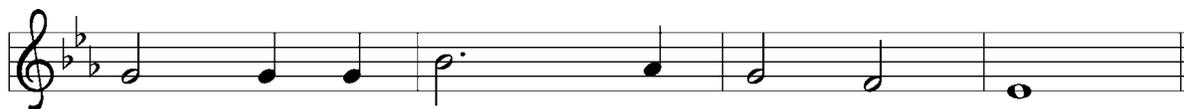
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)**

**P:** United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.* We pray for your church.

**C:** Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel.

**P:** We pray for the earth.

**C:** Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals.

P: We pray for the nations of the world.

**C: Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people.**

P: We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed.

**C: Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light.**

P: We pray for this assembly.

**C: Guide our pastor/s, deacon/s, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service.**

P: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith.

**C: Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom.**

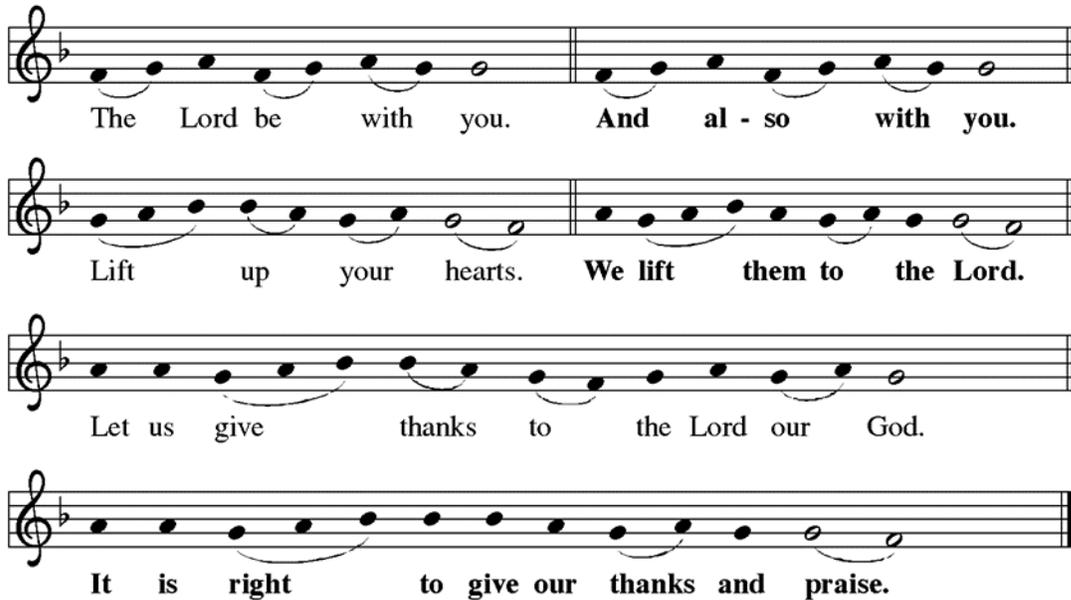
P: Almighty and eternal God,

**C: during this time of transition in these congregations draw us together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us.**

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

## 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; 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## 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.

## **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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*At communion both sides will be directed by the center aisle to kneel at the communion rail. Pastor will give you bread in a small cup and the acolyte will give you wine. After eating, please exit by the side aisles back to your seat, you can place your cups in the trays by the side aisles. This will be a continual movement until all have been fed. If you prefer to not come to the rail, you can pick up bread and wine from the center aisle and return to your seat and you will be invited to eat with the pastor after all have been fed.*



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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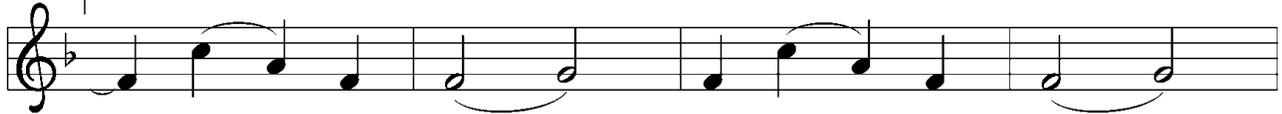


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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## This Week:

Sunday, Nov. 20

9:30 am Worship/Communion @ SP

10:30 am Thanksroofing Brunch

Monday, Nov. 21

9:00 am Quilters OS

9:30 am Quilters SP

Wednesday Nov. 23

9:30 am M & M's

Loveletter Deadline SP

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service OS

Thursday, Nov. 24

Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

Friday, Nov. 25

Office Closed

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## Upcoming:

Sunday, Nov. 27	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ OS 10:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitches SP
Monday, Nov. 28	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Wednesday, Nov. 30	9:30 am M&M's SP 6:30 pm Advent Service @ OS

## Announcements

A special **thank you** to Pastor Ken Jensen for being our worship leader today.

There is a **Thanksroofing Brunch** in the Fellowship Hall following the church service today. Join us for good food and fellowship.

**Advent worship services**-We need people to lead and read lessons at the Dec. 21st Advent service. Reach out to the worship planning team for more details.

**Thanksgiving Eve** service will be at Our Saviour's on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm. Please come and give thanks with us. As is the tradition, we will have pie following worship.

**Veterans Luncheon**-This event went very well and although we didn't have as many attendees as in the past, those who did attend enjoyed the meal and were very generous with their free will offerings. We made \$700, which will be divided between the Family Alliance for Veterans Affairs and Cerro Gordo Department of Veterans Affairs. A **big thank** you to all who helped. The winner of the veterans quilt give-away was Greg Klemesrud, a member of Our Saviour's. Congratulations, Greg!!

**Upcoming Bake Sale:** This joint effort between the church council and WELCA will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 9-3. The profits from the sale will go to repair of the flat roof and will require **participation of all church members.**

1. Please contact Tanya Dahl (424-3545) and notify her what items you will bring to sell.
2. Keep track of the amount you spend so we know how much to charge for your baked goods or crafts.
3. Please package your items by dozens (cookies or bars) or individually (such as quick breads).
4. Please bring items for sale to the Fellowship Hall by Friday, December 9th at 9 a.m.

Thank you in advance for participating in this event!

The **2023 offering envelopes** for St. Paul are now available in the Narthex.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Ron R. and Donna V. are asking for suggestions for the best dates, times and places to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Please talk to them with ideas.

**Christmas Eve** services will be held at Our Saviour's this year at 4 p.m. We are currently having a hard time finding an ordained pastor to lead that service so it may also be led by lay people. If you are interested in reading lessons that evening, please let the church offices know. We will gather those involved in that worship service to plan and run through the service.

**Lutheran Disaster Response**-If you wish to contribute to LDR through Our Saviour's/St. Paul, please note on your check or envelope, Hurricane Fund. The donations will be sent as one donation in the near future.